



INSPIRE



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



MANNOFIELD CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sun 2	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 5	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 9 	10am	Remembrance Sunday
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 12	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 16	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by the Eco group
Wed 19	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 23	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Service led by the Guild
Wed 26	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 30 Advent Family Communion 	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Service
	6.30pm	Café Church

Mannofield Church Lunch Club 20 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
☎ 01224317982

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



DECORATE OUR CHURCH : Sunday 30 November - Come along immediately after the Morning Service to help make decorations and decorate the church and its halls ready for Christmas; then enjoy lunch and fellowship fun relaxed way to begin the festive season.



Dear Friends

Recently I attended a Design Team meeting as we move ever closer to starting our Development Project. Present at the meeting was a structural engineer who was there to put forward his ideas about the strategy to take when tackling the roof repairs. It was fascinating to focus on the complexities of the church roof - both inside and out.

When it comes to the inside I was happy to hear that work will take place to make sure that the beams are in good order so as to support the roof for years to come. I am sure we are completely safe, but I joked that maybe meantime I would have to wear a hard hat when preaching in case the roof fell in.



Over the years some of the beams have moved a little. We don't know exactly when this might have happened - maybe soon after the church opened, maybe when heating was installed, or maybe more recently. Work will be undertaken to make sure everything is in proper order so we have confidence in our building for the years ahead.

This got me thinking. Very often we use the story of the *man who built his house on a rock* as a teaching aid; revealing how just as a building needs solid foundations, so too, do our lives. That's where Faith is so important to us. I thought about the importance of supporting beams - not just visible in

the sanctuary to make it look nice but there to support the roof. Then I realised that, after having a solid foundation for life, we also need different elements that will provide the 'support' we need in order to push through the tough times and also allow us to be productive in our day-to-day living.

The obvious sources of this 'support' are our friends and family. We are also lucky that in our society we have lots of professionals who provide help in times of need and at other times help us develop our potential.

I would like to think too that the activities, worship, and care within the Church provides people with this much needed 'support'. Faith, as a foundation to our life is great to have but throughout life I think our Faith needs to be refreshed and encouraged. The Church is God's filling station - it is a source of fuel for the faithful; it is there to provide 'Support' to people in their time of need, and in their life of faith.

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 fast approaching it is not too early to start planning.



Bethany
Christian
Trust

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

Trees will also be available for collection at the front of our Church on Friday 12 December (16.00-19.00) and Saturday 13 (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 Courses

Monday, 19 January, 2015: Time: 7- 9pm

All Welcome



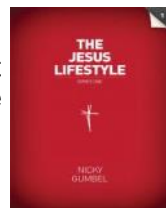
The **Alpha** team is looking forward to welcoming people to the 2015 **Alpha Course** beginning on Monday 19th January 2015.

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.

We are also running **Alpha Plus**, a follow-on course from **Alpha**. You don't have to have been on an **Alpha Course** to come.

Alpha Plus uses material called "The Jesus Lifestyle". It will start simultaneously with **Alpha** and following the light meal, will run 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 ☎ 01224310087.



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 10/15 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

29 September 2014

Flower Calendar

November

- 2 Mrs N. Anderson
- 9 Mrs M. Hillocks
- 16 Mrs C. Edward
- 23 Miss F. Walker
- 30 Mrs M. Milton



Chrysanthemum
November's Flower

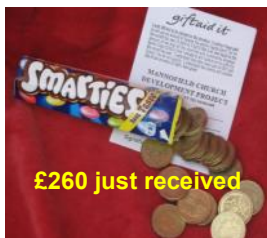
**The deadline for the Parish
edition of *InSpire* is
6 NOVEMBER 2014**

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

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

Development Fund

Many thanks to
those who are
continuing to
donate to the
Development
Fund by way of
Smarties tubes.



Bus Trip

The worries about numbers going on the trip disappeared on the day and 44 folk got on the bus (How many got off? *Editor*) The weather was much better than we had in the days leading up to the trip.

We drove up the A96, with good views of Bennachie to Kellockbank Country Emporium. It warranted the imposing name.

There was a great variety of items ranging from kitchenware, gifts, gardening, jams etc., clothes and lots of other things. The afternoon tea was very filling with cream scones, meringues and tray bakes. We were



given the uneaten cream items away with us. These went to Craigielea for the folk there to enjoy.

The bus was about 1 year old and had a lift mechanism. This held 3 people and meant that those with walkers and walking difficulties did not have to climb up steps and was very much welcomed by them. In all, it was a very successful afternoon and was certainly enjoyed by everybody.

John Allan

Christmas

Sing-a-long

Tuesday 9 December

2.00 — 3.30 pm

Mannofield Church Hall

Free festive entertainment, refreshments and community singing led by *Rhonda McColgan*.

Tickets, for catering purposes only, can be obtained from the church office or the Social Committee.

Come along, enjoy friendship and a fun filled afternoon!



Mannofield Parish Church First World War Memorial

*Edited extract from Talk by Keith Campbell
on 11 March 2014*



What started out with a tin of paint as a simple exercise by me to repaint the lettering on both Memorials led to my subsequent discovery of a bit more about my uncle James Campbell. That in turn prompted my interest in finding out as much as I could about the other twenty eight names which appear on the Great War memorial. It is therefore my privilege to be able to pass on to you such detail as has come to my knowledge about these brave men and their families and their connection to Mannofield.

Information from Church records about the Memorial

At the Session meeting on 29 June 1919 it was agreed on the suggestion of the Moderator (Rev J Aulay Steele) to appoint a committee to consider the erection of a memorial to those connected with the Church who had fallen in the War.

On 11 December 1921 the Session minute records that the Moderator had called a meeting to obtain authority for a special collection to make up the difference between the cost of the Memorial plus expenses of £110/5/8d (in present day money approx. £110.28p) and the amount already subscribed of £94. By April 1922 the Memorial fund was in surplus by £13/6/4d (approx. £13.32p). The work was carried out by Taggart's Granite works on Great Western Road opposite the top of Nellfield Road.

Impact of First World War

It is said that the War touched or impacted on just about every family in Great Britain in some way or another. That wasn't surprising considering there were 6 million (one quarter of the adult males aged between 18 and 40) who were called upon to serve. Altogether 8.5 million were killed and 25.8 million were wounded or missing on both sides during the war.

The volunteers who enlisted in the early days, and the conscripts after 1916, were drawn from all parts of the country and across the social structure. I was interested to note that per head of population there were proportionally more Scots represented than any other part of the UK. Consequently the death rate among Scots soldiers was proportionally higher than many other regions. Initially there was a rush to volunteer. After all, it was claimed that it would all be over before Christmas and a lot of men didn't want to miss out on the experience. Such was the rush that some favoured regiments could not cope with the numbers and they were sent for training to other regiments which were light on numbers. On our Memorial we have 11 Gordon Highlanders.

Personal crusade

My involvement in this research stems from the fact that I had THREE uncles who were killed in the First World War, two on my mother's side and one on my father's namely, James Campbell whose name appears on our Memorial. I had not previously been aware of the connection between the James Campbell on the Memorial and his grave at Springbank cemetery until I started my research and realised the dates coincided.

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Whodunnit?

A vase smashed to the ground when the mother, who had inherited it, was out of the room. She demanded to know who had broken it, her four daughters all denied responsibility.

“It wasn't me,” said Amy.

“The cat did it,” said Belinda.

“It was Amy,” said Catherine.

“Catherine’s lying,” said Daisy.

Three of them spoke the truth; only one lied.

Who broke the vase?



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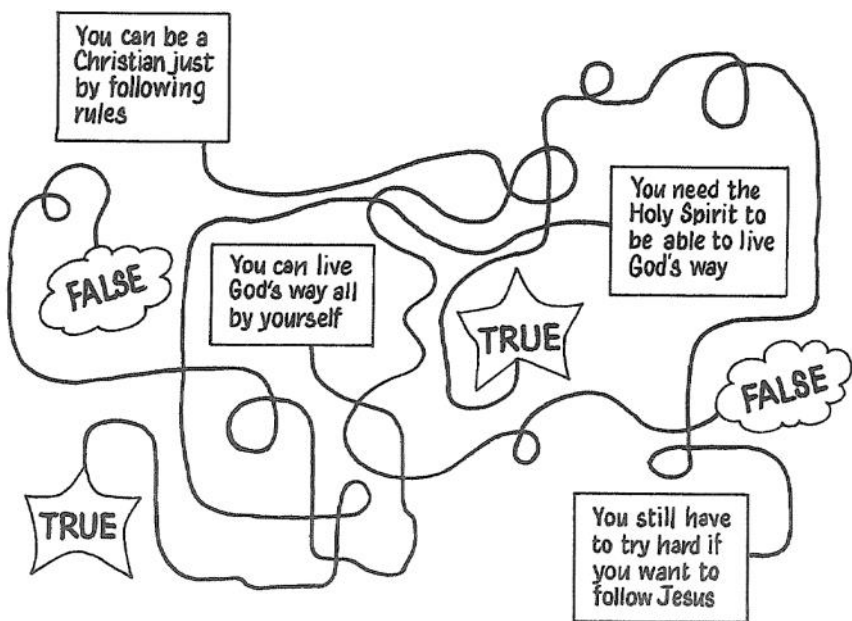
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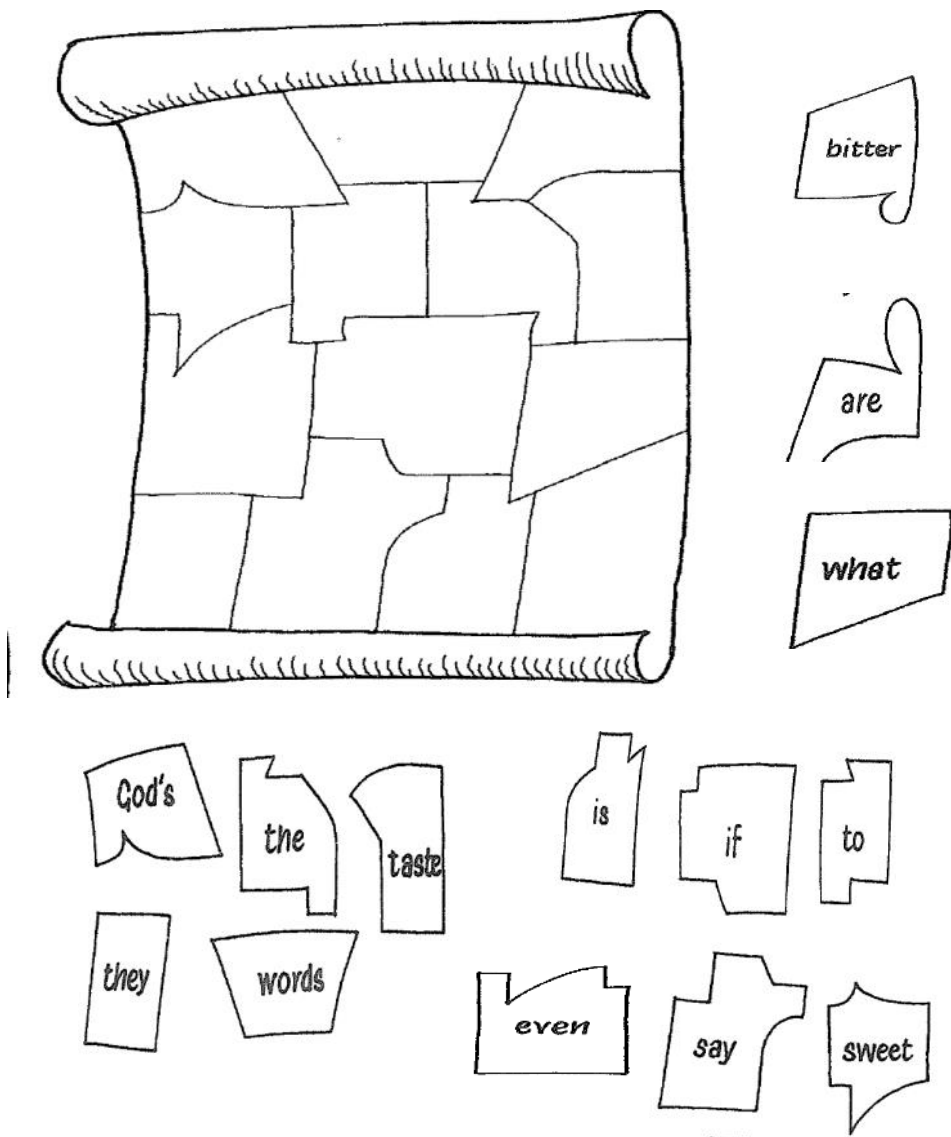


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'JESUS WILL COME AGAIN IN
GLORY JUST AS YOU SAW
HIM GO TO HEAVEN.'

Put the pieces back in the scroll. Ezekiel's vision showed that...



September's Answers: match, robin, stage, beach, number, annual, floor, dry.

In Session.....by Amanuensis

At the meeting of Session on 26th August, the Clerk confirmed that the Congregation had been cited to attend the next Presbytery meeting. Concerns, however, were quickly dispelled as it was confirmed that this was in connection with the conclusion of the Presbytery Review procedures and the final report was now being laid before Presbytery. It was confirmed that the report was positive in its terms, encouraging us to proceed with our plans whilst reminding us that we need to work and cooperate with neighbouring congregations.

The launch of the new Creative Worship Group was another source of encouragement, given that over 20 people attended the initial meeting and expressed an interest in becoming involved and assisting in forthcoming services.

The launch of 'Café Church' on the evening of 28th September and continuing on the last evening of each month thereafter was confirmed. An application to Presbytery to reduce our Mission and Aid contribution, based partly on new worship initiatives like 'Café Church', has been successful and this will cover the set-up costs.

The work of our Senior/Retired Elders was to be celebrated at an event to be organised by the Social Committee on 5th October and it was confirmed that as many as possible would be involved in the Duties involved in the Communion Service that day.**

Following the retirement of Jim Cardno as Roll Keeper, it was confirmed that Niki Anderson has volunteered to take on this role and her appointment was confirmed as our new Roll Keeper.

***Footnote:- The Session Clerk later confirmed that the Senior Elders involved in Communion Service on 5th October, could lay claim to over 500 years of Eldership among them, with our most "senior" Elders being Ordained in the 1950's - before the current Clerk was born, or so he claimed!!*



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.

It costs £3.99.

A charitable donation is made to The Children's Society and its Fairtrade.



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

☎ 01224641620

Mannofield Parish Church First World War Memorial

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There is no evidence to suggest that any of our fallen men were killed in the 1914 defence and retreats on the Western Front. Those who were serving at the Front that year would have received a Christmas box from Princess Mary.



The Mannofield Church Great War Memorial is not the only place where you will find their names commemorated. They are also in Aberdeen City's Memorial books in the Cowdray Hall, their schools, university and places of work as well as memorials on the battlefields and cemeteries.

All twenty nine of those commemorated on the memorial except one were entitled to the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. The families of the fallen also received the Memorial Plaque commonly known as the *Dead Man's Penny* as they were made of bronze.

The exception was Alex Binnie who was awarded the Mercantile Marine Medal. Additionally J Garbutt, J Leggatt, A McRobbie and J Summers, all of whom were killed in 1915, received the 1914/15 Star for service in the early years of the war. The War Medal, Victory Medal and Star were affectionately called Pip, Squeak and Wilfred. [*Pip, Squeak and Wilfred* was a long-running British newspaper strip cartoon published in the *Daily Mirror* from 1919 to 1956, as well as the *Sunday Pictorial* in the early years (Editor)].

Captain Jock Howitt was awarded the Military Cross and has no known grave. However he is remembered along with 54,896 others whose names are inscribed on the memorial at the Menin Gate in Ypres.



Of the twenty nine, four died in 1915, four in 1916, eight in 1917 and the remaining thirteen in 1918.

Sixteen were killed in action and most have known graves abroad. One was lost at sea. Six have no known graves and six died at home. Five of them are buried at Springbank cemetery, Aberdeen and one at St. Peter's cemetery, Aberdeen. The youngest was 18 years of age and the oldest was 43.

I would like to think that on Remembrance Day from 2015 onwards to 2018 we would remember those who fell in 1915 and each successive year until 1918 by reading their names, in memory of the lives they gave for our freedom.

As for my uncle James, he died of battle wounds having been repatriated to Scotland. His death took place in the Red Cross Hospital, Bellahouston, Pollokshields on 17 November 1918 just six days after the Armistice was signed. The cause was multiple septicemia.

He was never again to see his home, 6 Oakdale Terrace, Aberdeen, just 250 yards west of our church. That was the home in which I was brought up.


Keith Campbell

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE and EVENTS



Match Funding Challenge

An anonymous member of the Congregation has pledged to match what the congregation raises by way of donations and fundraising in the period from 1 October to 31 December 2014 up to a maximum of £25,000. With Gift Aid the total raised could be as much as £62,500. That would make a significant inroad to the estimated shortfall of £110,000 of the total estimated costs ex-VAT for Phases 1 and 2 (based on September 2012 feasibility costs and the estimated costs of the conservation work for which Heritage Lottery Fund funding has been awarded).

So **Keith** has put on his running shoes again and will be participating in the 

FRASERBURGH HALF MARATHON on 16 November to raise funds. A sponsorship form is available after Sunday services and from the church office. Donations can also be made through Just Giving webpage <https://www.justgiving.com/Keith-Blackwood>

Many and varied are the fundraising ideas!!

£100 has just been raised through the sale of Dinky toys.



The Church of Scotland has, as a result of a request from Mannofield, reviewed and increased its pledged grant from £20,000 to £35,000.



This was greatly appreciated and gave a big boost to members of the Development team who have submitted a further 10 applications for funding to a variety of Trusts since the beginning of June. Results are eagerly awaited!

Music to Inspire – Again!

Multi prize winning musicians

Claire Telford

&

Wayne Robertson



Mannofield Church
Great Western Road, Aberdeen

Saturday 22 November 2014 at 7.00pm

Ticket £8 from Mannofield Church office Tel 01224 310087

SILVER & GOLD



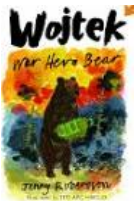
The latest collection of silver and gold was sold for the grand sum of **£830!!!!**

This brings the total raised for the Development, from unwanted gold & silver, to over £2500.

Thank you to all who donated.

NOTES & NEWS

Mannofield Book Club November Wojtek War Hero Bear by Jenny Robertson



When a tiny orphaned bear cub is adopted by Polish soldiers during World War II, little does anyone know that little Wojtek will become one of the bravest fighters of them all. As the soldiers train to take part in some of the fiercest fighting of the war, Wojtek grows up, providing headaches and laughter in equal measure as he learns to drink beer, chase horses and wrestle with his human friends.

After the war, the Polish soldiers move to Scotland. Wojtek comes too and soon becomes the centre of attention in a new country. But with hostilities ended, how long can he keep his freedom?

Best-selling children's author Jenny Robertson explores the themes of friendship and trust in this moving and inspirational story.

For further information contact:
Niki Anderson ☎ 01224743484

Mannofield Church Well Update



Thank you for your continued support. In June I was able to send a cheque to Christian Aid for £150. The thank you letter is on the Christian Aid notice board opposite the vestry.

Elizabeth Paterson

GUILD



Blythswood Boxes

Members of the congregation who kindly agreed to fill these boxes are reminded that the boxes should be returned to the Large Hall on 6 November or to the church office.

November

- 4 Gordon Craig, Oil and Gas Chaplain
- 6 Coffee Morning, large hall
- 15 Christmas Coffee Morning, large hall
- 16/23 Guild Week

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 2015 Flower Calendar will be in the vestibule from mid November for those wishing to donate for next year.

Sheila Taylor

Guide Dog Coffee Morning & Card Sale



A total of £1308.66 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

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Accessions:

Mr Kenneth and Mrs Carolyn Jeffrey

Disjunctions:

Mrs Alice Main

Deaths:

July

26 Mrs Ruth Main

Deaths:

August

20 Mrs Jean Findlay

30 Mrs Winifred Umdasch

September

9 Mrs J. Whyte

30 Mr F Paterson

HOST is looking for kind, friendly, hospitable people in Scotland whose imaginations are caught by the idea of welcoming an international student at university here, far from his or her own family, to their home. This could be for a day, a weekend or Christmas, and you don't need to live near a university, as students will travel for the privilege of meeting you, learning about real life in this country, and sharing their own culture.



HOST is a voluntary activity which makes ambassadors for international goodwill of us all.

Please see www.hostuk.org or call regional organiser Anne-Marie Nicol on 01738 621633.



Baby Jesus at bath time

COFFEE STOP Centenary Hall

11 November

25 November

Tea, coffee, companionship and
fine baking



Friends of Cairns' Coffee Morning



Thanks to all those who donated books, jigsaws, CD's and DVD's to the stall Mannofield Church manned at this coffee morning on 27 September. A special thanks to 'The Band of Willing Hands' who transported the items and to those who helped on the day.

Jean Anderson

Harvest Sunday — Enjoyable soup and company



THE PICKLED COW Drama Group
Proudly Present



A CHRISTMAS CARROT

A Sparkling Nativity Pantomime

Wednesday 3rd December @ 7.30pm

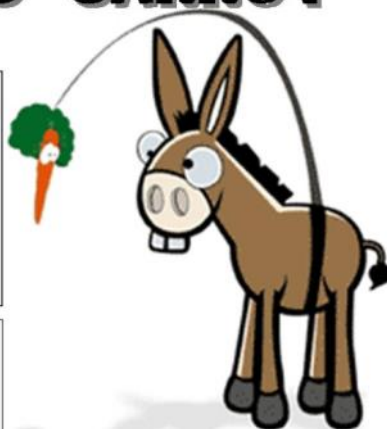
Thursday 4th December @ 7.30pm

Friday 5th December @ 7.30pm

Saturday 6th December @ 2.30pm



Tickets available soon from the office or any **PCDG** member
Also available after the 10am services during November.



Live, on stage at Mannofield Parish Church, Great Western Road, Aberdeen