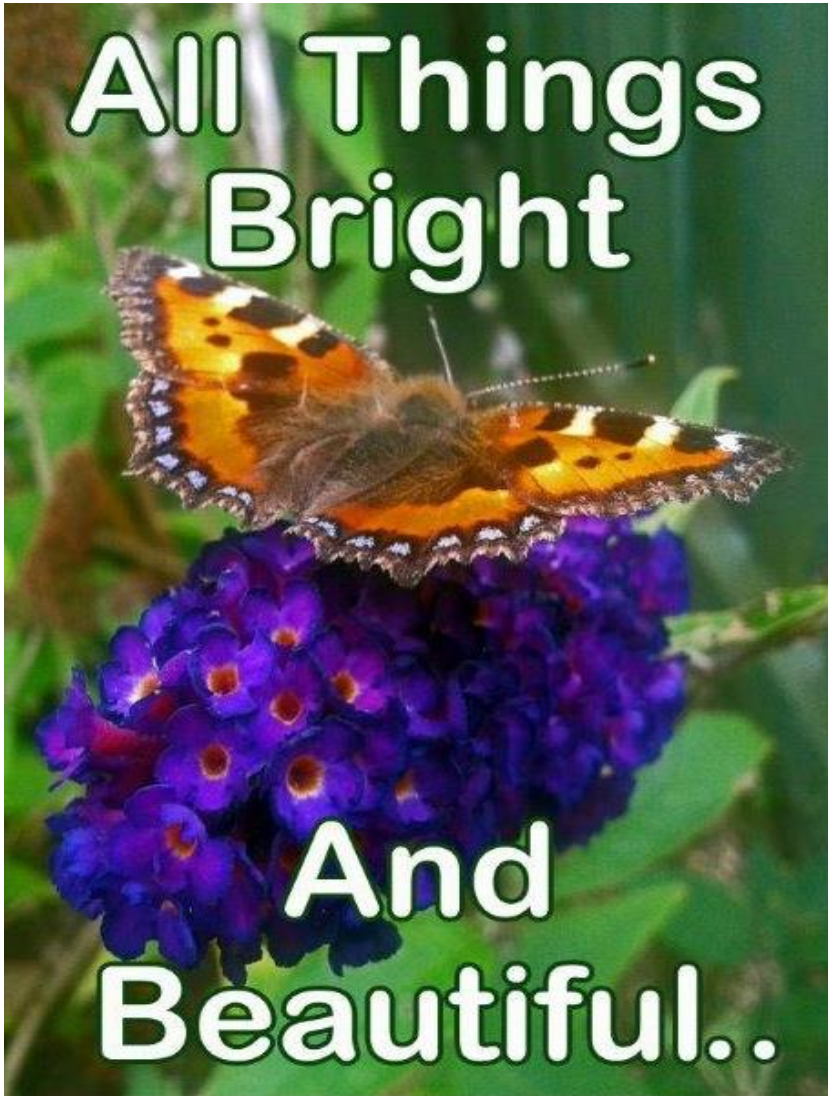




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MANNOFIELD CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Wed 3	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 7	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 10	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 14	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 17	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 21	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 24	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 28	10am	Morning Worship
		Harvest Thanksgiving Praise Service
	3.15pm	Craigielea led by Rhoda Wright and Guild
	6.30pm	Café Church



OCTOBER

Wed 1	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 5	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
		Sacrament of Communion at both Services
Wed 8	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 12	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 15	10.30am	Midweek Service

OCTOBER

Sun 19	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 22	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 26	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Kirk Session— Songs of Praise Cafe Church
Wed 29	10.30am	Midweek Service

NOVEMBER

Sun 2	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

Flower Calendar

SEPTEMBER

7	Miss S. Quin
14	Mrs M. McLeod
22	Mrs C. Black
29	Miss N. Cheyne



OCTOBER

5	Miss S. Thomson
12	Miss A. Farquhar
19	Mrs. R. Wright
26	Mrs. S. Taylor



COFFEE STOP Centenary Hall



Tuesdays 9 and 23 September
Tuesdays 14 and 28 October
Tea, coffee, companionship
and fine baking

Dear Friends

Every completed journey has three components— a beginning, a middle and an end. We start off a walk, a car journey, or expedition with a 'goal', a destination in mind. As we set off, the idea of making the journey becomes history. Then we are on the move. Sometimes the journeying is easy, other times it is hard and we expend a lot of energy. A long, adventurous journey will see us encounter many experiences along the way, some of which need commitment on our part to overcome. The destination is always before us; sometimes for quite a while it appears as if it is never getting any closer. Then we are there. We arrive and the final component to complete looms. We need to enter the destination, get out of the car, or leave the train, and the goal of the journey now needs to be experienced and lived. Sometimes this final stage is a quick one. We step from the journey straight into the experience of the destination. On other journeys the final stage is prolonged as effort is still required to make the goal of the journey all that we anticipated and desired it to be.

Some while ago we began a journey towards developing our Building in order to make it more comfortable and user-friendly. We started with a 'Goal' in mind; a clear determination to breathe new life into our buildings that would allow us to carry out our ministry to God's people in a better way. The journey has been a long one as fundraising coincided with a downward turn in the economy. Challenges have been overcome and we have had some difficult but also some very good experiences along the way.

So where are we on this journey? Clearly we are not at the beginning, but the question is how close are we to the destination?

We may be some months away from the start of work and we may have perhaps another £120,000 to raise (according to Surveyor estimates), but my feeling is that we are as close to the destination as allows us to make the move into the final stage of arrival.

I say this because all along the way we know that the redevelopment of the building is only part of the journey towards putting Mannofield into a position of renewed mission potential. Along with the fabric changes, other changes were required in the way that we do things in order that we prepared ourselves for capturing the interest, imagination and feelings of new generations of God's people.

I am excited about the opportunities for introducing more variety in our worship and the start of the monthly Café Church that you can read about elsewhere in this edition of InSpire. Along with other changes that have slowly been introduced in recent years I feel that we are no longer journeying towards a 'Goal' that for a while seemed far off; we are no longer just looking at the 'future' of Mannofield. **Instead, we are ready to 'step into this future'.**

Faith has been present at the outset of this journey. Faith has been present on the journey. Faith is needed now as we step into the future to make the 'Goal' all that we anticipated and desired it to be. Together we journey in Faith, knowing we are in the business of God's work.

Keith k5blackwood@btinternet.com

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE and EVENTS



GREAT NEWS

From a starting point of £Zero we have now topped £1 million in our fundraising for the development.

After a successful three months (April—June) when over £74,000 was raised on the back of a Match-Funding Offer of up to £50,000, our total at the end of June was almost £1.1million. That is a fantastic effort!

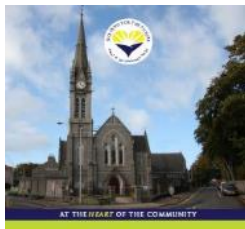
Guided by our Project Team and in consultation with Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund we now embark on a programme of investigation, planning, and tendering that will lead us towards an estimated construction start date of May 2015.

Based on cost projections, and before tendering prices are obtained, we believe we might be approximately £120,000 short of what we might need to complete the Halls, Welcome Areas, new Kitchen and Sanctuary and also to deal with repairs and so fundraising continues.

From a Toddlethon to a Tough Mudder challenge and much more in between this has been a faithful effort by the members and friends of Mannofield Church.

Well done everyone!

The Building Warrant was granted on 12 August 2014 in connection with the application to Aberdeen City Council on 3 January 2013!!



GRAND PRIZE DRAW!

Dinner for two at the Marcliffe at Pitfodels



The winner was ...
Jane Harper

Alan has got the cream!

Thanks to everybody who bought tickets. **£1138** was raised for the Development Fund! *Alan Thompson*

InSpire dates 2014/2015

2014	Copy deadline
November	16 October

Christmas
Community edition 11 November

2015	
February	15 January
(Keith's personal message in leaflet Form)	

Easter	
Community edition	
(March/April)	20 February for issue on 8 March (as Good Friday 3 April)

May/June	16 April
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Rhyming couplets quiz

Thanks to everyone who returned some very witty answers to the rhyming couplets quiz .

The winner - *A Star Wars character with hay fever: a red – eye Jedi!!*
The prize goes to the Cattanach family of Gordon Road.

Well done ! *Ellen Smith*

44th Boys Brigade Summer Camp



Back in July a small band of 9 merry souls from the 44th Company Section headed north on the long journey to Wick and the ferry across the Pentland Firth to a week long camp in Kirkwall, Orkney.



The weather was brilliant and unusual for Orkney in that there was no rain all week. Sun cream was in use on more than one occasion as we enjoyed the sandy beaches, beach BBQs and fun in the sun.



We visited the usual Orkney historic sites but this time were able to try some new activities. We found a paintball company on Burray and teamed up with some of the owner's family to have an afternoon of carnage. Being shot with paintballs wasn't

as sore as expected although there were a number of bruises afterwards.

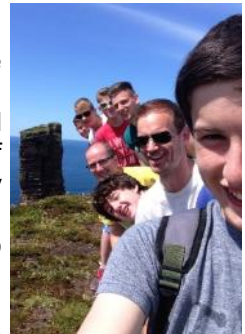
The Queen's Commonwealth baton relay came to Orkney during our week there and we just had to step out of the BB hall to watch a handover right outside our door.

Another new activity was the Pickquoy Centre 3D cinema. Kitted out with 3D glasses we awaited the film starting with most of the boys making use of the centres free wifi since there is little good mobile coverage in Kirkwall.

We visited the beautiful Italian Chapel at the first Churchill barrier and it's sad to think that the open and free nature of this special place would later be taken advantage of by heartless thieves.

On Tuesday we visited Hoy and walked the coastal path to stand opposite The Old Man. We were also lucky enough to see some puffins there.

Overall we had a brilliant week made so by the fantastic weather, good company and a range of old and new activities.



44th Boys Brigade

With the summer holidays past all our Boys Brigade sections are preparing to restart with a recruitment campaign across several local schools. We would welcome any new boys interested in joining. For more information please contact info@40four.co.uk or see our website at www.40four.co.uk

This marks the beginning of a new regular feature in the magazine. "Worship Zone" will allow us to share with and notify the congregation about what is happening in our Worship over the coming months.



Worship is the 'heart' of any congregation and in reality it is the essence of what Church Membership is all about. If we are 'fit and able', meeting together regularly to worship with others is important as we seek to explore and grow our Christian faith and also establish a stronger relationship with God. Worship builds community within a congregation and it also allows each individual, by their participation in it, the opportunity to discover more about themselves and God. This can only help in our daily walk through life to find a clearer path to fulfilment and contentment.

Sometimes the Church is accused of being out-of-touch and sometimes irrelevant. I would most definitely refute that in the case of what we have been providing in Mannofield over the last few years. Sometimes it is slow to change and those who were at one point very active in their church membership drift away as other things in life apparently take over. In our generation today 'choice' is abundantly present and it is understandable that at times making time weekly for worship on a Sunday morning is a challenge.

Yet nevertheless, Worship remains important to each one of us in our Christian Faith. That is why we are introducing a few new features in our Worship options. Elsewhere in this edition of Inspire you will notice details of the first of our Café Church Events. On the last Sunday of most months we will hold a Café Church style worship space instead of our traditional Evening Service. At Café Church (which will take place in the Large Hall) we will enjoy tea/ coffee together as part of our worship, sing a couple of Hymns/ Songs, watch a short video (10-15 minutes) and then discuss together the implications of the theme in relation to our own experiences and challenges in life. Café Church will begin on 28 September from 6.30-7.30pm.

A major new feature within our Worship will be the establishment of the Creative Worship Group. The purpose of this Group is to bring creative variety to our regular Sunday morning services. This will allow us to build on a theme over perhaps a number of Sundays and add some new flavour (e.g. drama, art, craft, music, IT) to the presentation of a theme Sunday by Sunday. Along with the traditional parts of our Sunday Service we will create a more varied and contemporary feel to our Sunday gathering. If you are interested in being part of this Working Group then please contact Alan and Anne Thompson who are coordinating the work of the Group.

Starting on 7 September we will be following a theme of Covenant in our worship through most of the autumn. Throughout the Old Testament we find stories of how God established, nourished and sustained his relationship with his people and how these people responded.

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WORD PLAY

Can you fill the middle space between the two words in each line so that the word in the middle forms a well-known name, object or phrase when it is joined with the word to its left; likewise when it is placed in front of the word to its right.

Each line should contain two well-known words, phrases, places or objects by the addition of one word.

SAFETY _____
STICK

ROUND _____
HOOD

FARE _____
FRIGHT

BONDI _____
BALL

LUCKY _____
TEN

HARDY _____ HOL-



Books of the New Testament

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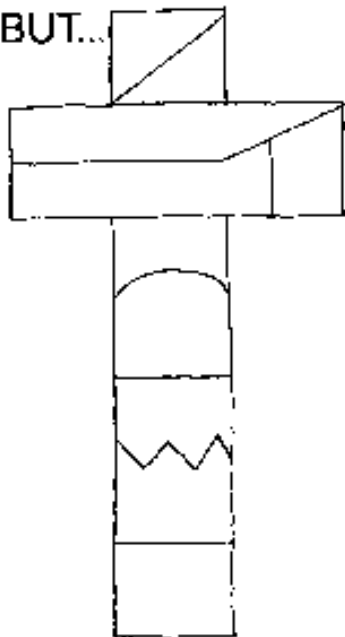
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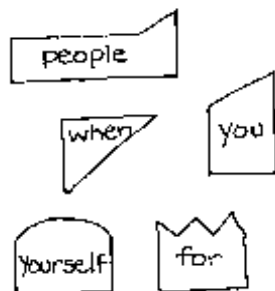
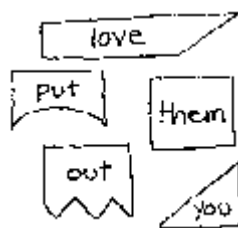
CAN YOU SPOT SIX DIFFERENCES?



Sounds odd, doesn't it!
BUT...



Fit the shapes to find
the message!



Write down your answer to each clue in the numbered box.
Then find the letter which appears in the three words on each line. Place this letter in the box at the end. If you are correct the letters from top to bottom will spell out the name of an Old Testament character

1	2	3	
4	5	6	
7	8	9	
10	11	12	
13	14	15	

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1 This river flows into Sea of Galilee | 9 Here King Saul visited a witch |
| 2 To express joy | 10 Adam's second son |
| 3 Prophet who was fed by ravens | 11 Mother of John the Baptist |
| 4 Good News | 12 A Christian woman Peter raised from the dead |
| 5 Brother of Moses | 13 Jesus was born here |
| 6 On this island John had visions from God | 14 Ruth's sister-in-law |
| 7 The disciple Peter's original name | 15 Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived here |
| 8 Old Testament book following Leviticus | |

June's Answer: There were 15 bees

**EXTRACT FROM TALK BY JEAN ANDERSON FOR EVENING
SERVICE 4 MAY 2014
INSIGHT TO VOLUNTARY CHAPLAINCY VISITING
HOW I BECAME A VOLUNTEER**



In 2002 as I was retiring from nursing, the Hospital Chaplain, in passing, asked how I was going to fill my time. I explained that one of the things that concerned me during my career was patients with no visitors. Therefore I wished to give some of my time in the hospital visiting such people. She commented: 'Leave it with me' and walked on.

A couple of weeks later I received a letter to attend for an interview at ARI Chaplaincy office. This concerned me a bit as I had no idea that Chaplaincy would be involved. On enquiring it was explained that I had to be attached to some department and that Chaplaincy was the only part of the hospital that 'took on' such Volunteers.

After being accepted I started a 6 week training course. Somehow I thought I would just be given a Ward and start!

Having said that I have no regrets. I learned a lot in those 6 weeks — Introduction to the Chaplaincy team, what is Chaplaincy and their role in the hospital.

We were given advice on confidentiality, listening skills, and reassuring talks as well as time to air our own views,

Training continues after becoming a volunteer. Approximately every 3 months we attend (optional) Reflective Practice, led by one of the Chaplains when we discuss and share experiences we have encountered in our Ward.

We also are invited to attend an Annual Study Day which is open to all Churches. Some of the subjects have been - Dealing with a difficult diagnosis, alcohol abuse; health concerns and pastoral response, depression and difficult deaths e.g. suicide, sudden death, baby death, or dementia.

The ward I was allocated was Surgical where I have been now for 12 years. As a result I have built up a good relationship with the staff which makes visiting much easier. I attend most Tuesday mornings for up to 2 hours at a time.

As it happens most patients now have visitors due to accommodation being available e.g. through Red Cross and CLAN.

On entering the Ward, I seek out who is in charge to ask if there is any patient they would like me to pass time with. Most times I am asked to 'just wander'. In this situation I would spend time with patients in the single rooms if they are well enough. I just use my own discretion. I also spend time with those who are waiting to go to theatre or for the results tests. This can be a very harrowing time, not knowing what the outcome will be.

Chaplaincy visiting sounds simple — but is it? I find it an interesting, moving, sometimes exhilarating, often humbling experience. Over my 12 years I have learned to sympathise with those who have received bad news and rejoice with those have received good news. My badge instils confidence that no information imparted to me will go beyond the bedside. As a Chaplaincy Visitor I find I fulfil several roles: As a Listener who has time to sit at a bedside and listen to the worries of patients and their families.

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God seeks to build covenant into our own relationships with Him. Each one of us has the opportunity, individually and collectively, to be in a relationship with God and he continues to feed that relationship. As we look at some of the great stories of covenant in the Old Testament God will reinforce and reinvigorate our Faith. We will come to have Faith in his promises.



It all starts with Noah on 7 September and to help us journey through the season we will use the symbol of the Rainbow Sunday by Sunday to remind us of God's promise to be there for us. This is where the creative part comes in! We are asking the congregation to help us enter into the individual colours of the rainbow week by week. Below you will see the colours assigned for each week and we are all invited to participate in two ways.

Firstly, bring something along in the specified colour that can be stuck onto a rainbow that we will be creating in the sanctuary. It could be a sweetie paper, a small piece of coloured paper, a torn section of fabric, anything in that colour, that can be stuck on with glue, or a staple on to our rainbow.

Secondly, why not wear something to church in the specified rainbow colour for that date? It could be a brooch, scarf, tie, shirt, jumper or blouse. Help us bring the colours of the rainbow to life over the season as we praise God together.

Keith

Dates and Rainbow Colours

- 7 Sep RED
- 14 Sep ORANGE
- 21 Sep YELLOW
- 28 Sep GREEN



Mannofield Café Church

Last Sunday of the month 6.30-7.30 pm

A new way to Worship

Come along on Sunday 28th September

**Tea/ Coffee, Light Refreshments, informal
worship and some discussion on the
short video from Nooma -**

**"RAIN" - Where's God when life isn't
going like we want it to?**



INSIGHT TO VOLUNTARY CHAPLAINCY VISITING

HOW I BECAME A VOLUNTEER *continued from page 11*



As a Talker who can talk about most things, especially when the patient says, "Just talk, I'm a bit tired but I want company". As a Diplomat who knows when to talk and when to listen, when to stay and when to go. I visit people of all religions and of none. Some patients want to speak about religion, some don't. Some may want a prayer and others won't. It's my role to gauge each situation.

I have visited people from all walks of life including children I nursed, now into adulthood — that made me feel my age! I have met drug addicts and alcoholics, many cancer patients and people I know personally.

Experiences vary from week to week. Sometimes I can spend half an hour with one patient, at other times it can be five minutes. Sometimes it is going to the shop to run errands for them. As a Chaplaincy Volunteer my job is not to evangelise but to show concern and pass on requests for a visit from the Chaplain or their own Pastor.

When I embarked on this Volunteer visiting scheme. I didn't realise that I was to find it to be so rewarding. I have been humbled by the bravery and Faith of patients which has strengthened my own Faith. Each week I enter the hospital, even after twelve years, not knowing what is before me. I silently pray as I go along the lengthy corridor that I will be able to cope with whatever faces me in the ward that morning.

If I can help it, I never leave the Chaplaincy office (where we sign in and out before and after visiting the ward) without speaking to a Chaplain or a colleague as it is difficult to leave your thoughts behind when you leave the hospital.

When I mentioned my feelings to a colleague who had been a Volunteer longer than me, she gave me the reassurance that when I stopped feeling that way, it was time to give up. If you ever consider becoming a Hospital Volunteer Visitor with the Chaplaincy, don't hesitate. It is a very worthwhile thing to do and like me you will also gain from it. There is a biannual intake with one this Autumn.

In Session.....by Amanuensis



Although the June Session Meeting was the last of the Church year, there was more of a feeling of looking forward rather than reflecting on the past.

It was agreed that the Evening Services would be revamped, with a new "Cafe Church" taking place on one evening per month. This will take the form of a discussion group in the Large Hall with discussion either on the Sermon topic from the morning service or following the viewing of a reflective DVD. Other Evening Services will continue in the Sanctuary but given the

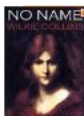
numbers now attending, will be held in the transept.

Session has agreed that Elders' Districts will be reviewed and reduced in number to reflect our current level of membership. Planned visiting will return to twice per year and will no longer be linked with Communion Services, but will take place before Easter and Harvest Thanksgiving.

Jim Cardno retired as Roll Keeper at the end of May. He was thanked for his diligent work over the years that he had undertaken this task.

NOTES & NEWS

Mannofield Book Club October



"No Name"

by Wilkie Collins

No Name explores the injustice of Victorian morality by damning the future of the resourceful heroine at an early stage with the discovery of her own illegitimacy. Deprived of her inheritance and even her name, Magdalen Vanstone sets out with frightening courage to re-establish her fortune and reputation. The ingenuity and guile she employs to achieve her end makes her a rare figure in Victorian literature.

For further information about the Club contact Niki Anderson T 743484.

The deadline for the next issue of *InSpire* is — 16 OCTOBER

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

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

The Guild



September

- 4 Coffee Morning Large Hall 10.00 - 11.30am
- 9 1st Meeting: Shirley Milton
'Iceland - Land of Ice and Fire'
- 23 George Watt -
'The Shetland Bus'

October

- 2 Coffee Morning Large Hall 10.00 - 11.30am
- 4 Autumn Rally, 2.00pm
St Mark's Church
- 7 Sophy Green -
'Instant Neighbour'
- 21 Anne Park -
'You're more than a number'

Guide Dogs

Puppy Walking Group Annual Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale

Saturday 4 October
10am to 12 noon - Large Hall



Guide Dog puppies will be there to greet you. This is your chance to meet up with friends and enjoy butteries and a cup of tea or coffee.

MANNOFIELD CHURCH BOWLING CLUB



The indoor session starts on
Friday 27 September.

The Club meets on Friday afternoons in the large hall from 2-4pm. New members will be made very welcome. Flat shoes should be worn and bowls could be supplied for beginners.

For further information please contact Yvonne Allan ☎326840

CAIRNS COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 27 September
Rubislaw Church Centre

10.00 - 12.00 am

Entry/Coffee £2

In aid of Cairns Counselling

Lots of stalls including "Books & Jigsaws" which Mannofield Church is manning. Donations of books and Jigsaws will be greatly received. Please leave them in Mannofield Church Office.

THANKS

My warm thanks for the Church flowers and all the good wishes and prayers following my operation. I am now in a condition of impatient recovery!

George Goldie

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Session Clerk	Bob Anderson	Nnikibob@aol.com	743484

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Deaths:

May

30 Mrs Ethel Venters

June

22 Mrs Dorothy Gelly

25 Mr David Miller

July

7 Mr John Gavin

Deaths:

July

22 Mrs Vyvien Massie

23 Mrs Muriel Milne

28 Mrs Margaret Rhind

Disjunctions:

Mrs Sheila Murray

Mr and Mrs C. Wyness

MANGO

Mannofield Gospel Choir



Rehearsals resume in the Large Hall on Monday 1 September at 6.45 - 7.30pm.

Please bring a pencil and an A4 plastic pocket in which to store sheet music.

New members are, of course, most welcome and should contact Sarah if you would like more information either by email jsconstable@btinternet.com or by phone 01224745234.

Mannofield Church Lunch Club



Because of the Referendum there will be NO LUNCH CLUB on 18 September

The first Club for 2014/15 will be held on

16 October 2014

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.

Mannofield Tea Towels

Bargain price of £1 each.

Available to buy

after 31 August

morning service or

contact Iain/Mary

Hunter on 01224

639467. All proceeds to the Development Fund.



Landlubbers Holiday Club

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Mannofield Church

40 children joined us for a week of fun at our holiday club from 4 to 8 August. Over the week we followed the lives of a group of pirates stuck on a remote tropical island. On the island we searched for treasure, following the clues and the map left to us by a mysterious castaway.

"Landlubbers" is based on Paul's letter to the Philippians. The clues guided us through the letter, helping us to learn about Paul and some of his adventures. As he travelled he shared the news of Jesus and explained to those he met and what it meant to follow Him.

Throughout the week we sang songs, played games and made crafts together as well as learning what Paul was trying to tell the Philippians — that the greatest treasure of all is knowing Christ Jesus is our friend! Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. *Philippians 3:8* Much fun was had by all who attended.

Thanks to all those who helped with the preparation of the club and to those who were involved during the week!

Phil Gunn



Commonwealth Baton Relay

Dave Tait had the honour of carrying the Queens Commonwealth Baton on a leg of its journey through Aberdeen. Photographed here with his family, Dave was nominated in the light of his work with the young people of Mannofield Church through Pickled Cow and the Boys Brigade. Heather was nominated too for her work but sadly was not chosen. A fine team and examples of the many who volunteer around Mannofield Church and who make such a difference.