



# INSPIRE



**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**

Scottish registered charity SC 001680

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

Sun 1	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 4	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 8	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by <i>Alan Thompson</i> <i>'Project Management and God's Manager'</i>
Wed 11	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 15	10am	Morning Worship <i>Sacrament of Baptism</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 18	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 22	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea <i>Conducted by Rhoda Wright &amp; the Guild</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by <i>Youth Club and Young People and Families Committee</i>
Wed 25	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 29	10am	Morning Worship Harvest Thanksgiving and contemporary praise service followed by Soup & BBQ
	6.30pm	Evening Worship led by <i>Deeside Choristers</i>



## Flower Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Miss S. Quin
- 8 Mrs S. Murray and Mrs Henry
- 15 Mrs M. McLeod
- 22 Mrs C. Black
- 29 Miss N. Cheyne



Aster  
September  
birth flower

### Mannofield Church Lunch Club

**19 SEPTEMBER 2013**

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.



**The deadline for the next  
issue of *InSpire* is  
19 September 2013**

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

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

Dear Friends

Over the years many 'marches' have taken place all over the world that have been the catalyst for change.

I am sure we can recall scenes we have witnessed first hand or on television of a throng of people marching (sometimes singing) in support of a cause or indeed campaigning for change.

On August 28<sup>th</sup> Americans might be drawn to recall the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 'March on Washington' which set the stage for the passing of the Civil Rights act of 1964. While the event is most famous for Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech, many other notable figures took to the microphone too. The march went off peacefully and the volume of numbers supporting the cause was indeed the spark that began a movement towards change.

Sadly today, night after night, we witness on our news programmes crowds on the streets of Egypt gathering and sometimes marching and the atmosphere is nowhere near as peaceful as that day in Washington. I am sure we pray for restraint and dialogue for the country of Egypt and that the political turmoil is calmed as soon as possible.

Nevertheless, what we learn from the 'March on Washington' and other similar marches, is that when people stick together and promote a cause, 'change' and 'influence' are possible.

As Christians we might not march on the streets of our country but we do, or should, walk hand in hand together as brother and sister, promoting our

faith and the values of the Kingdom as often as we can.

In this day and age when Christian values are sometimes under threat we need to stick together and stand tall, proud of our wonderful teachings and determined to live by them.

Sometimes living by that higher standard can be hard but the message of God is that as we stand or walk together, and as we stand by Him, God will stand by us and give power to our efforts!

Best Wishes

Keith [k5blackwood@btinternet.com](mailto:k5blackwood@btinternet.com)

### **PRAYER**

O Lord

Remember not only the men and women of goodwill, but also those of ill will.

But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us; remember the fruits we have borne, thanks to this suffering – our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this and, when they come to judgement, let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.

By an unknown prisoner in Ravensbrück Concentration Camp.

*Thanks to Margaret Malloch for this contribution.*

*Editor*

# DEVELOPMENT UPDATE and EVENTS



**Mannofield Church**  
Ashvale quiz and raffle  
night.



**Saturday 5 Oct at 7 pm**

Fish supper included in the price but  
not a whale!

This is an extremely popular evening  
so book early.

Tickets £12.50 each are available  
from the office or members of the  
social committee.

Participants can form or will be  
placed in teams/tables of 4 to 6 on  
the night.



## STOP THE ROT

**£660,000 raised to date**

We're almost there but before we  
start the work we need to keep going  
with fundraising.

## GO FOR GOLD

Help to reach the target by  
donating any gold you  
don't need – old watch  
straps, broken chains,  
jewellery etc.



As with the silver collection, we will  
collect the gold and sell it. Last year  
we made over £1,000 by collecting  
old silver.

Gold items can be left in the Office or  
in the 'Treasure Chest' in  
the church vestibule on Sundays from  
September.

If you prefer items to be collected,  
call Jane Harper - 315144

## Grant for Places of Worship

An application is being finalised, with the assistance of our professional  
fundraiser, to the Grants for Places of Worship Scheme which is a joint Historic  
Scotland and Heritage Lottery Fund programme. We will be seeking the  
maximum grant of £250,000.

## Music to Inspire

in mannofield church with

**Claire Telford**

**&**

**Wayne Robertson**



**Friday 25 October 2013**

**tea and cakes included**

**7pm**

**£8**

**ICE CREAM FOR SALE AT INTERVAL**

## THEIR NAMES LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

How often upon entering or leaving the church do we pass by the two War Memorials on the front wall without giving a second glance? I know I am guilty of this. Maybe it's because over the years since they were erected the lettering has faded and so is not easy to decipher.



However the process of repainting the lettering is in hand on both the 1914-18 and the 1939-45 Memorials.

It would therefore be appropriate at this time, as we approach the centenary of the start of the Great War in 1914 (the War that was to end all wars), to reflect on those connected to Mannofield Church who lost their lives and whose names appear on the 1<sup>st</sup> World War Memorial.

In carrying out the work of repainting I had plenty time to absorb the names and regiments of those featured. One name which caught my attention (for obvious reasons) was James Campbell D.C.L.I. Indeed it was finding this which triggered a bit of research. Lo and behold he was my uncle!

I leave it to your imagination as to how emotional this was for me and my family. I have walked past this Memorial hundreds of times and never realised that there was a family connection. It was never referred to by the family, many of whom have stayed in the Mannofield area and had an involvement with the Church over the years.

I wonder how many are in a similar position? At the time of writing this I know only of one other family who has connections to a family member named on this Memorial.

Are there any others?

If so I would be pleased to hear from them, so that before the start of 2014 a short reference sheet for the Church archives and library might be compiled.

For the moment I would like to confine this inquiry to the 1<sup>st</sup> World War to see what response there is. I'm sure there will be an opportunity to repeat the exercise for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War which for many is still in living memory.

Any information should be passed to me Keith Campbell c/o the Church office.

**LEST WE FORGET**





We are delighted that on Sunday 29 September the Deeside Choristers will be leading our evening worship with a Choral Evensong.

The Deeside Choristers, who are soon to celebrate their 40th anniversary, are made up of youngsters from the age of 7 to the less young of 77. Prior to their visit to Mannofield Church they will be singing in front of Royalty and the President of Hungary at Crathie Kirk in late August.



Scottish Charity Reg. No. SC001959

## Weeds I like

Among the numerous weeds in my garden there are some that I encourage. For instance a pink annual that flowers in the spring giving bees an early start and later on vivid red stems in the autumn. A perennial helium daisy-like flower which grows 6 feet tall gives stature to the background. Both these plants were grown from seed from the Scottish Rock Garden show several years ago. Another favourite of mine is a plantain normally found in the wild but which has double the number of chromosomes, with green flower heads and was a common plant in mediaeval gardens.

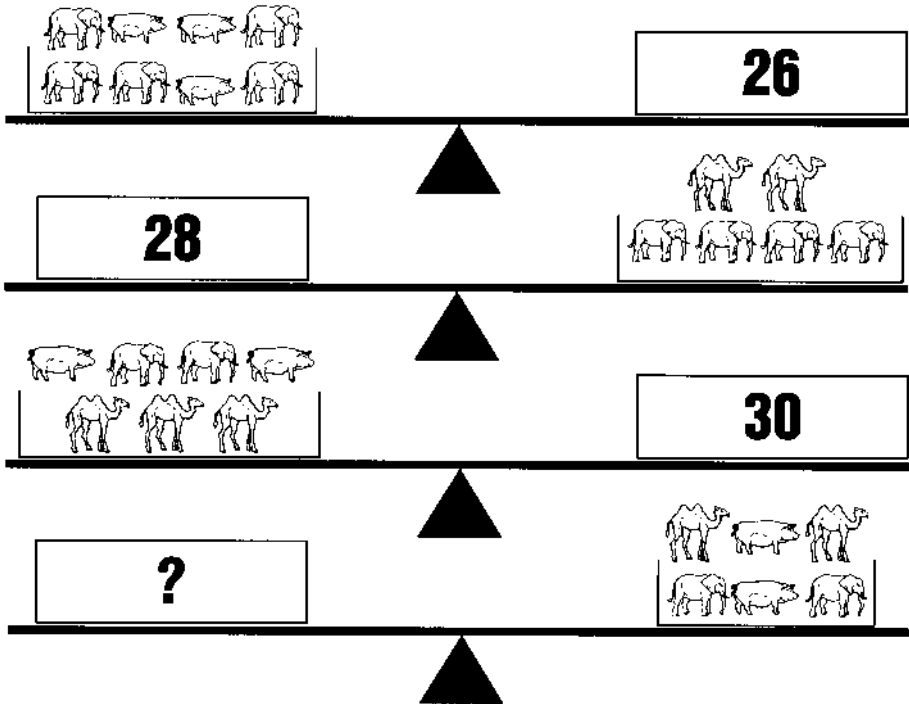
Weeds difficult to control include the creeping buttercup, couch grass, dandelion, and the very pretty Icelandic or Welsh poppy which develops thick roots. Unfortunately none of these weeds are susceptible to insects or slugs who regard my plot as the Garden of Eden! So called weeds are not the only unwelcome plants. The well known Lady's Mantle can become very invasive and each little seedling has to be pulled out by hand. Forget-me-not also seeds everywhere, but is very welcome in the spring time and is easily removed.

As the saying goes a weed is a plant in the wrong place but all plants have some value for humans, birds and the general environment.



*Sheila Reid*

*Can you balance the last see-saw?*



*If all of the above are balanced, can you find the missing number?*



## CAN YOU SPOT SIX DIFFERENCES?



## FIND THE WORDS IN CAPITALS IN THE GRID

D	N	B	D	E	L	P	P	I	R	C
C	O	B	A	N	Q	U	E	T	A	D
S	N	O	I	T	A	T	I	V	N	I
E	E	A	N	G	R	Y	J	I	K	M
R	E	H	X	F	O	E	L	N	Y	S
V	O	H	Q	G	W	B	T	I	E	L
A	D	O	C	L	E	E	T	S	A	T
N	G	U	P	L	P	M	U	V	A	F
T	U	S	R	U	E	C	A	B	L	M
S	Z	E	T	F	X	S	R	L	A	H
D	I	N	N	E	R	P	A	R	T	Y

One day a man gave a DINNER PARTY. He sent out INVITATIONS but the people he had invited ALL made EXCUSES. The MASTER of the house was ANGRY and told his SERVANTS to go and bring in the POOR, the CRIPPLED, the LAME and the BLIND. "I want my HOUSE to be FULL," he said. "NONE of those invited will TASTE my BANQUET." Luke 14:15-24



### NAME THE CHARACTER

You can read about the character in 2 Kings chapters 18 & 19. As you insert the answers in the grid make sure that the last letter of solution 1 is also the first letter of 2 and so on, then name the character

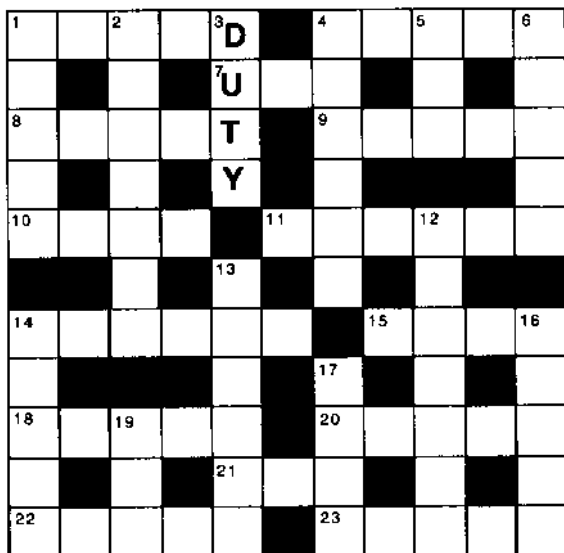
1			7						6	
						11				
		12	13							
2							17			
								14		
	8			18						5
					16					
					13				10	
			9							
3						4				

- 1 When the son of \_\_\_\_ became king he was 25 years old.
- 2 Describes his feelings toward the true God.
- 3 He '\_\_\_\_ the sacred stones' and destroyed the idols to the pagan goddess, Asherah.
- 4 A quality of character he doubtless possessed.
- 5 These were troublous times for the young king, for his own people '\_\_\_\_ listened to the commands nor carried them out'.
- 6 As a nation they did this to God.
- 7 And as a result, this happened to many of them.
- 8 Later, threatened with further attacks from Assyria, the king offers 'whatever you \_\_\_\_ of me'.
- 9 Even these parts of the temple building were stripped of gold.
- 10 An arrogant king of Assyria.
- 11 'On what are you \_\_\_\_ this confidence of yours?' he asked.
- 12 Because they had disobeyed God, they forfeited this former attribute.
- 13 The Assyrian king sent these men to Jerusalem.
- 14 He refused to believe that God could grant this.
- 15 But the people of Jerusalem said \_\_\_\_ in reply to his threats.
- 16 This describes the deep feelings of their king.
- 17 The promise made by the prophet Isaiah was that God would \_\_\_\_ them.
- 18 The army of Sennacherib suffered great losses and the king \_\_\_\_ to go any further.

## STORY CROSSWORD - use the clues to fill the grid.

When Moses was born in Egypt, the basket (19D) of the water. And on country had a much (1A) king. looking closer she knew this little Captive Israelite families were (16D) child was a Hebrew by birth. increasing, and Pharaoh (4D) they Stepping forward, the (8A) Miriam would outnumber the Egyptians. He asked the princess '(14D) I get a ordered

(23A) newly  
-born boy of  
Israelite  
parents to be  
killed.  
During the  
first three  
months of  
his life,  
Moses was  
neither seen  
nor (1D) by  
people  
outside his  
home.  
Miriam his  
(2D) sister



Hebrew  
woman to  
nurse the  
baby?  
'Yes, go,'  
she was  
told, and  
Miriam  
hurried to  
tell her  
mother the  
good news.  
It was  
Moses'  
own mother  
who nursed  
him, until  
he was

(11A) look (9A) Moses, a (3D) she taken to the palace to be brought up as  
(14A) to enjoy. the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

(22A) a basket was (17D) and the Years later, as (13D) of his people,  
baby placed inside, and taken down to and often speaking (18A) to them, he  
the bank of the river Nile. Here his (6D) to ask Pharaoh if they could be  
family may have hoped God would (4A) from slavery.

keep him (20A). Throughout the wilderness journey  
Soon the daughter of Pharaoh came which followed, God was to (7A)  
(15A) to the river to bathe. Seeing the him, even to (12D) food to (5D).  
baby, she told her helper to (10A) the Here Moses' life came to an (21A).

June's solution - The missing letter was M. The 6 four letter words were:  
COMB, TERM, MELT, FAME, MARY, MILK

## George Goldie's 60 Years in Ministry



Pictured with George and Keith is Mrs Gwen Haggart, Moderator of Aberdeen Presbytery. George's charisma, friendliness and warmth have been the backbone to a splendid 60 years of serving the Church and faithfully preaching and sharing the gospel.

## SOULED OUT — Glorious in Aberdeen

### History

Back in 2003, God gave a vision to a young woman in the north east, where hundreds of Christian women were worshipping together in Aberdeen. Ten years later this dream is becoming a reality.

### Vision

Our heart is to give women time and space to KNOW who they are in God, to GROW in their relationship with Him and other Christian women in the North East, and to GO and live this out in their church and community.

### Glorious Conference

Friday 4 October, 7:30pm - 9:30pm; Saturday 5 October, 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre

### Speaker: Fiona MacDonald

Fiona works for the Scottish Bible Society and is based in Edinburgh despite claiming to be an original west coaster. She is passionate about evangelism, red shoes, le Tour de France and Alpie (her dog).

Having followed an indeterminate career path via the NHS and Abernethy Trust, Fiona is best described as a gospel opportunist. She is deeply concerned about those outside the church who live each day without God.

For more information, please contact [glorious@souledout.org.uk](mailto:glorious@souledout.org.uk)  
<http://www.souledout.org.uk/>



# Mannofield Church

## COUNTRY DANCING

Mannofield Scottish Country Dancing Group celebrates its 57th year!

Our class would welcome anyone who would like some light exercise and excellent socialising.

Tuesday evenings-alternating between the large and Centenary halls. 7.15– 9.30pm approx.

Contact: Mrs M. Allan T: (01224) 319043



## WALTZ AFTERNOON

Tuesday 15th October, 2-4pm

We are to be hosting another afternoon of waltz music.

The two Jims have agreed to play for us.

Afternoon tea provided.

Tickets £5 from Maureen Allan or Church Office



## Mannofield Fun Day

After lots of planning from the Young People and Families Committee the Mannofield Fun Day had finally arrived. It was a beautiful sunny morning in May when we were setting up lots of exciting activities for everyone as well as a tea room with freshly baked scones and cakes. It was beautiful sitting outside in the sunshine. A bouncy castle, obstacle course, table tennis, pool, lots of



fairground games, hot dogs home baking and not to forget the very popular and extremely funny Sumo wrestling provided a wonderful experience for all ages.

It was very encouraging to see lots of people from both church and the local community enjoying themselves at this community event. Our thanks must go out to all of you who made the afternoon such a success from the willing volunteers to the hard working committee but most of all to everyone who had such a happy, fun afternoon.

Thank you

*Michael and Suzanne Fairhurst*

## HOST

Many international students come to Scotland to study at our universities.

Will they make contact with people and life beyond the academic environment? What will they do for a homely break if home is too far away?

For 26 years, national charity HOST has been linking students with volunteer hosts, who invite a student to spend a day, a weekend, Christmas or New Year in their home.

Chatting; eating together; playing games; seeing the area; joining in with the local community; making friends – a HOST visit lays down wonderful memories to be re-lived in China, India, the USA and many other parts of the world; and hosts learn from their guests too.

If you could make a student welcome, please contact HOST through [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser for Scotland, Alan Robson, on 01946 825170. Thank you.



## ***MANGO- Mannofield Gospel Choir***

### ***Good News!***

We are thrilled to have a starter group of 15 singers.

Our first rehearsal will take place in the Sanctuary at

***6.45 – 7.30 pm on Monday 2 September***

In order to meet and register, it would be useful to arrive 10 minutes early on this one occasion.

Comfy clothing and flat shoes should be worn. Please bring a pencil and an A4 plastic pocket in which to store sheet music.

Each week a levy of £2 per member will be charged to contribute to the costs of sheet music and other expenses.

New members are, of course, most welcome and should contact:-

Rhonda – 07712 570065

All singers between the ages of 11-14 will be considered but should contact the number above to arrange an audition.

*Thank you*

***People Get Ready, There's a Train A-Coming***



# NOTES & NEWS

## Church Book Club September 2013

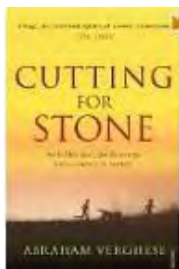
*Cutting for Stone* by  
Abraham Verghese

Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon.

Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.

Moving from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again, *Cutting for Stone* is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles--and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined.

For further information contact Niki at 743484



## Guide Dogs Puppy Walking Group



Annual Coffee Morning  
and Christmas Card Sale  
**Saturday 5th October**

Large Hall 10am – 12noon

Come and meet the puppies, enjoy the company and choose some quality cards.

## 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 T 326840

## MAGAZINE DELIVERY

District: Kingshill Avenue/  
Woodstock Road.



District: Cults/Bieldside to  
Bieldside Inn.

Can you help deliver the church magazine to these districts?

Only a few households in each.

Please contact Jean in the church office. T 310087.

## The Guild



### September

- 5 Coffee Morning
- 10 Rev. George Goldie 'Just Me'
- 24 Alan Findlay 'Restoration of the Duthie Park'

### October

- 3 Coffee Morning



## CHURCH CONTACTS

Minister	Rev Keith Blackwood	<a href="mailto:k5blackwood@btinternet.com">k5blackwood@btinternet.com</a>	315748
Secretary	Jean Sharman	<a href="mailto:office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk">office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk</a>	310087
Church Officer	Nick Youngson	<a href="mailto:nick.youngson@o2.co.uk">nick.youngson@o2.co.uk</a>	322239
Session Clerk	Bob Anderson	<a href="mailto:Nnikibob@aol.com">Nnikibob@aol.com</a>	743484

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### **New Members:**

Mrs Angela Dyce  
Mr James and Mrs Eleanor Milne

### **Deaths:**

3 June - Mr James MacBean  
14 June - Mrs Karen Little  
17 June - Mrs Lorna Kite  
26 July - Mrs Margaret B. Menzies  
28 July - Mr Colin Mearns

## Think global, act local Church Eco Congregation Committee

A very practical way for the Kirk to look after its neighbours and the community is to tread a little more gently on the earth through recycling more of our waste, reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and sourcing goods responsibly. Mannofield Church is part of a much wider ecumenical movement – find out more at [www.ecocongregationscotland.org](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org) – but with our own distinct local approach.



There's a bit more to all of this than meets the eye, so our recently-revived Eco Congregation Committee wants to recruit some new members.

You don't need special expertise, although plain common sense will always come in handy!! If you can spare an evening every few months, please join our committee; or simply get in touch with Alistair Stark on 01224 318536 or [mail@agstark.co.uk](mailto:mail@agstark.co.uk).

### **External Planters**

I thank all who donated towards the fund.  
The donations are very much appreciated, bearing in mind each season the plants have to be replaced.



Many people have enjoyed the display so much this summer.

*Doug Marnoch, Fabric Convener*

### **YOUNG CHURCH/ TEEN SCENE**

Young Church and Teen Scene restart on Sunday 25 August.



All children and young people between 3 and 14 years are invited to join us. We meet in the Centenary Hall at 9.55am.

Everyone will be made very welcome.

## Mission Impossible Holiday Club

53 intrepid children signed up to tackle the impossible from 5–9 August at Mannofield's Mission Impossible Holiday Club. They were led by an equally adventurous and resilient band of leaders aged from 17 (Joanna) to 87 (guess who?!) who were aided and abetted by two teenagers ever ready to tackle the impossible (Euan and Aaron) and nourished and sustained by our 'angel' kitchen ladies (Kathleen, Rae and Chrissie).

We sang songs, played exciting games, created wonderful things out of card, foam, sand, wood, shells and clay, had a go at origami, made bread, worked out at Zumba, and stretched our brains trying to work out the 'impossible' tricks of Talent Show winner, 'Mr Justanillusion'.

But most importantly, we learned that 'With God everything is possible'.

Jonah could be swallowed by a fish and survive to tell the tale; Moses and thousands of Israelites could cross the Red Sea on foot; Elijah's altar and soaking sacrifice could burst into flames; Peter's chains could fall off by themselves and 5000 families could enjoy a meal out of 5 loaves and 2 fishes – all through the power and love of God.

A power and love that can 'touch my heart, let love shine through' and 'teach me how to live His way' is what our theme song taught us.

Its catch line sums up our week:

**'I believe that God can do it!'**



Was this the orange day or the hat day



Fun at Games time



Hat Day- Working hard on our "shrinkles"