



MANNOFIELD CHURCH of SCOTLAND

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CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

Sun 3	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 6	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 10	No morning service at Mannofield	PRAISE IN THE PARK at 11am Praise celebration and picnic in <u>Hazlehead Park</u> with the congregations of Craigiebuckler, Cults, Holburn West, King swells, Mannofield and Peterculter
Wed 13	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 17	10am	Morning Worship
	4.30pm	Cafe Church in Cafe Connect
Wed 20	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 24	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Gardens Service
Wed 27	10.30am	Midweek Service

JULY

Sun 1	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 4	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 8	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 11	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 15	10am	Morning Worship

JULY continued

Wed 18	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 22	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 25	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 29	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Gardens Service

Flower Calendar

JUNE

- 3 Mrs. M. Allan
- 10 Miss C. Smith
- 17 Mr. G. & Mrs. M. Falconer
- 24 Rev. G. Goldie



JULY

- 1 Mrs. B. Boyne
- 8 Mrs. B. Milne
- 15 Miss Youngson's Legacy
- 22 Mrs. S. Taylor
- 29 Mrs. C. Bridgeford



Sunday 17 June Retiral Collection

CAIRNS COUNSELLING

Cairns Counselling is an Aberdeen independent charity. Honoured with the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, in the last 12 months they have provided over 5000 professional counselling hours to encourage, empower and enable people to live more fulfilling lives. For over 24 years they have supported adults with a range of issues including depression, anxiety, abuse, trauma and have no barriers to accessing help.

www.cairnscounselling.org.uk

Email kblackwood@churchofscotland.org.uk



Dear Friends

In George Orwell's book 1984, 'Big Brother' is the figure who is effectively the leader of Oceania which is a totalitarian state where the 'ruling party' controls all that happens to the inhabitants. Today '*big brother is watching over you*' is a saying we use to convey the sense that sometimes in our lives we feel that our personal information, experiences and data is 'known' by 'powers that be'.

Many suggest that the Cambridge Analytica scandal, involving the collection of data sourced from our social media usage, and passed to 'interested parties', is the fulfilment of George Orwell's prophecy.

At this time many of us will have received much mail through the post and had our 'Inboxes' peppered with emails from organisations which store information about us. They need to comply with the new EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) effective from 25 May. This new policy is to protect our rights, to know who is storing information about us, what this information is specifically used for, and to obtain our consent when that data is to be used for a specific purpose outside the natural running of the activities of the organisation of which we are part or associated with. The Church of Scotland is of course affected by this but the Church has always been keen to protect the rights of its members through the storing of information. Under the new Regulation this will continue with only a few tweaks required.

The sense of 'Big Brother is watching you' is an interesting one for us - a people of Faith. For we believe God, by nature of His character, knows everything about us and what happens to us. Indeed, we believe God goes further - in that He actively seeks to influence our lives.

At this time of GDPR isn't it funny to consider that part of our Faith is to be comfortable with this notion that we have no secrets from God?

He knows when we do good and He knows when we do wrong; He knows when we are happy and He knows when we are sad; He knows when we are calm and He knows when our life is a struggle.

Whilst I do worry at times about unscrupulous organisations knowing too much about me and would certainly worry should it be the case that my details be used illegally in matters of fraud etc. God knowing about me is different.

In fact I am not just accepting of this. This Truth is something that gives me confidence and assurance and provides the drive to live life boldly, knowing God is so close to me and has made it His business to accompany me along the walk of my life.

There are many so called 'big-brothers' who I would rather did not know too much about my life. But God as big-brother can watch me all he wants!

Best wishes

Keith

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have been out pounding streets and knocking at doors for Christian Aid.

A big **Thanks** also to all those who contributed generously to the collection. We have raised an amazing **£4120**.

This will make a difference to people's lives.



Do you know someone living with dementia or who has difficulty remembering things? The Living Well Cafés offer a friendly, warm and welcoming place to support people with a diagnosis of dementia or



THE
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PROJECT
living well café

anyone who has memory problems, along with families and carers. They provide a relaxed and safe environment which offers a variety of optional activities ranging from singing and dancing to puzzles and crafts. We reminisce with various aids as well as play familiar table games. We are also enthusiastic about playing Boccia – it's a game similar to carpet bowls that you can play sitting down. It's always good fun and very competitive! And of course, a café just would not be a café without tea, coffee and a fine piece.

There are four Living Well Cafés in Aberdeen:

On alternate Tuesdays they are at Newhills Church and Oldmachar Church (Bridge of Don).

On alternate Thursdays they are at Ferryhill Church and High Church Hilton.

If you know of anyone you think would benefit from coming along to our café and might enjoy having a blether with friendly and understanding people, why not come along and see what we have to offer. A warm welcome is guaranteed. All cafés are from 1.00-3.00 pm.

If you would like further information please contact Jeanette on 07512 141818 or Linda on 07927 541029, or e-mail cafe@thelivingwellproject.org.uk You can see what we get up to by following our Facebook page www.facebook.com/livingwellcafe

Linda Rendall

TRAIDCRAFT

Every day we are made aware that somewhere in the world millions still live in absolute poverty. They need the help Traidcraft can offer.

On the first Sunday of every month Mannofield Church has a Traidcraft Stall in the Balmanno Hall after the morning service. It stocks a variety of goods and other items can be ordered from the catalogues available. Every purchase helps farmers and crafts people all over the world to trade their way out of poverty.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

A year of being Moderator

In handing on the Moderator Cross to Lorna Glen who has been asked to serve Aberdeen Presbytery as Moderator in the next year, I expressed my thanks to Presbytery for the privilege of carrying out this role in the last 12 months.

<http://www.aberdeenpresbytery.org.uk/moderator.html>



I have thoroughly enjoyed the year and specifically those opportunities to visit congregations at 'mile-stone' events in their life. I conducted Inductions of two new ministers and was involved in the Service of Union that saw two congregations begin life as a single new Charge. It was encouraging to be present with these congregations and recognise the positivity about the future.



I also had the chance to visit congregations and see the work that they are doing locally and are involved in nationally and internationally. Again, this proved an excellent reminder of how the Church of Scotland is very much alive in mission work despite all the other challenges we face.

The Church of Scotland is one of many denominations at work in the City of Aberdeen. Serving as Moderator allowed me the opportunity of meeting representatives from other denominations and of civic and third sector organisations. It was heartening to recognise that in our communities a combined effort, directed at the care of our citizens, is very much ongoing.

Of course being Moderator required that I moderate Presbytery meetings but having served Presbytery enthusiastically in previous roles (particularly as Business and Finance Convener) this was not something I found particularly challenging. What was a privilege was leading the short worship at the beginning of these meetings and being able to reflect on God's providence in our individual lives and our collective work as the Church.

It was an honour and privilege to serve the Church in this role. I have been heartened by the enthusiasm, energy and faith that I have witnessed throughout the Church in Aberdeen. This leaves me very confident about the future. Although we never know how God will reshape us and reorganise us as a Church in the future, I have seen that when we trust God He will continue to direct us in the path He seeks for us.

Keith

The role of the Westminster Confession of Faith is to be reviewed.



On Thursday 25 May the General Assembly approved an Overture from the Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles which instructed the Theological Forum to review the reports and debates on the role of the 17th century Confession and to advise on the role of a 'subordinate standard'.

The committee will also explore the possibility of producing a book of confessions, as has been done by other churches, containing the Westminster and Scots Confessions, Nicene and Apostles Creeds and other statements of faith.

Moving the Overture, the Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald presented the issue as unfinished business, having been proposed and agreed at General Assemblies and by Presbyteries in the 1960s and 1970s. He said: "The Church is not well served by a subordinate standard that, let's be honest, is not taken seriously across the Church. The Presbytery is saying no more than that there is an issue here that requires the Forum to consider."

Also from the Presbytery, elder Isobel Hunter said that before her ordination her minister had warned her that the Westminster Confession (which both ministers and elders affirm when they are ordained) might 'put her off for life'. She said: "The Confession was adopted at a time when Scotland boasted of being the foremost burner of witches in Europe. We have moved on from that."

"Maybe this is the time to be radical, after 400 years of unease, to get the beliefs we swear to sorted... so that someone like myself contemplating ordination may be inspired for life, not risk being put off for life."

Speaking against, two ministers warned that the Westminster Confession was an important part of their decision to remain in the Church of Scotland. The Rev Mark Malcolm said it might be 'the hill I want to die on'. He said: "We are arguing over the soul of the Church...I do believe that what is written within the Westminster Confession of Faith has got everything to do with the glory of God as revealed in scripture."

Others asked if now was the time to be dealing with this issue. However, on a vote the Overture was approved by a wide margin.

Busy Bees

One-fifth of a hive of bees flew to the ladamba flower, one-third to the slandbara, and three times the difference of these two numbers flew to an arbor. One bee continued to fly about, attracted by the fragrant ketaki and malati.

How many bees were there?



Crack the code and complete the sentences

A C D E F G H I N O R S T X



Zacchaeus collected



Zacchaeus was a



Zacchaeus was



Zacchaeus was



Zacchaeus was
by meeting Jesus



Sharing



showed friendship

Being Jesus'



helped Zacchaeus become honest



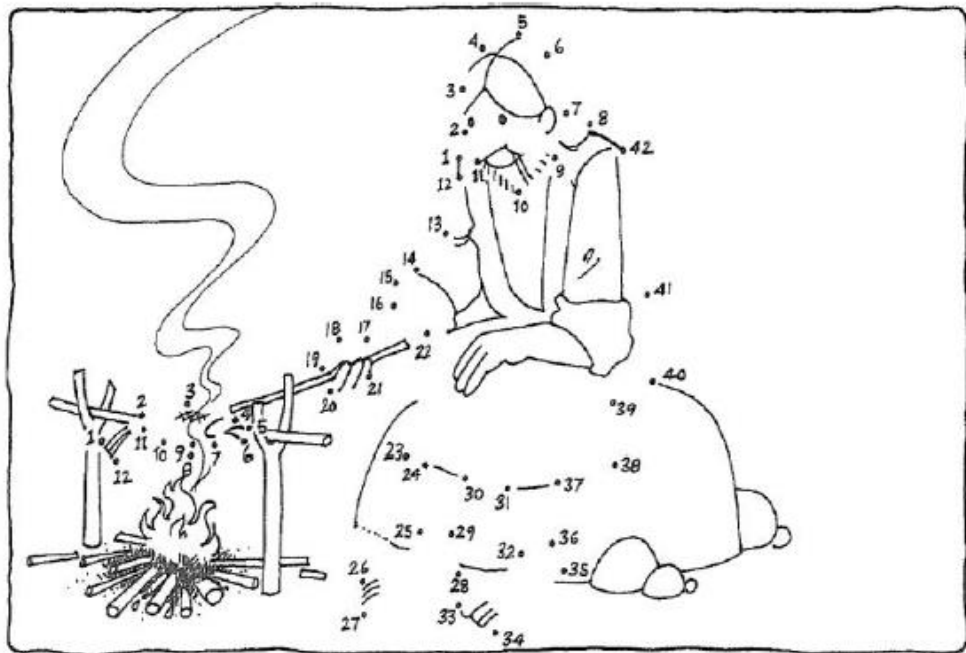
Why are these people
looking grumpy?
Look up Luke 19:7

the mouths of babes



Read John 21: 1-14.

Join the dots to find out what Jesus was doing on the beach.

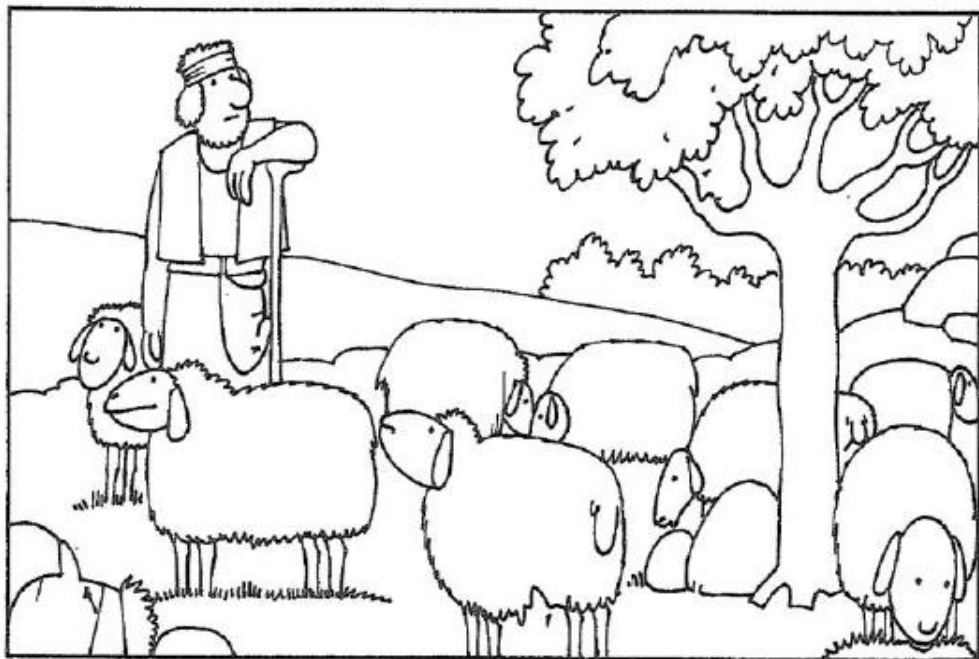


All the words in this wordsearch are in 2 Kings chapter 11!

- 1 Who tried to kill all the royal family? (8) _____
- 2 Who was hidden as a baby to escape being killed? (5) _____
- 3 Who hid Joash? (9) _____
- 4 In what building was Joash hidden? (6) _____
- 5 How many years was he hidden for? (3) _____
- 6 What did Joash become when he was seven years old? (4) _____
- 7 What did Jehoiada put on Joash's head? (5) _____
- 8 What instrument were the people playing? (8) _____

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Read this story in Genesis 26:12-25



Isaac has lots of sheep. He is very rich, and the Philistines are jealous.

Can you find their six spies in the picture?

Can you make the words fit?

MACHPELAH

ABRAHAM

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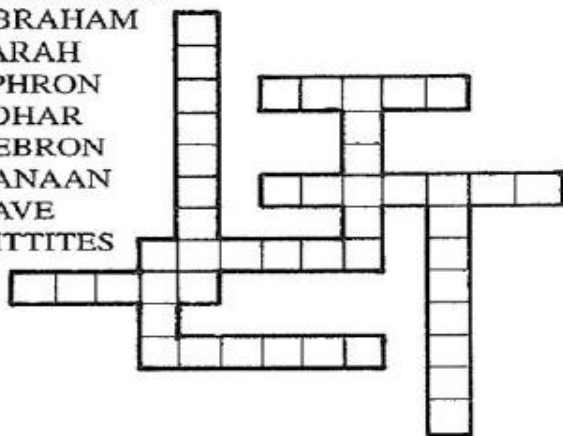
ZOHAR

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HITTITES



Easter answers: coercion, sciatica, cyclamen, believer, neutrino, syndrome, educator, original, hysteric, eulogist

Land and Sea -- Sanctuary Door Panels

The design intends to echo the themes of the existing stained glass windows within the transepts of the chancel, a reminder of man's place on earth, our local heritage and traditions of seafaring and farming around Aberdeen.

The panels combine, reading from top to bottom, with obvious and deeper meanings: The heavens, sun and moon indicate the rhythm of our daily lives.

The apple tree echoes the Garden of Eden, Adam's early account in the Old Testament and the life sustaining bounties and the Grace, which God continues to bestow upon us.

Horse chestnut trees, familiar to us, living sentinels around the Church building, endorse a sense of place and our responsibility of stewardship within the Parish.

The 'birds of the air' suggest family life, a couple sharing, and echoes the story of the Ark with animals entering two by two.

Continuing the Flood theme, storm clouds and lightning flashes over the sea allude to 'the storms of life' as well as the dangers within our local fishing, shipping and oil industries. The rainbow, a glowing symbol of hope, reminds us of God's promise to us and His unconditional constancy.

The original simple Church building of Mannofield (Chapel of Ease) set alongside the existing structure, presented in current digital form, records our history and aim: to be the 'Heart of the Community'.

The salmon harvest repeats the fishing theme both at sea and in the local rivers of the Dee and Don, reminding us of Jesus' aims and practice as a 'fisher of men'.

The cereal harvest echoes our prayer: 'Give us each day our daily bread' whilst the five loaves and two fishes remind us of the feeding of the five thousand and the many other miracles Jesus performed in His short three-year ministry.

The turbulent waters and jagged shapes of the right hand panel create a sense of frenetic unease. Whereas the peaceful serenity of the left hand panel highlights the delicate balance that underlies our environment and earthly existence. As such, Eco themes of sustainability are embroidered into the general iconography of the design. Strawberry fields, for which Mannofield first became nationally famous, surround the Greek symbols Alpha and Omega, reminding us of the everlasting nature of our faith and the certainty that God is with us till the end of time.

Fraser Beaton December 2016



The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has thrown out a proposed 10-year strategic plan in favour of more radical plans.



The Assembly voted heavily in favour of a counter-motion from the Rev Robert Allan which effectively rejected the Council of Assembly's proposed strategy. Instead, it called for the Council to return next year 'with a radical action plan for 2019-2022 to achieve much-needed reform within our Church'.

Mr Allan told the Assembly: "To agree to this plan would be to put another nail in the coffin of the institutional church. It's to our shame in the church that we change slowly. We follow the one who turned the world and organised religion upside down in a relatively short time. What we need is urgent, radical action. We have had 60 years of decline and it will be worse in 10 years."

He was forcefully backed by most speakers, including the former Moderator the Very Rev Dr Derek Browning, who said of the strategic plan: "I have rarely read a report from any Council of this Assembly that has caused me so much disappointment. On Saturday I spoke about building bridges, but this plan is building castles in the air. (It) is very thick on gloss and very thin on substance. My fear is if the current plan proposed by the Council goes ahead this thin and insignificant plan will disappear back into the Council of Assembly and decisions about the future direction of the Church will be made by the Council and not this Assembly."

The Assembly backed Mr Allan's countermotion by 439 votes to 130. The rest of his proposals, which included using the Rev Dr Doug Gay's proposals in [last year's Chalmers lectures](#) as a guide, and challenging presbyteries to produce plans which are 'robust, imaginative and courageous in reducing the number of charges', will be discussed later in the week after commissioners complained that they had not had sufficient time to consider them.

During discussion on the future of the national office, despite complaints about how long the process is taking and how much it is costing, the General Assembly agreed to allow the Council to continue working and bring back proposals to next year. These could still involve substantial refurbishment of the offices at 121 George Street or moving out.

Boys Brigade News



As I write the Session is almost over for Anchor, Junior Section and Company Section boys with just the Company Section Open Night to go.

Anchors and Juniors Open Nights went well with parents and friends enjoying watching the boys in games like Turtle Tag, Sorting Hoops, Penalty Shootout, Figure Marching and the return of the JS Parents vs. Boys Quiz which the boys obviously won. Congratulations and very well done to all the award and trophy winners.



In Company Section it's been a good year for Senior awards. We have two of our boys receiving their Presidents Badge and also two receiving their Queens Badge. They will receive their badges at the Open Night and be presented with certificates by our local MP at a special ceremony at BB HQ in front of parents and friends at the end of May.

Company Section has a number of activities planned for the summer. We will be climbing Scolty Hill at Banchory in June and visiting Peterhead Prison. Another new activity for this year is a trip to the Breakout Games rooms at The Arches. Two groups of 6 boys will have an hour to escape from a room through solving puzzles, riddles and clues.



We have our usual beach cookout in the pipeline for August and a small group of boys are going to the Braemar Gathering in September as stewards with the Aberdeen Battalion.

All sections will be restarting after the schools go back so please pass on our details to anyone you think would enjoy BBs.

Anchor Boys is for boys in P1 - P3 meets on Thursday 6.00 - 7.00pm starting 6 September

Junior Section is for boys in P4 - P6 meets on Thursdays 7.00 - 8.15pm starting 30 August

Company Section is for boys in P7 - S6 meets on Fridays 7.45 - 10pm starting 31 August

For more information or to join email info@40four.co.uk or visit our website at www.40four.co.uk.

The adventure starts here - come and join in.

Dave Tait, Captain, 44th Aberdeen Boys Brigade

Happy News from across the Atlantic.

Our friend Alex Evangelista has finished his exams for the year. He has also shared the news with us that he has received two Awards in recognition of his progress academically and towards ministry.

The first is the 'Raymond Irving Lindquist Fellowship in Parish Ministry' and the second is 'The Edward Howell Roberts Scholarship in Preaching'.

Alex has worked hard in his journey towards Ministry and we must be pleased for him and happy too that in communicating this good news with us he thanks us for supporting him on this journey. Alex said, 'I am so thankful for Mannofield Church, for I would not be where I am if it was not for them'.

God's Blessings Alex - and keep up the good work.



CROSSREACH Join up the Dots
Care you can put your faith in

Guild and CrossReach Tackle Loneliness

Join Up the Dots is one of six life-changing projects in Scotland and around the world the Church of Scotland Guild has chosen to receive fundraising support over the next three years.

Join Up the Dots is a new partnership between CrossReach and the Guild to tackle loneliness and isolation.

To request a talk about the project at your Guild, contact our Talks Team on 0131 454 4374 or email supporters@crossreach.org.uk



Keith raised over £2000 for Crossreach in the Edinburgh Marathon which he ran in a time of 3 hours 36 minutes. Fantastic, especially after the recent knee injury he has had.

WHAT IF PENTECOST HAPPENED TODAY



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Evening Prayer

May we never tire
of crossing and pushing
boundaries
that wrongfully isolate and exclude.



May we never tire
of drawing and fixing boundaries
that helpfully nurture and protect.

May we never tire
of extending the boundary of Your
Kingdom
so there is more and more of heav-
en on earth.

Grant us the rest we need
so we may never tire to do Your
will.

Amen.

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MANNOFIELD LUNCH CLUB



RESUMES

on

Thursday 20 September
Balmanno Hall

**We hope to see you over the
summer in Cafe Connect.**

**Cafe Connect
@ Mannofield**

**A cup of coffee
shared with a
friend is
happiness
tasted and time
well spent.**



Open Mon - Fri
8.30am - 4pm
Sat 9am - 4pm
Closed Sun
Tel 01224 318962

NOTE

Sunday morning services will
continue at 10am and Wednesday
services at 10.30am over the
summer.

**The deadline for the next
issue of *InSpire* is
16 August**

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

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office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk

Enjoy the Summer - if we have one!!

TABLE TOP SALE



Balmanno Hall
Saturday 16 June
10am - 12 noon

ADMISSION FREE

Contact Sandy
☎01224 311261

Professor Potty invites you into his laboratory to see his brand new invention, his Potty Time Machine!

Come along and see what the Professor and his assistant Dippy Di get up to as they use their Time Machine to meet people from the Bible and from around the world.



Join the Mannofield Team

Monday 13 - Wednesday 15 August

Parents/Carers will be able to register their children online from June at office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk

Ages 5-12

Places are limited.

Forms to be returned by 31 July

The End of an Era

The last Scottish Country Dancing class in Mannofield Church took place on Tuesday 8 May followed by a light supper in the Gordon Highlanders Museum.



In 1962 with the help of the Guild, 20 ladies came to the first session in what is now the Balmanno Hall. Laura Skelton was one of those ladies.

We were very fortunate to have Margaret Ferries as our pianist for many years. She played for the class until her death in 1989. We were so fortunate to have her for so long. Our contacts with the RSCD allowed us to have occasional playing by Helen Fraser and Frank Thomson. Otherwise CDs were used and the class was satisfied with these.

Cults, University, Milltimber, Keig and St Margaret's were classes I enjoyed being part of for a short spell. On a Saturday there was a children's class. How did the family allow me the time? Changes in Child Protection put an end to that class. This was sad because of the fun we had arranging displays etc.

In our early days we entered S.C.D. Festivals (being fleet of foot – not so now). Dancing in the celebration of Union Street, the Millennium Ball and many other occasions for the Church were enjoyed.

Our two Jims (Graham and Ruxton) elders to the class for over 30 years were always welcome visitors. The fellowship forged will, we hope, carry on by meeting once a year.

Thanks go to our minister for the acknowledgement of our 56 years and to the Session for the beautiful flowers delivered by the Session Clerk.

I have closed the door but the memories are too good to forget. *Maureen Allan*