



MINI INSPIRE



**We commit the future to you Lord Jesus.
You have called us, we are your people.
Open our eyes to see where you are leading.
Open our ears to hear what you are saying.
Open our minds to dreams and visions.
Open our hearts to worship, love and service,
This day and all days.
Amen.**

MANNOFIELD CHURCH of SCOTLAND

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sun 3	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 6	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 10	10am	Morning Worship All age Service No Young Church
Wed 13	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 17	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 20	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 24	10am 3.15pm	Morning Worship Craigielea Gardens Service conducted by Margaret Stewart
Wed 27	10.30am	Midweek Service

MARCH

Sun 3	10am	Morning Worship <i>Powerzone</i>
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MANNOFIELD LUNCH CLUB

Thursdays

21 February and 21 March

Balmanno Hall

Lunch served 1pm
Entertainment 2-3pm
Cuppa at 2.30pm

Cost: £5

All welcome

Need transport?

Contact: Lynn Allan

☎ 01224 323206



FLOWER CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 3 Mrs B. Russell
- 10 Mrs A. Dyce
- 17 Mrs C. Strachan
- 24 Miss R. Archibald



MARCH

- 3 Mrs A. Thompson

MANNOFIELD GUILD

February

- 7 – Coffee Morning, 10am
Balmanno Hall
- 12 – Eva Robertson and Friends -
musical evening – *open meeting*
- 26 – Demonstration of felting



Mannofield Church Book Club

6 February

Three things about Elsie by Joanna Cannon



Eighty-four year old Florence has fallen in her flat at Cherry Tree Home for the Elderly. As she waits to be rescued, Florence wonders if a terrible secret from her past is about to come to light; and, if the charming new resident is who he claims to be, why does he look exactly like a man who died sixty years ago?

We are always happy to welcome new members so if you are interested in joining us please contact Niki Anderson at nikima62@gmail.com



NOTE

The deadline for the
Easter Parish InSpire is
14 February
Good Friday is 19 April

Dear Friends

A New Year brings the potential for 'new things'. As much as this is true for our personal lives, we are also very aware that this applies to life in general within our society, country, continent and world.

Dominating the landscape is the culmination of talks and deal-making that may lead the United Kingdom to depart from the European Union in a month or two. The political landscape has not been a happy one and many in our societies have been riddled with anxiety as to what the outcome of Brexit will be on business, family life, security and many other aspects of life.

Recognising the situation in January the Church of Scotland published a prayer that we might pray (as we read) at this time. I publish it in its entirety and wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2019. Whatever the outcome of Brexit, as with all things in life, let us trust that God will remain with us through them all.

God Bless, Keith



*God,
who in Jesus,
broke down all barriers,
between people of different races
rich and poor,
male and female,
Jew and Gentile,
between heaven and earth,
we worship You.*

*God,
at this time of heavy responsibility,
as decisions about future relationships
with our neighbours in Europe are
being taken,
we pray for our leaders:
that they will lead wisely;
that they will listen attentively;
that they will exercise grace;
and that they will know peace
in their deliberations.*

*God,
at this time of uncertainty,
within our nations and communities,
we pray for ourselves:
that we will remain open to the stranger;
welcoming to the neighbour;
and committed to those who struggle.*

*God,
we pray for your church
of which we are a part:
that we might be a place of honest
reflection; respectful dialogue;
open friendship; humility and reconciliation.
We pray that
we might be a community that points to
heaven,
and shows ways in which heaven is
glimpsed on earth.*

*God,
who in Jesus,
breaks down all barriers,
between people of different races,
rich and poor,
male and female,
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between heaven and earth,
we worship You.*

AMEN

Letter to Editor

The two little children who started the 6 January Service by walking down the aisle singing "This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine" in clear beautiful innocent voices preached an extremely strong sermon and gave an important inspirational message to us all for the New Year.

Thank you little ones for this wonderful gesture and for special parents for arranging for it to happen.

Anne Farquhar

Congregational Register

Accession:

Miss Frances Stewart

Deaths:

Mr. Frank Wallace: 15 November
Mrs. Marion Gray: 26 November
Mrs. Helen Smith: 29 November

THANK YOU

£677 was collected for
SUE RYDER
DEE VIEW COURT APPEAL at the
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Services.



TABLE TOP SALE Balmanno Hall



Saturdays:

16 February

9 March

25 May

10am - 12noon
Admission Free

Contact: Sandy ☎ 01224 311261

THANK YOU to all who supported
the Table Top Sales last year.

£1072 was raised for the
Church Development Fund.

BLESSING

The Blessing of the God of love be
on us and on all we love today, and
always. Amen

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"Word of Life: Pray Now" and is used with
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Data Protection Policy



Data Protection is not the most exciting of topics but it is important that we take the security and privacy of personal information seriously, and are seen to do so. As part of our activities we need to gather and use personal information about a variety of people including members, former members, adherents, employees, office-holders and generally people who are in contact with us. The Data Protection Act 2018 (the "2018 Act") and the EU General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") regulate the way in which personal information about living individuals is collected, processed, stored or transferred.

In December, Kirk Session approved a revised Data Protection Policy for Mannofield Church, to reflect the impact of GDPR. This Policy explains the provisions that we will adhere to when any personal data belonging to or provided by data subjects (e.g. members), is collected, processed, stored or transferred on behalf of the congregation. We expect everyone processing personal data on behalf of the congregation to comply with this policy in all respects. A copy of our Data Protection Policy is held in the Church Office as well as on the church website.

The congregation has a separate Privacy Notice which outlines the way in which we use personal information provided to us. A copy can be obtained from the Church Office or from the Mannofield Church website. Specific queries should be addressed to Iain Hunter as Congregational Data Protection Co-ordinator.

All personal data must be held in accordance with the congregation's Data Retention Policy. This stipulates how long records are kept and ensures that personal information is not retained longer than necessary and is only held for the purposes for which it is collected. Again, a copy of the Data Retention Policy can be obtained from the Church Office or our website. Data subjects (members of the congregation) can make a subject access request to find out what information is held about them. This request must be made in writing and addressed to Iain Hunter in the first instance who will coordinate a response within the necessary time limit (30 days).
Iain Hunter

THURSDAYS @ MANNOFIELD

If you would like to have an afternoon out to meet and chat with friendly folks and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a *fine piece* then *please* come and join us.



THURSDAY FLY CUP
Mannofield Church
2.00pm – 3.30pm

Cost only £2.50

Put the dates in your diary

14 February, 14 March, 11 April

COME ALONG--- EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Need transport?

Call the church office

01224 310087 to arrange.

We look forward to seeing you

What are you going to do during 2019?

Why not join - - -

Mannofield Church Hillwalking Club on a wide range of walks from the easy to the more demanding?

Our walks are from March to October, travelling by coach to the destinations. We will also have a week-end away in

Aberfeldy, by car. Many of the Cults Church Hillwalking Group also walk with us.

Our first walk is:

Saturday 30 March: St Combs – Fraserburgh *Distance 7 miles, about 3.5 hours*

Contact Robin Bowden 01224 905316 or 07966 980721



2018 Reverse Advent Calendar

A very **BIG thank you** to **EVERYONE** who donated **food items** and **toiletries** as part of our **Reverse Advent Calendar project**.

As you can see from the picture taken in the Church's Gordon Room on Monday 7 January it was another great success.

The donations this year were split equally between the Aberdeen Cyrenians foodbank and CFine Aberdeen foodbank.



Both charities were overwhelmed by the generosity of Mannofield.

Alpha at Café Connect

**Explore - Life
Faith
Meaning**



Everyone has Questions Exploring is good. We are built for it. Explore more about life, faith and meaning with **Alpha**.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. <https://alpha.org.uk/try>

The Alpha and **Alpha Plus** Courses started on 14 January. They both run for ten weeks in Café Connect at Mannofield Church from 7pm to 9pm. An 'away-day' is planned for Saturday 23 February.

For more information email Mail@thompsonaberdeen.com or call 01224 681384

The **Alpha** Team.

Crossreach celebrates 150 years of social care



Lynne McNeil, the editor of *Life and Work* magazine, looks back at the proud legacy of social care in the Church of Scotland which can be traced back to 1869. This is an extract of the full article which first appeared in the January issue of *Life and Work*, the magazine of the Church of Scotland.

Victorian Scotland was a place where the gap between rich and poor was sharply in focus. Death and disease were rife and many lived on the margins of existence.

Social care as we know it today did not exist, although churches were known for their support and work with the poor, but this was very much on an ad hoc basis. But one of the Church of Scotland's great visionaries of the age, the Rev Professor Archibald Charteris (later Very Rev), saw the potential for a church wide initiative that could provide care and support for the most vulnerable people in society – but also be flexible to the changing needs of the age.

As the first Convener of the Committee on Christian Life and Work within the Church, he was one of the people who helped sow the seeds of 'care in Christ's name' that launched formally in 1869.

The Life and Work Committee, 'appointed for one year only' was one of the most innovative of the Victorian Church of Scotland under the Convener'ship of Charteris, and became one of the most influential committees within the Church. The roots of the Church's social care, today known as CrossReach, can also be traced all the way back to 1869 and the work of this committee which sowed the seeds for some of the modern day social care still undertaken by CrossReach – the Social Care Council of the Church of Scotland – in its care for the poor, the addicted, the abandoned and downtrodden. The Church's social care work was also flexible and innovative: the first Church of Scotland Huts, supporting soldiers fighting on the frontline of the First World War were established in 1916.

The second root of the Church's social care history can be found in the early 20th century with the creation of the Committee on Social Work in 1904. The older committee gradually reduced its scope until, in 1936, both were united by the General Assembly. The work underwent several name changes before becoming the Board of Social Responsibility – the forerunner of the Church's 21st century Social Care Council operating as CrossReach, which was founded in 2005.

Looking back, some of the landmark moments for the Church include the opening of its first 'Eventide Home' for the elderly in 1926 – the year before the National Health Service was launched across the UK. The Church also recognised the benefit of counselling for those whose lives were impacted by addiction and in 1962 opened the Tom Allan Centre (named after the evangelist and highly regarded Church of Scotland minister who died in 1965) for counselling, which remains today as not only a place where those in need can access counselling (and many other services), but as a recognised counselling training provider.

The 150-year legacy of the Church of Scotland's social care work continues to pioneer innovative care projects for those most in need of care in our society today, all centering around the original ethos of 'caring in Christ's name'

CrossReach is proud of its reputation as one of the country's largest providers of social services, crossing social boundaries to provide care for older people, help with tackling alcoholism, drug and mental health problems (including post natal depression) and assistance for homeless people and those with special learning needs – although this is not a comprehensive list of the breadth of its work.

Celebrating the long history of care within the Church of Scotland, CrossReach and looking to the future chief executive officer Viv Dickenson said: "That pioneering spirit is still strong as we think about the needs of the communities we serve today and will serve tomorrow, and consider how we can continue to walk alongside people and empower them to live life to the fullest at every age and stage of their lives and whatever their circumstances."

ASH WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH PANCAKE SUPPER in Café Connect followed by a CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST,
AND TO DUST
YOU SHALL RETURN.”

Join us for a Pancake Supper
and
Contemplative Worship Service
on
March 6th.

Dinner at 5:30 to 6:15. Worship at 6:30 to 7:00.

GENESIS 3:19



LENTEN SERIES - *Oppression* - 13 March @ Café Connect

I, Daniel Blake by Ken Loach is a gripping human tale about the impact one man can make by standing up and leading a campaign for dignity and compassion



Lenten Soup Suppers and Study

Wednesday Evenings



Wednesday Evening @ Cafe Connect

Soup Served @ 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Series: "Oppression"

starts @ 6:15 p.m.

Beginning: March 13, 2019

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