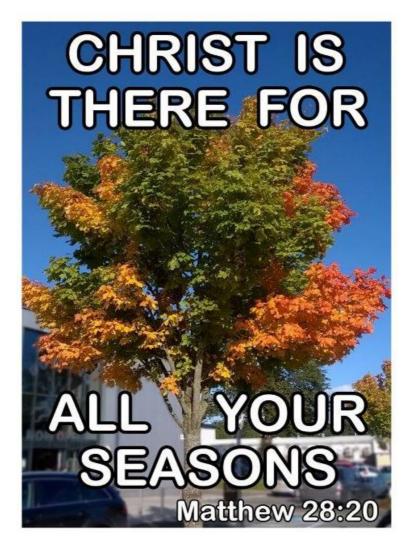


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MANNOFIELD CHURCH of SCOTLAND

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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
Wed 18	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 22	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 25	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 29	10am 3.15pm	Morning Worship Harvest Thanksgiving Craigielea Gardens Service led by Margaret Stewart

TABLE TOP SALES



Balmanno Hall

Saturday 19 October Saturday 23 November

10am - 12 noon

ADMISSION FREE

Contact Sandy 01224 311261

Flower Calendar

September

1 Mrs. M. McLeod

8 Flower Fund

15 Ms. L. Howie 22 Mrs C. Black

29 Flower Fund



Aster September's flower

Evening Prayer

Whatever I have seen this day whatever I have been this

day,
I have tried to be faithful
to You and to myself, Lord.
But you know better than anyone

one thing and my heart another.

So now I hand myself over to be rested and renewed in You that tomorrow I may be who You want me to be.

those moments when my mouth said

AMEN

Acknowledgement: This extract is taken from "Stories of Encounter: Pray Now" and is used with permission.

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MANNOFIELD CHURCH BOWLING CLUB

The indoor session starts on Friday 27th September.

The club meets on Friday afternoons in the Balmanno 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 contact the church office 01224 310087



Email kblackwood@churchofscotland.org.uk

Dear Friends

Finishing up a supermarket online shop I was thinking how easy it is to go up and down the virtual shopping aisles and with a simple click, add what you need to your basket. At the end -



click checkout - make payment - and resume normal life. All from your own home!

The online shopping experience is a bit like a metaphor for life. It's not for everybody. However for a large proportion of the society we live in, there is an endless supply of the goods, experiences and moments that satisfy, excite and thrill - just a simple step or action away from our grasp. If you have the means life has ample to take from it. We live in a generation where availability of the good stuff is in large supply. If you have the means of course!

For those who don't have the means it's a very different picture. The situation is only worsened for those who struggle to make ends meet by the fact that other people, it seems, have more than they need.

Approaching Harvest Sunday, (29 September), this is the season for acknowledging the good things available to us and that we enjoy. We should not take such things for granted but direct our thanks to God who is the origin of all of life's good experiences. It is also the time to remember the folks who struggle. Even in our own city there are people for whom the winter will be hard and the good experiences of life much more limited. We can help by supporting an appeal to help two local

charities stock up for the demands of the winter food banks. The collections of food tins, rice, pasta etc. will be split between 'Instant Neighbour' and 'TLC Foodbanks'. Let's do what we can to help this Harvest Sunday.

Jesus showed us the example of the type of focus that we should have as people of faith. Always turning outwardly to help others. I am sure we can make a big effort this season and give back to God in recognition of all that we have received from Him.

God Bless

Keith

Mannofield Guild

Tuesday 3 September in Balmanno Hall at 7.30 pm. Speaker to be confirmed but hoping to be Don Paterson talking about St Kilda.

This year we'll find out more about two of our Guild Projects –"Malawi Fruits" and Crossreach's "Join up the Dots".

Also in our plan is the life of a Criminal Lawyer, Gardeners' Tales and Upcycling.

Join us or visit for an evening which intrigues or interests you. No one has 'special seats' and you will be made most welcome!

Our monthly Coffee Mornings start on Thursday 5 September in Balmanno Hall at 10am -11.30am.

Pastoral Visiting in Mannofield Church Keeping in Touch

The Kirk Session, a long-standing traditional body within The Church of Scotland, has always



had the responsibility for congregational care at its heart. Elder visits have provided a way of keeping in touch for generations but, as in all areas of life in the 21st Century, there are other ways of doing this, of giving people options that work for them.

In this spirit, the ministerial team and the Kirk Session want to look at new ways of making sure that the members of the Mannofield family feel included and supported in a way that is meaningful to them. Each member will be contacted by letter and asked for their preferred choice from 3 options.

The first would be to continue to have an elder visit twice a year. Many members are very welcoming to their elder but may feel that this designated visit could be better used elsewhere. The elders will not feel offended if you opt away from this choice. They will appreciate the chance to keep up with those folks who enjoy a visit. Such visits are a pleasure and a privilege for the elders too.

The second choice is to have the church link by telephone with a call from a designated elder, which would include church news and details of upcoming events.

The third choice is to continue to receive updates from InSpire, by email and/or text message, all of which can be read at a convenient time and stored as required.

It is important to stress that, whichever choice is made, a visit from the ministerial team or an elder is always available to you of course, but equally to somebody you think would benefit. There is no right or wrong choice in this process, only what is right for you.

The task for all of us is to develop our relationships and our communication so that each member feels a sense of belonging to the Mannofield family.

Kirk Session and Ministerial Team

Boys Brigade News

The summer holidays are over and like all other organisations our Boys Brigade is getting ready to restart. We have had a fairly quiet summer although there have been some bits of news.



At the end of May we saw two of our senior boys being awarded the Queens Badge at a ceremony for parents and friends at Aberdeen BB HQ. This is the top award in the Boys Brigade and takes several years to complete. Also in May we saw 2 Company Section officers receive Long Service awards. Well done and our thanks to Martin & Cammy for their years of service.



In July, two of our young leaders started their journey to becoming qualified BB leaders. Luke and

Andrew from our Junior Section spent a week at a residential training course at Scottish BB headquarters doing the first half of their KGVI young leader training. The second half takes place next summer and in the meantime they will be utilising what they have learned in our own Company. We wish them well as they continue their journey.

At Company Section the boys have enjoyed a number of activities over the summer. A group of us travelled to Kincraig for a session on the UK's largest zipwire park. A total of 14 zipwires each progressively longer than the last climaxed with the 500m long final wire where you can reach speeds in excess of 30mph. Great fun and very exciting.

We also had an evening at Codonas taking part in laser tag and indoor golf.

By the time you read this we will have had our traditional annual beach cookout where the boys cook burgers, sausages etc. on open fires created safely on the beach. Nothing like burnt burgers you've cooked yourself, loaded up with cheese and tomato sauce of course.

As all the sections restart we are looking for some new boys to join us. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who may enjoy Boys Brigade please get in touch by email info@40four.co.uk. More information on our website.www.40four.co.uk. New boys interested in



Company Section can enjoy free tuck shop sweets for a month.

Who turns down free sweets!!?

Anchors P1 (min age 5) - P3 restart Thursday 5 September 6 - 7pm Juniors P4-P6 restart Thursday 29 August 7 - 8.30pm Company P7 - S6 restarts Friday 30 August 7.45pm - 10pm The adventure starts here - come and join in

Dave Tait, Captain 44th Aberdeen Boys Brigade

NEVER MIND THE CARBON FOOTPRINT

By the time this hits the streets, my wife and I should be on a sunny Mediterranean beach. Since it's in the south of France, we're expecting good food and perhaps the occasional glass of wine.

So what's eco about that? Not very much, I hear you say, but we don't do it often. However, I'm ashamed to admit that, this year, we're flying. Usually, we'd travel the whole way by rail, which of course is much less hassle and is almost a holiday in itself. But we're saving cash this year while we wait for a buyer to come along for our old house. Flying is a good bit less expensive, so that's what we are doing.

Of course, there are downsides. There's the chaotic bureaucratic obstacle course of airports, the cramped seats and the feeling that you have departed then arrived without actually travelling in between. The real bit that niggles me is the far bigger carbon footprint we'll trail behind us.

Part of the economics which favour air travel is the absence of fuel tax which airlines enjoy. Why? Is this not just encouraging irresponsible travel habits?

I hope to revert to better behaviour next year. Would anyone like to buy a house?

Alistair Stark
Convenor, Eco Congregation Committee

Springbank Cemetery

Anyone who is a regular visitor to the Cemetery would be dismayed to observe that over recent weeks and months a number of grave stones have been laid flat.

The main reason for this is that checks are



being carried out by Council Department officials to ascertain the stability/ security of the memorial gravestones and any which are deemed a safety risk are therefore laid flat. Unfortunately this means that in most cases the names and details are hidden. In the main the memorials most at risk are the taller and older gravestones, although not exclusively.

This is distressing enough but according to the notice at the gate the Bereavement Department, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen is endeavouring to contact the Lair Certificate holders to obtain their instructions for the remedial work.

The actions taken are justifiable in the light of the fairly recent tragic death of a young child from Glasgow who was killed by a falling gravestone memorial.

A visit to the cemetery, and indeed others in the area, where family members are commemorated would be recommended. Keith Campbell

First meal on the moon:

How Buzz Aldrin took communion and why NASA hushed it up Author: Mark Woods, 20 July 2019 Bible Society

Almost everyone knows Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the

first people to stand on the moon. Almost everyone knows what Armstrong said: 'That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap



for mankind.' But how many know what Buzz Aldrin did before they stepped out on to the moon's surface?

Aldrin was a convinced Christian and an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas. Before the flight he had wondered about how to mark the landing. He wrote in an article for Guideposts magazine in 1970 that his pastor Dean Woodruff had told him 'God reveals himself in the common elements of everyday life' - like bread and wine. Woodruff gave him a silver chalice to take with him on the flight, and there was just enough gravity for him to be able to pour the wine from a plastic container.

He wrote in Guideposts: 'In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements.'

He also read from John 15.5: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me.'

Before he took communion, he radioed back to NASA: 'I would like to request a few moments of silence. I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever he may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his own individual way.' NASA kept guiet about what he was actually doing, though. It was bruised by the activities of atheist campaigner Madalyn Murray O'Hair, who had fought a series of court battles - all of which she lost - against it because the crew of a previous mission, Apollo 8, had read out the creation story from Genesis during their orbit. She thought it violated the constitutional division between church and state.

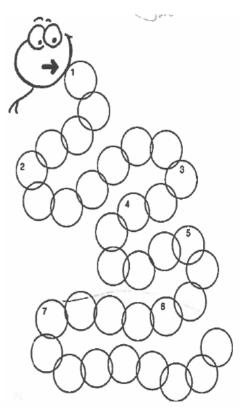
The Bible and the moon have a lot more history besides all that, though. Three hundred microfilmed King James Versions were carried on the Apollo 14 mission at the instigation of the Apollo Prayer League, 100 of which went down to the moon in the lunar module with astronaut Edgar Mitchell.

There's also a paper Bible still on the moon; it's on the dashboard of an abandoned lunar rover and was left there by Apollo 15 astronaut David Scott.

WORD SNAKE

Begin at the arrow and enter the answers to the clues one after the other. The last letter of one answer is also the first letter of the next.

- On this mountain, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.
- 2 A name given to Jesus which means 'God with us'.
- 3 Abraham's nephew.
- 4 The crown Jesus wore when crucified.
- 5 A house build on this foundation is unsafe.
- 6 A pagan god with body of fish, head and hands of man.
- 7 A Jewish ruler who visited Jesus by night.



THREE SQUARE

Find the nine-letter word in each square, beginning with the centre letter and working clockwise.

1 E K I L A T A M E

U M A A C P N R E

2

3
S I A
E E N
H P S

U P H
S E R
E T A

- 1 An ancient people
- 2 A town by Lake Galilee
- 3 A book of the Bible
- 4 Often called 'the great river'

If you read in Genesis chapters 6-9 the story of Noah and the Flood, you will find answers to a lot of questions. Why did God send the flood? Why did he tell Noah to build an ark? Why were living creatures taken on board? Why was Noah and his family saved from the flood? For how many days and nights did rain fall on the

earth? Who told Noah when he and his family could leave the ark? What promise did God make to Noah?

Find the words listed below (and also given in the bible) in the letter grid. Words appear either vertically or horizontally, forwards or backwards, but some letters are used more than once.

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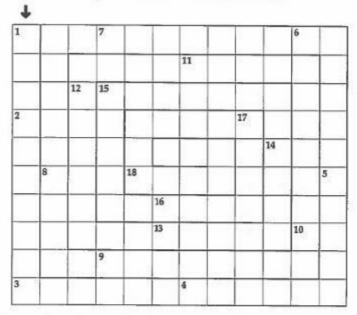


NAME THE CHARACTER

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You can read about the character in our puzzle in 2 Kings chapters 18 & 19. As you insert your answers in the grid make sure

that the last letter of solution No.1. is also the first letter of No.2. and so on. Then name the character.



- 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.

June 2019 answer: The missing letter was M. COMB, TERM, MELT, FAME, MARY, MILK.

Liam Kerr MSP for North East Scotland Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Justice

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Finn's Law

A little under two years ago, PC Dave Wardell and Finn, the police dog in the photo, were chasing a robbery suspect who turned and attacked them with a knife. Finn leapt to defend PC Wardell sustaining several stab wounds. Finn's bravery stopped the blade from reaching PC Wardell, who, instead of being stabbed, "only" suffered a slash across his hand.



Despite being stabbed through the lung, Finn held onto the suspect for long enough for other Police units to arrive and arrest the suspect. Finn was not expected to live but after four hours of surgery, stitches, clamps, chest drains and a ten-minute dash to a specialist surgeon, he survived.

Afterwards PC Wardell was incensed to discover that the suspect would only be charged with "criminal damage" (like breaking a window!) for the horrendous injuries he caused to Finn. For police dog handlers, these animals are not just tools that they use in their daily duty, they are their partners, pets and friends.

PC Wardell started the *Finn's Law campaign*, for a new law that would protect all service animals who are attacked.

The law was sponsored by Sir Oliver Heald MP through the UK Parliament – which can only legislate to cover England and Wales. His campaign succeeded! **The UK Government brought in Finn's Law in June.**

Now it needed an MSP to bring it in in Scotland too. I could not understand why we are not protecting our service animals to the same extent that we protect our brave officers and that our animals deserve more than the same protections as plant pots and windows. I therefore began the campaign!

This involved touring schools, launching a petition, holding a debate in the Scottish Parliament, holding a publicity event, and lobbying the Scottish Government to act!

In Scotland, my pressure persuaded the First Minister to announce she would look at it, this time last year. In January, the proposal was put out to consultation and there should be a report in early September. I, and the many, many groups who think this should be introduced, desperately hope that the Scottish Government will agree to legislate for Finn's Law.

I firmly believe that this is the right thing for us to do for our service animals and their handlers and I will continue to campaign on this issue. I ask everyone reading this to please sign and share the petition (below), and ask your friends and family to do the same.

Meanwhile, if you would like me to help out with anything or simply wish to contribute your ideas, my details are below. Or grab me on a Sunday after the Service!

For details on Finn's Law, visit www.finnslaw.com or on Twitter: @finnforchange

My petition is at: https://www.change.org/p/the-scottish-parliament-protect-police-dogs

Garden Chat 3 by John Little

By the time you read this it will be the peak of summer and the produce and beauty of our gardens will be evident for all to see.

Early in July I harvested my container grown potatoes and was well pleased with the results. The photo shows the contents of just one tub and all these came from just 3 seed tatties. I have still to lift the main bed as the shaws are still green and I hope for a good yield. I won't let them go on too long as I prefer to have small rather than large for easier cooking. Also I think the flavour of the smaller ones is better than the large ones. You are also less likely to get any of the nasties which tend to arrive in late summer e.g. blight and scab.



Now why not make use of your empty containers for another crop i.e. spring bulbs which when planted in layers will give you a long lasting display and need even less attention than your potatoes. Having cleaned out the container again a few crocks or stones go in first to aid drainage and partly cover the holes in the bottom of the container. This also helps to prevent loss of compost in the water that drains from the container. A general purpose compost is all that is needed for the bulbs are normally planted into the garden soil. By using compost it should be free of any bugs which you might inherit were you to use garden soil. Place a layer of compost about 3" thick in the bottom of the container. You then can put in a layer of tulips and cover them with a layer of compost. Next in are the daffodils followed again with a layer of compost. Then in go the crocuses, more compost and finally a layer of snowdrops. Instead of snowdrops you could use grape hyacinths or scillas. After a top up with compost a few winter pansies will give a bit of winter colour to the top of the container. The bulbs in each layer can be planted close together to give a good display and provide a succession of flowers starting with the snowdrops in late January and ending up with the tulips in May.

When buying bulbs you will find all the ones included above readily available in packs from most garden centres and the Continental Market in Union Terrace usually has a Dutch grower with a good selection especially of tulips. It is worth looking out for this stall when the market comes to Aberdeen usually in September. Remember the bigger the bulb the bigger the flower. My father used to buy his bulbs from Woolworth store in Sauchiehall St. in Glasgow. The store sold the bulbs singly from bins and dad would visit the store over several weeks picking out 3 or 4 of the largest bulbs. The store topped up the bins on a weekly basis so over a period of time he would buy a dozen of the largest bulbs which he planted in a bowl for early indoor flowering. Keen to learn from my father I followed his practice and when I came to Aberdeen I decided to enter a couple of bowls of daffodils in the spring bulb show. I won a first prize for one but the other was a failure due to a bulb of a different variety appearing in the middle of the bowl. This bulb had come from an adjacent bin so I learned a lesson that if you want to exhibit don't buy single bulbs from bins as you cannot guarantee they will all be the same variety.

Now is the time to have a good tidy up in the garden. Try to dead head flowers which are past their best. This will stop them going to seed and will encourage new blooms. Watch out for caterpillars especially in vegetables as this has been a good summer for butterflies.

Keep the hoe going at the weeds and enjoy the exercise and fresh air.





Master painter with apprentice

John Watson and Les Black spruced up the flower boxes on the pavement outside Cafe Connect and rejuvenated the bench.

ADVENT CALENDARS!!

Dates for your Diaries

We are going to make advent calendars - meeting every Sunday in November from 3 - 4:30 pm (3rd, 10th 17th and 24th at Mannofield Church (room to be announced).

Dorte with the Craft Group's help:)

Gin Night



Saturday 2nd November 2019 @7,30pm

Balmanno Hall, Mannofield Church

Come and join fellow gin lovers and try a selection of new gins and learn more about their origins. (Includes several gins, mixers & nibbles) Donation £20 Contact church office for tickets.

Summer Holidays – a different type of Holiday Club

This year, the Mannofield team went experimental with their annual Holiday Club. Instead of having a theme and meeting on a few consecutive mornings, we hosted a "Little Curiosity Church" and organised different activities for children and parents on four Wednesday evenings in July and August.



Café Connect kindly allowed us to use their cosy space and we met there for board games, a quiz night, crafts, a treasure hunt all around the church – and of course, some delicious food (here's a huge Thank You to the café staff and another one to everyone who helped with the cleaning up afterwards!). It was great to see kids and parents having fun together.

More regular game and quiz afternoons will be coming up – so look out for further announcements!

Dorte

THURSDAYS @ MANNOFIELD THURSDAY FLY CUP

Mannofield Church Thursday 10th October 2.00pm – 3.30pm, Cost £3.00



We are off to a Magical start with Gary Seagraves who is sure to delight you with an afternoon of magic followed by the Fly Cup, supplied by our own Café Connect.

Need transport? Call the office and leave a message with your number and we'll get back to you 01224 310087



CHURCH PLANTERS

Thank you to all who look after the Church planters. Those members, wishing to make a financial contribution to the Planter Fund are requested to place their donation in an envelope clearly marked "Planter Fund."

MANNOFIELD LUNCH CLUB

RESUMES

Thursday 19 September Balmanno Hall

Lunch served 1pm Entertainment 2-3pm Cuppa at 2.30pm Cost: £6

Need transport?
Contact: Lynn Allan

2 01224 323206

HELP WANTED

Are you newly retired and want something to do? The monthly Lunch Club requires drivers and general helpers. If interested please contact the church office 01224 310087.

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SUNDAY @ 4

Faith Journeys

29 Sept @ Cafe Connect Mannofield

27 Oct @ Cafe Connect Mannofield 24 Nov @ Cafe Connect Mannofield

26 Jan @ Craigiebuckler Church Hall

23 Feb @ Craigiebuckler Church Hall

29 Mar @ Craigiebuckler Church Hall

InSpire dates 2019/2020 2019

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October 19 September November 17 October

Mini InSpire

December 7 November for 1 December issue

Community Edition

2020

February 23 January

Mini InSpire

Easter 27 February for 22 March issue Community Edition Easter Sunday is 12 April

May 23 April

Mini InSpire

June 21 May

Congregational Register:

Baptism:

Phoebe Ella Gunnee, 18 August

New Member by Transference: Ms Fiona Craw, 21 June

Deaths:

Mr Edward Angus, 27 April Mr James Tennent, 9 June Miss Christina Robertson, 14 June Mrs Isabel Wyness, 16 June Mrs May Clark, 14 July Mr Sandy Smith, 18 July Mr Gordon Forbes, 21 July Mrs Audrey Stewart, 7 August Dr Myrtle Farquharson, 8 August Mrs Jane Wilson, 12 August

WHAT'S ON?

Don't miss out on the fun events planned.

2 NOVEMBER



Gin Tasting – A very interesting evening!

9 NOVEMBER

0000000000000 All day Craft Fair

Christmas shopping and treats for all the family

27 NOVEMBER



Floral art demonstration - Sit back and enjoy!

Look out for the details or call 07787 901560 for information

AND MORE TO COME IN 2020.....

THURSDAYS @ MANNOFIELD

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THURSDAY

COFFEE MORNING

10.00am - 11.30am Cost £2.00 In aid of Guild charities

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THURSDAY

FLY CUP

2.00pm - 3.30pm Cost £3.00 Includes entertainment, talks, slides etc.

3RD THURSDAY

LUNCH CLUB

1.00pm - 3.00pm Cost £6.00 Includes 2 course lunch, tea/coffee and musical entertainment



Come to Lunch Club or Fly Cup and get your personal Thursday card to be used on the fourth Thursday

4TH

THURSDAY

CAFÉ CONNECT

10.00am - 11.30am 50p off any tea or coffee with a scone or cake with your

THURSDAY CARD

- Keep your Thursdays free and come along for friendship...... and food
- Pick up your handy calendar from the church office, the Café or on Thursdays
- . No excuses, lifts are available if you need one.
- The first event is lunch on Thursday September 19th.

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU