



Mini InSpire



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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Message from Keith



Dear Friends

On my last day off I spent some time working on the Manse garden. Specifically I tackled some pruning of shrubs and clearing up of leaves. I was pleased with my efforts. The garden was looking good.

Well....it was for about 24 hours and then another day of wind and heavy rain meant that a whole load of new leaves had been deposited where I had been clearing up. I suppose my lesson is – better to wait till all the leaves are off before starting the big tidy.

Although some things (like the above) can wait, and indeed it is prudent or essential in some cases, we know that in other areas of life it is not sensible or appropriate to wait to act.

As we approach Advent which is in its definition a time of waiting, it can be all too easy to mistake faithful waiting for inactivity. It's not the case of waiting for God to come and clear up or sort things out. Advent and Christmas should not be mistaken as the great intervention of God who came to sort out what we couldn't do. Perhaps a better way to put it is that **God came to show us what we can and should do!**

There is much in the world that can't wait to be put right! You will know what the extensive list of world challenges might look like and I mention only a few to establish our thinking: climate change, inequality and poverty.

We are being told that time is running out if we have any chance of reversing climate change and that inequality and poverty are growing at a faster rate than ever before in our world.

So I would say that as God's people, we can't wait. We can't leave the work of addressing these challenges to other people or future generations.

The time for getting on with this work is now.

God Bless

Keith

BLESSING

Above all things, know this :

you are loved graciously, reverently and wholly; no matter who you are God loves you.

AMEN

Acknowledgement :This extract is taken from "Word of Life : Pray Now " and is used with permission. "Word of Life" publications are available from www.standrewpress.com

Poppyscotland Appeal



There will be a retiring collection on Remembrance Sunday for the Poppyscotland Appeal.

Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

THURSDAYS @ MANNOFIELD

THURSDAY FLY CUP

Mannofield Church

2.00pm - 3.30pm

Cost - £3.00

Thursday 14 November

Be amazed by Bob's owls



All the entertainment is followed by tea, coffee, cakes and lots of chat.

We look forward to seeing you.

Remember:

Call 01224 315144 to organise a lift.

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 23 November

10am - 12 noon ADMISSION FREE

Contact: Sandy 01224 311261



Sanctuary Flowers



Once again it's time for the ladies of the Flower Committee to thank all those who have contributed to this year's Flower Calendar, either by providing flowers or by giving donations.

As has been said previously, the flowers give great pleasure to churchgoers on a Sunday and are also much appreciated by those who receive them after the Service. The Calendar for 2020 will be in church from the end of November for those who wish to contribute. We are only too happy to arrange the flowers for those who don't feel confident enough to do the arranging.



Unfortunately, for various reasons, the number of those donating to the Calendar has declined over the last few years so some new contributors would be very welcome: Just add your name to the list.

Sheila Taylor

Flower Convener

CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER

Sun 3 Nov	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 6	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 10	10am	Morning Worship
		Service of Remembrance
Wed 13	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 17	10am	Morning Worship CrossReach Sunday
Wed 20	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 24	10am	Morning Worship Led by Mark Rogers
	3.15pm	Craigielea Service Led by Mannofield Guild
Wed 27	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 1 Dec	10am	Morning Worship 1st Sunday of Advent
		Sacrament of Communion

FLOWER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 3 Mrs N. Anderson
- 10 Miss F. Walker
- 17 Miss A. Farquhar
- 24 Mrs M. Milton



DECEMBER

- 1 Mrs M. Hunter

MANNOFIELD GUILD DIARY

NOVEMBER

- Tues 5 From Corsets to Communism
Jennifer Robertson
- Thurs 7 Coffee Morning, 10am, Balmanno Hall
- Tues 19 Antique, vintage and modern buttons
Martha Brown
- Sat 30 St Andrews Day Coffee Morning
10am, Balmanno Hall



Congregational Register

Deaths:

- Mr J. Campbell Robertson, 30 September
- Miss Emily Barclay, 11 October
- Mr Robert Hutchinson, 13 October

MANNOFIELD LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 21 November Balmanno Hall

- Lunch served 1pm
- Entertainment 2-3pm
- Cuppa at 2.30pm Cost: £6
- All welcome
- Need transport?

Contact: Lynn Allan 0770811216



Blythswood Care Shoe Box Appeal 2019



Can you help?

All filled boxes have to be returned to the church on or before the Guild coffee morning on 7 November.

CRAFT FAIR @ MANNOFIELD

Mannofield Church
Great Western Road
Saturday 9 November
10.00am – 4.00pm

*A feast for the eye
and gifts to buy*

Come along with friends
ADMISSION FREE

Finish off the outing in our lovely café
for coffee, tea or lunch

GOOD NEWS!

We are all enjoying the new look church, now modern, spacious, buzzing with activity and wonderfully serene in the sanctuary. So many people have complimented us on our facilities



However, you will not have forgotten that the cost was £1.2 million and to help us we took a Church of Scotland loan of £100,000.

Here's the GOOD NEWS - we have almost reached the finishing line with less than £12,000 still to be raised by September 2021 at the latest.

Accordingly there are a number of fundraising events planned this year:

- Smarties tubes** - 20ps or £1 coins fit perfectly!
2 November - **Gin Tasting**
- 9 November - **Craft Fair: no ticket required**
- 27 November - **Floral Art**

For details and tickets for these events, call the office - 01224 310087

And for 2020, look out for details of another **gold and silver appeal** and a **quiz night**.

Many of you have had your own ideas providing fun as well as funds. There have been Quizzes, Safari Suppers, Garden Open Days (perhaps too late this year!), Whisky Tastings (very popular and never too late), Baking, Tablet making and many more.

All ideas are encouraged.

Please help to reach the finishing line by supporting the events above and perhaps also by organising an event yourself.

The GOOD NEWS is that we are ALMOST THERE.

InSpire by Email – Apologies to those who have added their names to the email list for the magazine but we are still resolving technical issues!!