

# Mannofield Matters



August 2023

Dear Friends, in society there has been a huge flurry of interest in 4 blockbuster movies - all released in the last few weeks - that have seen people flock to the cinemas in numbers not seen for many years. I can't recall being at the cinema 3 times in 2 weeks for a very long time.

The three films I saw were given a personal review of 10/10, 9/10 and 7/10. I will wait to see Barbie when it is released for TV viewing – but I am hearing great things about it as a fun movie with a very updated social comment on 'equality' for today's world.

The numbers attending the cinema for these movies after years of reducing footfall show what can be achieved when the product is right and the advertising clicks. Of course the public's appetite needs to be there too.

There is a lesson for Church in this. Get the product of Church right, sell how good it is and how positively its Mission output works for good in society, and mix together with the public's appetite to be involved in things that contribute something positive to individual and collective life, and who knows what becomes possible.

A recent Café Church was based on Mission Impossible; one of the blockbuster films I saw and rated highly. Ethan Hawke, as always, received a message, 'Your Mission, should you choose to accept it.....'. It may seem an 'Impossible' Mission - but is it? (No spoilers but you can guess!).

We too as the Church, and members of the Church, receive an invitation from God to be part of a Mission. Spreading the Gospel - His Mission. With hard work and Faith – it is definitely 'Mission Possible' for us – should we, or rather WHEN we accept it!

Keith

**Keep up-to-date by listening to Mannofield Musings our Church Podcast**

Search "Mannofield Church Podcasts" in Google and in the usual Podcast sites

## YOUNG CHURCH

We look forward to Young Church resuming on 27<sup>th</sup> August, and a wee change will see us model the teaching material for a higher average age group as well as our younger people. The Young People themselves were keen to stay together as a group and continue to leave church for some suitable lessons and building on the camaraderie between them.

Lesson Plans have been prepared for the volunteers leading lessons each week and we look forward to covering:

Date	Theme
27/08/23	Living Together
03/09/23	Miriam's song and dance
10/09/23	Courageous daughters of Zelophehad
17/09/23	Wisdom and Justice
24/09/23	Seeking justice
01/10/23	Faith and Forgiveness
08/10/23	Harvest
15/10/23	NO Young Church
22/10/23	House of Hope
29/10/23	Abigail to the rescue
05/11/23	Windows on the world
12/11/23	Remembrance - NO Young Church

Let us know if you know of anyone who

- has gone into hospital
- has moved into care
- would like a visit or a call from an elder

## HARVEST SUNDAY

8<sup>th</sup> October 10am

We celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving by bringing household food items such as tins, pasta, rice, cereals, and other non perishable foods and toiletries. These items will be added to the weekly Foodbank collection we give to Somebody Cares.

This service will be an All-Age service where we celebrate the goodness in life and give thanks to God for all that He makes possible for us. Mannofield Singers will be in attendance and entertain us with their musical item.



## YOUTH ORGANISATIONS RESUME

### Boys Brigade:

**Anchors** return Thursday 7th September

**Juniors** return Thursday 31st August

**Company** return Friday 1st September

Any new boys starting Primary 1 interested in joining Anchors will be made very welcome. More information is available by contacting us at [44aberdeen@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:44aberdeen@boys-brigade.org.uk) or to add your name to waiting list follow this link: <https://bit.ly/43EaYj7>



**Rainbows** return Wednesday 6th September

**Guides** return Wednesday 30th August

*Leaders look forward to welcoming back all the smiley faces!*



**Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow .**

**Albert Einstein**

## FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

**Come to the café at Mannofield Church**

**Pick up your clues, join the treasure hunt**

**Everyone welcome!**



**Finish up at Oor Wullies.**

**Buy your chips and join us back at Café Connect where the winners will be announced!**

**Sunday 27th August 2023 Arrive between 4.30-5pm**

## BLOOMING

Our planters really look beautiful!

A big **THANK YOU** to all our volunteer gardeners.

Monetary donations to the planter fund always



## R N I B

See differently



Mannofield Church is collecting used postage stamps to raise funds for the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

Please place your stamps in the box in the Welcome area.

## ABERDEEN STREET PASTORS [ASP]

Our motto - Listening. Caring. Helping.

As many will know, four Mannofield members are also working as Aberdeen Street Pastors and are part of a volunteer organisation that has been in existence in Aberdeen for over 15 years. ASP have around 100 volunteers working on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the year, typically from around 10pm to 4am the following morning, generally in teams of 6-8. In those years ASP have offered over 45,000 hours of help, and more than 10,000 people have visited our 'SafeSpace' truck, parked in Union Street, at the heart of the night-time economy. The 7-tonne truck, as the name suggests, offers a welcoming and safe place where people can come for help, a chat or some tea/coffee and sometimes to charge a mobile phone!



We enjoy helping and are on the receiving end of countless 'High Fives' and grateful thanks. It's a privilege to be part of this, extending Jesus' love to all in a practical way.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you for your support in providing flowers for decorating the church on Sundays. These bouquets are distributed each week after the services and very much appreciated by the recipients.



However, there are still four dates to be filled this year. If you would like to make a contribution as a one off or on an annual basis please make contact with the church office or myself. Your participation will be very much welcomed.

Sheila Towns, Flower Convenor

# A VERY BIG THANK YOU!!



There were 14 happy volunteers from Mannofield Church community who were able to help out at Somebody Cares on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023



An overwhelming amount of toiletries were collected and donated, for the elderly, in Woodend Hospital. There were so many donations that we were able to donate to the Cyrenians in Aberdeen. There is always the need for toiletries for the homeless.



**Hearing Dogs**  
for Deaf People

Here are all the Snuggle Mats and Puppy Ragers being boxed up and ready to send to the puppies...

Everyone had been very busy so we were able to send 14 Snuffle Mats and 20 Puppy Ragers.



## THURSDAY FOOD COLLECTION

10am-12noon

The food collection has been very well supported by our community. **THANK YOU!**

We are also part of the Co-op community partnership. Are you a member? They give us 2% of every Co-op product purchased. So far £1,477.90 raised.



Local Community Fund

## COMING SOON!!

**Sunday 5th November Community Litter Pick.**

11.30am at the Church returning 1pm for lunch.

**Monday 6th November Parenting courses for children and teenagers.**

Café Connect 7.15-9.15pm for five weeks

Parenting can be the most rewarding as well as the hardest job in the world. Join us for some top tips!



## MANNOFIELD SINGERS

Returning on Monday 4th September in the Sanctuary at 6.45pm. We will be preparing for Harvest first and continuing our gentle voice development through our pieces.

New members will always be guaranteed a warm welcome. Interested? Ask for more information at the office.

Rhonda McColgan



## MANNOFIELD CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets in the church on Thursdays from 9.30 -11.30am.

We support the hospital by making calming muffs, animal novelties, cards, baby bonding squares, draught excluders, worry 'monsters' and much, much more.

Come along and learn a new craft!!



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### MANNFIELD PARENT & TODDLER GROUP



Every Monday and Friday morning 9:30-11:00  
in Mannofield Church.

For babies/toddlers/pre-school 0-4 years and  
their carers

£1.50 per session

FREE entry for volunteers

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**



REMEMBER THE  
EASTER BUNNY HUNT?

CONGRATULATIONS  
to the winners  
Amber, Elijah & Robyn

Well done to all who took part  
and spotted the hiding  
bunnies.




## CRAFT FAIR @ MANNFIELD

Mannofield Church, Great Western Road

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
10.00am – 4.00pm

*A feast for the eye & gifts to buy*

**Come along with friends**  
**ADMISSION FREE**

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

Put the date in your diary  
**DON'T MISS IT!**



CAFÉCONNECT

Our café is open 10am-4pm Monday to Saturday  
and we look forward to welcoming you!

Please check out our Facebook page for updates  
and exciting additions to our menu as well as  
special evenings with us throughout the year.

Reserve your table now: 01224 318962



### We recycle :

Batteries, blister packs and mobile phones  
in the bins in the vestibule at the  
Mannofield Church office entrance.  
Keep them coming!



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 27th August Family Treasure Hunt
- 5th September Guild restarts (fortnightly)
- 9th September Magic of the Musicals
- 24th September LEGO Church
- 7th October Charity Christmas Card Sale
- 8th October Harvest Sunday Service
- 14th October Table Top Sale
- 4th November Christmas Craft Fair
- 5th November Litter Pick
- 6th November Parenting course starts
- 12th November Remembrance Sunday Service



FREE ENTRY

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

7th October 2023

Mannofield Church

SUPPORT CHARITIES THIS CHRISTMAS

10AM-12NOON

**Charity Christmas Card SALE**