

Dear Friends,

You will maybe know one of the key songs in the musical "The Greatest Showman".

It comes in a major moment in the story line when two protagonists are diverted somewhat off course. Desires for fame and glory and the allure of a little potential romantic attraction, supersedes the parts of life that should be most important. In this case love of family.

The song is called "Never Enough", and the repeating refrain goes like this:

*"All the shine of a thousand spotlights
All the stars we steal from the night sky
Will never be enough
Never be enough
Towers of gold are still too little
These hands could hold the world but it'll...
Never be enough
Never be enough"*



In the season of Harvest, thoughts are naturally turned to what we have in life and what we have been given. As we ponder these things it might be that we question, "what we need in life and what we want in life". It's a question of do we 'ever have enough'?

Some people in the world need a lot more than they have. This might be in terms of food, or more comfort, better health, a greater sense of peace. Without a doubt some people don't have enough.

When we consider our own experience of life, it might be that sometimes there is an argument to say that we need more of something. However most often it is not 'need' as such, but something that we 'want'.

Care needs to be taken when we review our life. We need to make sure the pull of desire and what we want doesn't make us lose sight of what we already have.

Harvest reminds us how generous God has been and how ongoing He supplies us with gifts of His generosity that make life comfortable and indeed make it wonderful.

It also makes us consider if there is more that we can do to share the good things of life with others – especially those who need something that we take for granted.

God supplies us with enough for our needs! Usually we find that 'enough.... IS ENOUGH'. What we have access to is enough to manage the challenges of life, thrive in the blessing of life, and share from that well of blessing, with others.

God Bless,



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

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

Royal Garden party

Naomi Mandel, Sandy McKenzie and Kirsty MacRae were invited to the Royal Garden Party at Holyrood House in Edinburgh on 2nd July.

We were delighted to hear that Naomi, Sandy and Kirsty were nominated to meet the King and Queen! Naomi who has been chair of the Community Council for the past nine years and has worked tirelessly on behalf of the community. Sandy was nominated for his sheer volume of work he does for the Church...we would be lost without our Sandy! Kirsty who runs Café Connect was nominated for her care and attention to her customers and going above and beyond her role looking out for the community.



Mannofield Church is very proud to have two key members attend such an exclusive event and for their dedication we thank them!

Aberdeen West Parish Grouping

Autumn gathering

Sunday 25th August
at Springfield Church

Worship 11am
Food & Activities & Entertainment 12noon - 3.30pm

All welcome!

Bring your own picnic or buy your lunch from the burger van



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Once again, our ever popular

CRAFT FAIR

@ MANNOFIELD

Mannofield Church,
 Great Western Road, Aberdeen

A feast for the eye and gifts to buy
Lots of stalls A variety of crafts

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
10.00am – 4.00pm

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

Come along with your friends

ADMISSION FREE!

Put the date in your diary

MANNOFIELD CHURCH
 Heart of the Community

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

FREE ENTRY

SUPPORT CHARITIES THIS CHRISTMAS

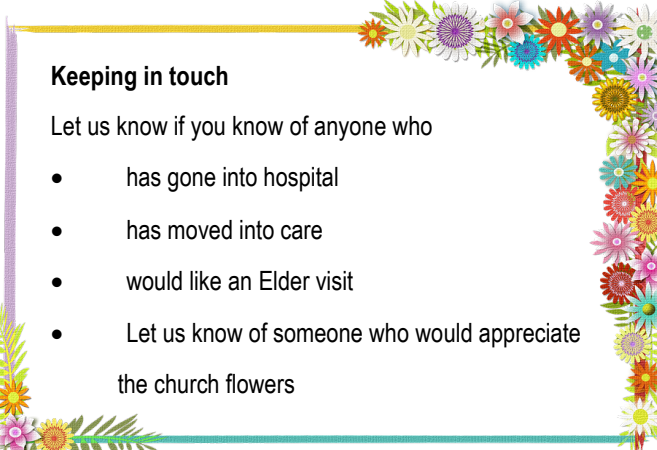
5th October 2024 **Mannofield Church** 10AM-12NOON

Charity Christmas Card SALE

Keeping in touch

Let us know if you know of anyone who

- has gone into hospital
- has moved into care
- would like an Elder visit
- Let us know of someone who would appreciate the church flowers



HARVEST SUNDAY
 29th September 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.



Midweek Service Wednesday 10.30am, Sunday Service 10am both followed by teas, coffee and chat
 Life Groups Monday 7-8pm, Wednesday 2-3.30pm and Thursday 11-12noon Prayer Group Wednesday before midweek service

44th Boys Brigade News



It's been a quiet summer for BB but the 44th Boys Brigade Company Section are just back from an exciting week long camp in Kirkwall. We travelled to Orkney with the North Scottish BB140 on the Northlink Hrossey where we got a group picture with the purser.

Staying in the 1st Kirkwall BB hall we have enjoyed a week of activities including a couple of beach trips, a BBQ, walks, a trip to Hoy to get to the Old Man of Hoy and visits to several historic sites in Orkney. We even managed to squeeze all 14 of us into the Dwarfie Stane, which is a giant hollowed out boulder on Hoy.

A new activity this trip was outdoor laser tag with Orkan Adventures. The boys loved it. Also great fun was the water gun fight outside the hall on Thursday.

Back home on Saturday with a bunch of tired but happy boys. Now looking forward to the new BB session starting in the coming weeks.

Anchors - Thursday 5th September
Juniors - Thursday 29th August
Company - Friday 30th August

There are still some places available in Anchors for new Primary 1 boys - anyone interested can join our waiting list system via the link below and we will be in touch

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Dave Tait, Captain
44th Aberdeen Boys Brigade



Three decades of devotion

Nicola Youngson has devoted decades to supporting young girls in her role within the Wednesday Mannofield Brownies unit. Nicola began with the group in her early days as a Brownie herself following on to Guides before going on to lead her childhood group.



Nicola received a long service medal from Shirley Milton the Girlguiding County President.

The amazing Brownie leader who ran her unit for the final time on 19th June 2024 is pictured below with fellow leader Janet Mitchell.



Flowers in the Sanctuary

Once again we'd like to thank all donors for money or flowers gifted for use on Sundays. As it happens there are a few blank spaces during the last half of the year, approximately five. If anyone is interested in helping with a small donation for this joyful outreach then please contact me via the office. The recipients are always delighted to be remembered by the congregation and it might be a nice way for you to remember a loved one or mark a special event in your life. Any sum is helpful as it will be added to the kitty.

If you have any time to distribute flowers after Sunday services please also let us know.

Sheila, Maureen and Alison.



Thank you to all the gardeners!

We are sure you will have noticed how lovely the front entrance of the church is looking.

A LOT of time and hard work went into achieving this landscape and its looking blooming beautiful so **THANK YOU** to all that helped





Thursday Food Collection 10am-12noon

Jenny from Somebody Cares has sent us a fulsome letter of gratitude for all your generosity. The full letter is on the noticeboard. A quote from Jenny's letter...

".....the generosity of support of the kind supporters at Mannofield Church....can be a lifeline.... We offer our heartfelt thanks and would be delighted to welcome you all to see where your donations go" Jenny Taylor

Please continue to support us with food supplies, gift cards, money.

CHARITY SHOP

346 George Street

Mon 9th - Fri 13th September

Collection at church
Sunday 8th Sept 11am-1.30pm
of good quality goods
clothing, household bric-a-brac
clearly labelled
NO BOOKS PLEASE
NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS

Rota for help on noticeboard

Mannofield Strollers

Join the Strollers for a short walk to see the garden flowers and the seasons change!

Lots of chat and a coffee afterwards.

Meet at Mannofield Church

Tuesdays 10am



Mannofield Church Guild

We look forward to welcoming back old and new faces to the Guild.

Starting 27/08/24

Every second Tuesday at 2pm

All Welcome!



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

Come and join us!

Can you lend



Volunteers needed for:

- Teas on Sunday
- Door rota for external lets
- Visit the housebound
- Keep the servery clean and tidy (monthly once a year)
- Join one of the church committees—Church family, Eco, Outreach and mission
- Young Church
- Delivery of Sunday flowers

Contact the office for more details

Our café is open 10am-4pm
Monday to Saturday



We look forward to welcoming you!

Please check out our Facebook page for updates and exciting additions to our menu.



Find us on Facebook Reserve your table now: 01224 318962

Dates for your Diary

18th Aug—Young Church resumed

25th Aug—Joint Parish Event

9th-13th Sept—Charity Shop

5th Oct—Charity Card Sale

12th Oct—Table Top Sale

2nd Nov—Craft Fair

16th Nov—Table Top Sale

30th Nov—Learig Concert

8th Dec—St Johns Carols

11th Dec—Christmas Sing-a-long

14th Dec—Orpheus Choir Concert

For more information on any of the above events please check out our noticeboard for times and bookings.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost a loved one recently:

Maragret Ross
Len Mackie
Lyna Cardno
Isobel Slessor
Audrey Milne

