

Church Focus



SPRING 2024

Maud & Savoich with New Deer, St. Kanes

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of our newly formatted church newsletter, a joint venture between Maud & Savoich and New Deer: St Kane's Churches. In the past, each congregation produced its own weekly notice sheet which traditionally acted like a weekly calendar of events pertinent to the life of the congregation. Covid restrictions brought a halt to this until last year when the concept of a notice sheet was reintroduced monthly.

At the last joint meeting of the two Kirk Sessions, the matter of improving our communication pathways was discussed and for a number of reasons it was concluded that the provision of a quarterly notice sheet or newsletter may better address our intentions, allowing us to provide you with significantly improved advance notification of services, meetings and other events pertinent to congregational life, in particular those around the Christian festivals of Christmas and Easter when our programme of events tends to be considerably busier.

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter electronically, please contact Karen Brown on karenbrown2@btconnect.com. Look out for the summer edition of our newsletter which will be available at the beginning of May 2024.

Services

Our regular All Age Morning Worship, is held at 10.30am on Sundays. We alternate the months between Maud & Savoch Church and New Deer, St. Kane's.

February

Maud & Savoch Church

March

New Deer, St. Kane's Church, or the Church Centre

Saturday 9th March, 7pm Service in Maud & Savoch Church

April

Maud & Savoch Church

Retirement of St Kane's Elders



At the service at St Kane's Church Centre on Sunday January 21st Reverend Aileen McFie presented Billy Anderson and Gordon Shepherd with certificates of service as Elders. Billy has been an Elder since 1974 and Gordon since 1976. A lifetime of service.

Café Church



Café Church is an informal style of worship for all ages set around the context of food and fellowship. If you haven't been before you might be surprised by what you find. We gather in St Kane's Church Centre on the second Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December starting with food at 6pm. This year we will feature worship and food from around the world beginning in Scotland, from where we shall (metaphorically) travel to the America's, the Far East, and a few other places along the way. Have we piqued your interest? We hope so. Our door is open and the tables set, ready to welcome one and all.

Next Café Church will be on Saturday, 10th February 2024.

Food from 6pm, Worship from approximately 6.30pm.

Holy Communion



'Come to the Lord's table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.'

We look forward to worshipping with you around the table of our Lord on Sunday, **4th February 2024** in **Maud Parish Church** at **10.30am** when the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated. All are welcome.

Lent and Easter

As has become our custom, the periods of Lent and Easter are going to be busy with ample opportunity for prayer, reflection as we remember the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus and go on to celebrate his glorious resurrection on Easter Day. There will be a weekly Lenten bible study/discussion group made available both in person and via Zoom for anyone who would like to participate. Look out for details about how to register for this on our Facebook pages or simply contact any church elder who will be able to point you in the right direction.



During Holy Week there will be an opportunity for worship every evening from 7.30pm led by members and groups within the congregation as follows:

Monday 25 th March	St Kane's Church Centre led by the Walking Group
Tuesday 26 th March	St Kane's Church (leadership to be confirmed)
Wednesday 27 th March	Maud Church led by our younger members
Maundy Thursday 28 th March	St Kane's Church Centre Agape Meal, led by the Guild
Good Friday 29 th March	Maud Church led by the Minister
Holy Saturday 30 th March	Maud Church led by Janet Dick

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On **Easter Sunday** our celebrations will begin at **7.30am at the foot of Culsh Monument in New Deer** with a short Son-rise service, followed by breakfast in Maud Church. Our main act of worship will take the form of a fun family service and will be in **St Kane's Church** beginning at **10.30am**.

We hope you will be able to join us for any or all of these events which are open to all, member and non-member alike. The Bible Study/Discussion Group is the only event for which registration will be required, details of which will be made available in due course.

Craft Group



Craft Group generally meets 10.30 am til 12 noon the first and third Monday of the month at Maud Church Hall. Come along to share skills, learn new ones, get involved in our latest project (you don't have to be good at crafting to join in) or just come for a cuppa and chat.

All are welcome. Contact Jan on 07460307416 if you are interested or would like to find out more.

Dates for this quarter:

Monday February 5th and 19th

Monday March 4th and 18th

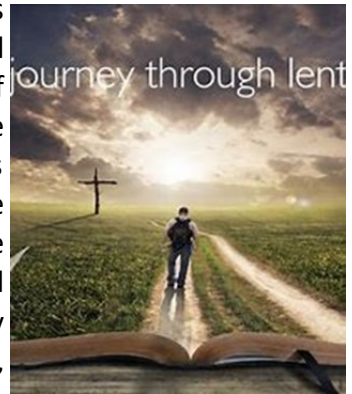
Monday April 8th and 22nd

Walking Group

Walking Group is a great way to get out and about with others and will be starting up again in spring. We are generally fair weather walkers and head out on walks of varying lengths and challenge most weeks from March to October.

Shorter walks are always taken in the afternoon, are on easy terrain and usually involve a fly cup so suit all ages and abilities. Longer walks are taken in the evening and sometimes during the day if we are heading for a bigger challenge. The full programme for March and April will be posted in March and if anyone would like to know more about Walking Group or get involved contact Jan on 0746307416 or ask to get added to the WhatsApp Chat.

Meantime we have plans for a fabulous Journey through Lent Challenge that will take us through all of the Church parishes of our Group, from Cruden Parish Church the first week of Lent and ending at St Kane's Church. Broken down into six manageable sections the journey will take us along the coastal path from Cruden Bay to Peterhead and St Fergus and then onto the old railway line and walkway to New Deer via Longside, Old Deer and Maud.



The walk is open to all and we hope that folk from all of the Churches in our Group will join us. Most walks will take place on a Saturday (subject to change dependent on the weather) with the last section from Maud to St Kane's Church taking place in the evening on Monday 25th March.

Full information on the walk will be posted separately at the beginning of February. If you want to find out more contact Jan.

Warm and Welcome Soup & Sweet



All are welcome at our twice monthly Monday soup and sweet at Maud Church Hall which runs from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm. Come along to for a warm welcome, cup of tea, chat with friends and a warming soup and sweet lunch.

There is no charge for teas or lunch but folk can make a small donation if desired.

Dates for this quarter

Monday February 12th and 26th

Monday March 11th and 25th

Monday April 15th and 29th

Buttery Morning & Preloved sale



Maud Church Hall

10.00 am til 12 noon Saturday 9th March



Come along, enjoy your fly cup with friends and you are sure to find something lovely to take home.

Boy's Brigade



1st New Deer Boy's Brigade meets Monday evenings during term time, 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm at St Kane's Church Centre

Anchor Boys P1 to P3

Junior Section P4 to P6

New members are always welcome so if you have boys who are interested in coming or would like a bit more information just get on touch with Anne Marie on 07768850894

BB Pancake Morning

9.30am til 11.30 am Saturday February 24th

St Kane's Church Centre

All welcome so come along and enjoy some yummy pancakes.

Funeral Teas

If anyone can spare some time and is willing to help out with preparations and serving of funeral teas in the Church Centre occasionally it would be greatly appreciated, Please contact Anne Milne for more information or to volunteer.

St Kane's Guild

The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.



St Kane's Guild meet at 7.00pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at St Kane's Church Centre and extend a warm invitation to folk to come along, get involved and be a part of this Scotland-wide faith movement.

February 22nd A representative from CLAN will be coming along to speak about their work in the area

March 28th Holy Week Agape Meal and service

April 25th Guild Topic "Looking After God's World"

If you would like to find out more contact Anne on 07789382721 or just come along to one of the meetings.

Poppy Appeal



Calling all knitters and crocheters!

It's sad that New Deer doesn't have a poppy display at Remembrance so Anne Milne is hoping to change that this year by asking if folk would knit or crochet poppies over the coming months to create a wonderful display for next November.

Patterns and wool can be picked up at The Mustard Seed Café. If you want to know a bit more, get involved or have the materials dropped off to you get in touch with Anne on 07789382721.



Foodie Favourites

*A Cookery Demonstration
and Tasting Evening*

**7pm
Start**



**2023/24
Thursdays
5th October
7th December
1st February
7th March**



**St Kane's
Church
Centre**



**Free Entry
All
Welcome**



**Presented by
New Deer
St Kane's
Parish Church**



Church Meetings

Joint Kirk Session - 7.30 pm Thursday 8th Feb, St Kane's Church Centre

St Kane's Congregational Board - Tuesday 27th Feb, St Kane's Church Centre

Maud and Savocho Congregational Board - 7.00 pm Thursday 14th March, Maud Church Hall

St Kane's Annual Stated Meeting - March, St Kane's Church Centre

Maud & Savocho Annual Stated Meeting – 14th April, Maud Church

St Kane's Congregational Board - Tuesday 30th April, St Kane's Church Centre

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast is held at The Mustard Seed Café, St Kane's Church Centre 8.30 am to 10.00 am, usually, on the first Saturday of each month.

Men come together to share fellowship and faith over a tasty breakfast where they have a platform to chat and on all manner of subjects. Chosen subjects have included favourite hand tools, first cars and worst school experiences to name a few.

If you would like to find out more contact Alistair on 07551406204 or just come along one Saturday morning.

Dates for this quarter:

Saturday 4th February

Saturday 3rd March

Saturday 6th April



World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March 2024 7.30 pm - St Kane's Church Centre

"I Beg You.....Bear With One Another in Love"

Ephesians 4:1 – 3



The 2024 World day of Prayer programme calls us to bear with one another in love despite all difficulties and oppression. The programme was written by a group of Christian Palestinian women in response to Ephesians Chapter 4 verses 1 to 7.

"We reflected collectively on this theme from the context of our suffering as Palestinian Christian women. We hope to inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in love in troubled times"

Preaching Award

Also, at the service at St Kane's Church Centre on Sunday January 21st, Josephine Breton was presented with a Certificate of Completion of a Preaching Training Course with the Centre for Ministry Studies.



Prayer



Time for Prayer

Come together for prayers on Wednesday evenings 7.00 pm in St Kane's Church Centre

We also have a WhatsApp Prayer group where we share prayer requests and prayer points are shared.

All are welcome to join the Prayer Groups and if you want to find out more contact Rev Aileen McFie or just come along one Wednesday evening.

A Closing Blessing

*May the blessing of God surround you
May angels and friends share our journey
May we be safeguarded, loved and cherished
May we walk on Holy ground.*

*May people of faith inspire us
May wisdom and justice empower us
May we be wise and strong and creative
May we celebrate life and hope*

*May God's image grow within us
May laughter and courage heal us
May the Gospel of life sustain us
All the days of our journey home.*

Ruth Burgess - Iona Community Blessing workshop

Presbytery News

Church of Scotland Mission Partner, Fiona Kendall will be visiting Presbytery on Monday 26th February to share with us about the work of Mediterranean Hope, a refugee project created by the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy (FCEI) that she is European and Legal Affairs advisor to.

We hear daily in the media of the horrendous plight of refugees and the risks that they take trying to get to a safer place with all too often tragic consequences. The thought of leaving our homeland, loved ones and all that we have behind to risk our lives for something unknown is unthinkable to the majority of us – yet it is happening to so many on a daily basis. When they arrive safely the journey is far from over as they face continued barriers and challenges waiting in camps for a way forwards in the hope of resettlement and a future.

During her visit there will be a number of opportunities to meet with Fiona (face to face and on line) and we are really fortunate that Fiona will be coming to spend an afternoon with us at St Kane's Church Centre to tell us more about the work of Mediterranean Hope, the work that she does and the challenges that refugees are facing.

Join us from 2.30 to 5.00 pm at St Kane's Church Centre to meet with Fiona and hear the work of Mediterranean Hope.

Afternoon tea will be served after we have heard from Fiona.

All are welcome.

A full programme for Fiona's visit which will include a live streamed session will be available at the beginning of February.

Friends of New Aberdour Church Pilgrimage and Heritage Initiative

Invite you to a Doric Service in Aberdour St Drostan's Church

Sunday February 4th at 2.00 pm

When we will pleased to welcome Mr. Gordon Hay as our guest

Walcame tae wir Doric service

Praise e Lord in oor ain tongue

Come in, come in, it's fine tae see ye,

Be ye aul, or be ye young!

Supporting Our Community

We continue to take donations of nonperishable foods for the local Foodbank and essential items for young families for Bairnecessities. These include toothpaste, baby shampoo, sponges, oil, wipes and talc, nappy bags, non-bio washing tablets and ladies' deodorant. Donations can be made at both Churches and at St Kane's Church Centre and are really appreciated by those in need.

Thank you for your donations and continued support.



Find us on Facebook - Maud and Savocho Church and New Deer St. Kane's Parish Church
Our Minister is Rev. Aileen McFie 01771 644631