



MID DEESIDE CHURCH

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

There's a new family in town !



Rev. Holly Smith & Family

LETTER FROM REV HOLLY SMITH

Hello Friends!

Do you mind if I call you friends? When I think of friendship, the story of Naomi and Ruth comes to the forefront of my mind.



Ruth, a young widow, finds herself responsible for the care of her mother-in-law, Naomi, after her husband's death. While Ruth truly loves her mother-in-law, she finds herself in a foreign culture without the right to own property and with little or no way to take care of herself, let alone Naomi. Naomi knows the burden Ruth carries, so she urges her to return home to her people; however, Ruth says to Naomi, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried." Ruth and Naomi on the surface seem far from compatible. They come from different cultures and generations, yet they find common ground in their life experiences, those they love, and their faith. The path they walk together as friends contains valleys and mountains, narrow lanes and creaky bridges, but as it curves and changes, they learn to cling to God and to one another.

Well friends, this month you welcome a new minister and family into your fold; a minister who might seem a bit different than the norm. When you commissioned your nominating committee to seek a new minister, a

thirty-six-year-old, American, mom of four probably never crossed your mind. You might be thinking to yourself, "What makes a young family leave their country and move to Scotland?"

When Matt and I started discussing moving to Scotland two years ago, we asked ourselves the same question. The simple answer lies in the desire to follow God's call in our lives, the more complicated answer lies in our desire to follow God's call while seeking a safe place for our children to learn and grow. This path has led us to many different places and people along our fifteen years of marriage. I have served as a chaplain, intern, associate minister, teacher, counselor, and minister in four States, gaining both formal and informal education along the way. Throughout this journey, I gleaned one small truth: no matter the culture or generation, people want to love and be loved. We all seek safety, security, and belonging. We all deal with heartache and continually seek joy.

For most of you, I am of a different generation and different culture, yet we are united in our common life experiences and our faith in God. Together, we continue to follow the path that God sets before us knowing that means at times a mountain will need to be climbed, or a change in direction will become apparent. The beautiful assurance comes in that we do not walk the path alone; God promises to come along as our friendship grows and matures. I find myself filled with joy as we begin.

Love,

Holly

LETTER FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

I am delighted that Mid Deeside and Holly Smith have found each other. I am excited for the adventures ahead and looking forward to working with Holly as a neighbour and colleague. However, I will miss the involvement I have had with Mid Deeside over the past months. You have a wonderful community and a warm and prayerful Kirk Session. It has been a real privilege to be part of what you are doing in this place. God bless you all.



Tony Stephen, Interim Moderator

Induction Service

Printed below are details of the Induction Service of our new **Minister Rev Holly Smith**, you may or may not get this newsletter before this date but if you do please come along to support Holly and meet her and her family.



Induction Service

on

Thursday 8th August at 7.00pm
the Induction Service
of our new Minister

Rev. Holly Smith

will take place in
Mid Deeside Church
“All Welcome”

THE NEW MANSE

The Manse beside the church was sold at the end of March and the congregation have purchased a more modern home for the minister. In early August the Smith family will be the first occupants of 'The New Manse' (formerly Lochnagar) which is just beyond the Torphins village boundary on the road to Lumphanan.



PASTORAL CARE CO-ORDINATION

Your pastoral care team are a happy band of seven who are passionate about offering a helping hand and a caring ear to those in our family who are in need, as Jesus teaches us. We recognise that a lot of this already happens in our community and so we are looking ways in which we can add to this. We meet most months and have this year started sending out cards just to say hello and to celebrate occasions. We held a pastoral care service in May which we hope gave you more insight in to our aims. Our challenge is in getting to know where the support is needed so please do come forward and let us know how we can help with a listening ear or a bit of practical help. We are excited about the arrival of our new minister Holly and look forward to working with her to help deliver pastoral care in our community.

Please contact either **Karen** 📞 82711 or **Alison** 📞 82912

General Assembly 2019

JESUS SAID: Follow me! and I will make you fish for people.

And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Between the 18th -24th **May**, at the **General Assembly in Edinburgh**, more than 730 commissioners from congregations across Scotland and more than 150 people from associated partners and other organisations came together to take part in tradition, debate, and worship. I was recently fortunate to **represent the Presbytery of Kincardine and Deeside as a Commissioner.**

The General Assembly is a significant event in the life of the Church since it provides platforms for Commissioners to examine the work and laws of the Church and make decisions that affect the future of the Church.

For me it started on the **Friday evening** with an **“Introduction”** to the assembly and the procedures and protocol involved. Ironically enough twenty years ago the Assembly Buildings was where the first Scottish Parliament met and resided for the next five years whilst the new Scottish Parliament building at Holyrood was built. The original “benches” were replaced with new soft chairs, but the spacing between the rows was so close that when you stand at six foot two inches your knees either go left or right along the back of the chair in front or rest on the shoulders of whoever is sitting in front. The Business Convener encouraged us all to circulate around the hall during the days of debate, “to allow us to make new friends”, for me it was in search of legroom. I can assure you that I didn't sit in the same seat twice and I did eventually find a seat with room **on the last day.**



Spot the Commissioner?

The opening ceremony on the **Saturday** was steeped in tradition and worship and was a precursor of what was to follow. Her majesty the Queen appointed the **Duke of Buccleuch (her cousin) as Lord High Commissioner**, who attended opening worship each day and often stayed into the debates.

The interesting thing is that when I attended the doctor's surgery lately and

sat browsing the literature, as you do, I think in this instance it was “Scottish Field”, I discovered that the Duke of Buccleuch owns 240,000 acres of land spread across four estates, is one of Europe's largest private landowners and is in fact the UK's largest private Landowner, 6th in line behind the RSPB, Crown Estate, Ministry of Defense, National Trust & National Trust of Scotland and the Forestry Commission.

The pomp and pageantry of the opening ceremony and the debates in the afternoon surprisingly quickly brought the Saturday to a close. **Sunday** saw Sharon and I attend the worship at **St Giles** sharing worship with the newly appointed **Moderator, Rev Colin Sinclair**. There is a good profile on the Moderator in the May edition of Life and Work.



The daily arrival of Duke of Buccleuch



*The Moderator of the Church of Scotland,
Rev Colin Sinclair*

I suppose that shaking his hand as we left Church must be on par with a Papal Blessing. Sunday afternoon saw us down in **Princes Street Gardens** at the “**Heart and Soul**” **Event**, which culminated in worship with over 500 attending open-air praise.

Monday dawned and it was back to business with full presentations of reports, debates, motions, counter motions and acceptance of deliverances, often very heated. This was to be the procedure for the rest of the week and it was on occasion very intense since several of the reports were aimed at changing the future direction of the Church.

I would suggest that 2019 has seen the **greatest “step change” in Church Law since 1938**. Three reports, which between them have the potential to reshape the Church of Scotland at all levels forever. This is the “**Radical Action Plan**”,

the “Well Equipped Spaces in the Right Place” and the “Special Commission on Structural Reform”.

Much has already been in print in Life and Work, but as a brief summary, those actions directly affecting Mid Deeside Church can be summarised as follows, (a direct quote from Life and Work).

Report No 7 Council of Assembly 2019 (Radical Action Plan)

- The establishment of a Growth Fund of £20-£25 million for the period 2020 -2026
- 100 new worshipping communities to be established
- Focus on engaging with people under 40
- Cost of central administration to be cut by 30% with four councils merged into two
- The establishment of a total of around 12 regional presbyteries by 2024, down from 43
- The establishment of networks, hubs and other forms of local church
- A review of the size and responsibilities of Kirk sessions, to be focused on “leadership and strategic decision-making”
- Decision making and resources to be devolved from the central administration (121) to regional and local levels
- No congregation to pay more to the centre after next year until new arrangements are agreed
- Land and Buildings plan to focus on “Well Equipped spaces in the right places”. Money from the sale of redundant buildings to be shared between congregations
- Improved training and support for all ministry and leadership roles
- General Assembly to be made smaller
- Encouragement of a season of prayer and preparation across the church from September to December 2019

In essence the plans developed through these reports will result in devolving decision making away from the centralised Church of Scotland (121 George Street) to reorganised Presbyteries and local Churches. The purpose being to better equip local churches for mission as it applies to them, effectively giving more control and responsibility to the Church and its congregation.

So you can see this was no jolly with a total of **32 reports** and **280 deliverances** received, however, as a “**newbie**” commissioner I was invited by the **Lord High Commissioner** to “**Beating the Retreat**” and reception at **HolyRood Palace**, it made a pleasant break from proceedings.

And so on the **Friday afternoon** another **General Assembly** came to a **close**, an experience I enjoyed immensely and for continuity purposes would welcome the opportunity to attend again. It started with pomp and pageantry and so it closed with the same, the well received “**clapping out**” ceremony.

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Colin Guy



Beating the Retreat at Holyrood Palace



“Clapping Out” Ceremony.

Between the Pages

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mum, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in his voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"



MUSIC IN OUR CHURCH

The **PRAISE BAND** like nothing better than the challenge of rehearsing a new hymn with off beat timing, key changes and repeating choruses, so beloved of modern composers. These can literally take months of practice to arrange and perfect before we're ready to present them to congregation. It came as something of a pleasant surprise when, about 6 months ago, a few members of the choir asked if we could accompany them to "I Am Weak but Thou Art Strong" (also known as 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'). Despite the fact that this traditional African-American spiritual has been sung since the late 19th century, it was relatively new to Mid Deeside. The simple melody and song structure made rehearsing very straightforward and Praise Band were performance ready in just two weeks. Since it's first recording in 1941 over 100 artists have recorded 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee', so perhaps Praise Band can make it 101.



Mike Whyatt, Praise Band guitarist

The **SINGING GROUP** have enjoyed a busy and productive time recently. We have been learning new hymns and tunes within the Church setting whilst also rehearsing for what has surely become one of the highlights in our calendar – that of performing a rendition of mainly Scottish tunes and songs for the MDC “**Holiday @ Home**” which takes place in the latter part of July. Aside from guest appearances such as the above, much of the rest of our time is spent in serious study of new pieces of music which we then perform at regular intervals during the Church year. Our practise sessions run on a THURSDAY evening when the dulcet tones of Mid Deeside Church Choir can clearly be heard emanating from the sanctuary between the hours of 6.30 pm and 7.45 pm. Any new members would be given the warmest of welcomes and there is always a thread of bonhomie coursing through our rehearsal sessions. We look forward with mounting anticipation and optimism to the arrival of our new Minister, Reverend Holly Smith, and to the opportunities this will afford us to increase our knowledge and repertoire of hymns and music.



Finally, when the yellow's on the broom and we bid fareweel tae summer, the choir will be found in the sanctuary, under the tireless leadership and watchful eye of Isobel, practising in earnest for the forthcoming Christmas season! It's always our greatest pleasure as a choir, to help in the leading of the singing on a weekly basis during the Sunday morning Church services here at Mid Deeside.

Julie Cornally.

MUSIC IN OUR CHURCH

I would like to thank all the musicians in both the praise band and the choir for their dedication and hard work in leading the praise in our church services. The praise band are now having a break for the summer and the choir will also have a break once they have entertained at 'holiday at home'.

We are all excited and looking forward to working with our new minister Holly when we begin rehearsals again on week commencing 19th August.

Isobel 📞 83763

CHURCH ORGAN RESTORATION FUND

Many thanks to all who supported our fundraising musical event on **Saturday, 15th June**.

It was a wonderful evening of very varied music, and we are immensely grateful to the performers who were keen to take part, and thereby help our efforts to get our organ working again.

The amount raised on the night was **£1,000**.

Many thanks also, to the **Charity Shop** volunteers, who agreed to give us **£500**, and to generous individuals for their donations.

We will continue to organise events, and research online heritage funding.

Alan Bainbridge, on behalf of the team – **Isobel Robertson, Isabel Wilson, Jayne Clarke**.



Cranite City Community Band

YOUTH MINISTRY in MID DEESIDE CHURCH



Hello! Over the past months we have been encouraged by news of our new minister and her family being called to join with us at Mid Deeside. We very much look forward to welcoming their children into our Junior church.

Our regular Sunday Junior church meetings have produced a **wall display of all the books of the bible** and show activities we have done relating to which book. Hopefully this display the children are working on will bring to life the truths they are learning from the bible and along with the monthly memory verses we are busy and active. During the next term the children will discuss which charity they would like to support over the next year and how they would go about it.

You are most welcome to come and join us at any time.

During the month of March we met with the church growth team and plans are moving forward to **employ a youth worker**. Your prayers and support for this role would be much appreciated.

Our **Easter Fun Night** was an **“eggcellent” evening!** The children fully engaged in egg painting, clay modelling, team games and our interactive story of Easter followed by cake decorating. Everyone received a yummy chocolate egg to start off their own Easter celebrations.

Mid Deeside will have a stall at this years **Torphins Gala**, so please come along and visit with us. We will have church information plus crafts for the children to do and giveaways.

Keep checking our website for upcoming events and we hope to see you soon.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the changing seasons and the opportunities each one brings. During this time of Summer we pray for a time of fun, rest and refreshment for all our children, their families, caregivers and service providers.

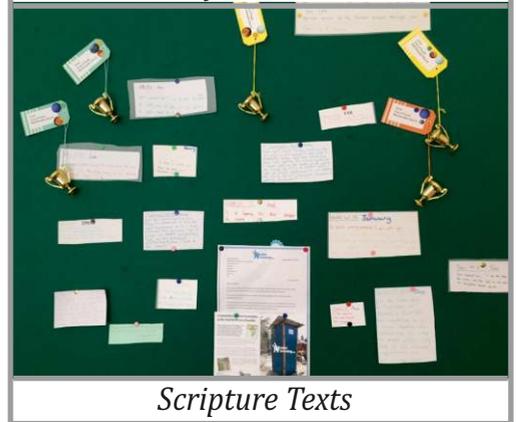
Lord protect us and guide us in your ways.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Michelle Garrett for Youth Ministry Team



Books of the Bible chart



Scripture Texts



Photographs of various Youth Church events

MID DEESIDE GUILD NEWS

The Guild Strategy for the three years 2018-2021 is “**One Journey Many Roads**”.

The Theme for the year 2019-2020 is “**Companions on the Road**”.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Lochnagar Room. Our autumn session starts on **Tuesday 10 September**, with an informal “**Tea and Chatter**”, where we renew old friendships and hopefully welcome new friends. On **Sunday 15 September** there will be a **Service of Dedication**, followed by a **Soup Lunch**, which marks the end of **Guild Week**.



At our October meeting on **8 October** we welcome **Richard Orren**, who will give a talk on “**Climate Change**”. We would welcome members of Session, the congregation, and the wider community to join us. Indeed, we welcome non-Guild members to all our meetings.

On **8 November** we will hear **Mr Bill High** give a talk on “**Malawi Fruits**”, one of our Guild Project Partners. The aim is to enable farmers in Malawi to earn their own living and bring much needed cash into their households.

Our last meeting of 2019, on **10 December** will be a belated **St Andrew's Night** celebration, with a truly Scottish feel. Wear a touch of tartan to get into the mood!

Finally, a sneaky peek into 2020.....our new minister, **Rev. Holly Smith**, will give us a talk on **14 January**. Further details for 2020 will follow in the December Newsletter.

Anyone who would like to join us, but is not sure, is welcome to come along to any of our meetings to give the Guild a try. **We are a friendly lot and will make you most welcome.**

Any queries, ask **Dorothy Keir**, the Guild Contact Person.....☎ **82179**

BANCHORY FOODBANK

Donations of **tinned and dried foodstuffs** can be brought to **Mid Deeside Church** and left in the box in the Foyer.

One of our elders will take the items over to the **Foodbank at Banchory.**



Christmas Tree Festival 2019

Planning for the 2019 Christmas Tree festival is already underway. The organising team recently met and have agreed on some exciting inclusions to the festival. The current plan is to set-up as usual on **Thursday 12th December** with viewing on **Friday 13th December** in the afternoon and **Saturday 14th December** during both the morning and afternoon. We plan to showcase local talent with entertainment on **Friday afternoon** and **Saturday afternoon** with the addition of a **Coffee Morning on Saturday**.



Everything is still in the planning stage but the team felt it appropriate to give contributors advance warning to enable them to include the "**event of the year**" within their diaries. We intend that further information will be available to contributors in early August.

As always we are looking for additional persons to help throughout the event and new and innovative contributors, plus if you have a talent you wish to showcase, consider this to be the perfect opportunity.

Further details will appear in **KIT** and the **December Newsletter** and on the **Church website** as well as **Posters**.

Colin Guy



Christmas Tree Festival 2018

WORD SEARCH :- TREES (30)

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- CHESTNUT • COTTONWOOD • CYPRESS • ELM • EUCALYPTUS • FIG •
- FIR • GIANT REDWOOD • HICKORY • JAPANESE CHERRY • MAHOGANY •
- MAPLE • OAK • OLIVE • PALM • PEACH • PLUM • QUAKING ASPEN •
- SILVER BIRCH • SPRUCE • SYCAMORE • WALNUT • WEEPING WILLOW •

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are twelve differences in the two pictures can you find them ?
To make it harder the bottom picture is a mirror image?



An A to Z of the way God asks us to behave.

A is for **ALWAYS** be honest and true
So people can **B : BELIEVE** in you.
C is for **COURAGE** to stand firm and fight,
D for **DETERMINED** to **DO** what is right.
E for **EQUALITY**: always aim
To treat the world **EQUALLY**; always the same,
Having the **FAITH** to seek God's **FACE**
And live your life by **GOD'S GOOD GRACE**.
Try to be **HAPPY**, whatever your lot
And don't be reliant on **HAVE** or **HAVE NOT**.
The next letter's selfish, of course, it is 'I';
It's hard to be selfless, but constantly try.
J is for **JUST**; Be firm, but be fair
(and throw in forgiveness to show that you care.)
K is for **KNOWING** your maker above,
LISTENING and **LEARNING** to show God's **LOVE**.
M is for **MAKING** a difference on earth,
N is for **NEVER** forgetting your worth.
O is for **OPENNESS**, honouring God;
Being prepared to stand **OUT** and look **ODD**.
P's for **PROTECTION** of those who're in need.
Q's for the **QUEST** to stamp out the world's greed.
R's for **REMEMBERING** how God **SHOWED** his love
By **SENDING** our **SAVIOUR** (His **SON**) from above.
TRY to be **THANKFUL** to God, and achieve
A real **UNDERSTANDING** of what you believe.
VERIFY all that you're taught, with God's **WORD**,
Not blindly accepting whatever you've heard.
Think of the cross, as where **X** marks the spot
(For **YOU** are God's treasure: Believe it or not!)
Z's the last letter, but God has no end
So **ZEALOUSLY** make Him your Saviour and friend

MUSIC BOX

The last session of **Music Box** before the summer break took the form of a **Teddy Bears Picnic** in the park at **Lumphanan**. As you can see in the photo below the weather was sunny and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Music Box will restart again on the **26th August**.

Music Box is a music group for pre-school children with parents/carers and meets during term time in **MDC Hall Lumphanan** on **Mondays** from **10.15am** for singing followed by snack and playtime/coffee and chat time.

For more info contact:- **Jayne Clarke** ☎ 82560,

Gill Howe ☎ 89056 or **Pam Auckland** ☎ 82722



PHOTO GALLERY



Easter Sunrise Service on Pitmurchie Hill - 28/04/19



Rev Holly Smith preaching as sole nominee - 12/05/19



Praise Band & Choir - Easter Service

TRAIDCRAFT

Have you bought anything from the Traidcraft stall recently?
What did you buy? Were you happy with your purchase?
Would you have liked to buy something else?



Perhaps a different start to our usual newsletter entry, but we are thinking about how we can best serve the MDC congregation and wider community with our Traidcraft stall and support some of the poorest Fairtrade producers that Traidcraft work with globally. In the near future we will produce a short questionnaire and we would like to ask your help, whether you are a regular, occasional or hardly ever customer.

Recently we've been finding that products that have sold well in the past are not selling as well. So, while it's great that we have been able to offer short dated bargains, it's not a situation that we'd like to continue. We want to stock products that our customers would like to buy and we're trying to explore different ways of matching up the products that we stock with the products our customers would most like to buy. There have been changes to the Traidcraft product ranges and maybe the coffee is not as aromatic, the raisins not as juicy or the washing up liquid not as bubbly. Any and all feedback helps!

Please look out for our questionnaire in the near future and give us your thoughts and opinions on the Traidcraft products, what we stock, how it's made available and what you would most like to see from our stall.

Ann McGregor ☎ **82097** on behalf of the Traidcraft Team.



BANNER GROUP



The Banner making Group have stopped for a summer break as various people will be away. We restart again on Monday 2nd September at 2pm. Do YOU enjoy sewing - then why not join us ! "All very welcome" Sheila ☎ 82593 for info.

A visiting lady Minister was most impressed with the many banners we had around the Church and thought it would be something her church could try - It's always nice when other people notice and compliment the work done by the Banner Group!

WIDEN YOUR CHURCH HORIZONS

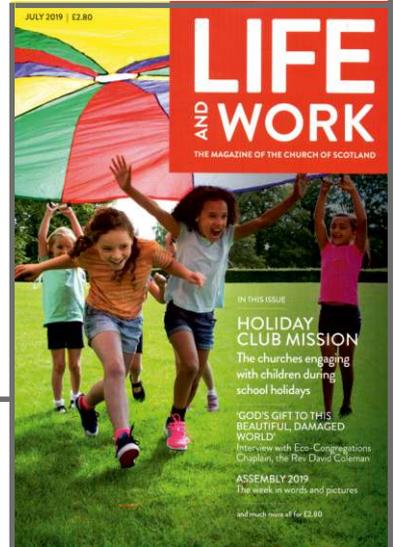
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WORD FOR TODAY

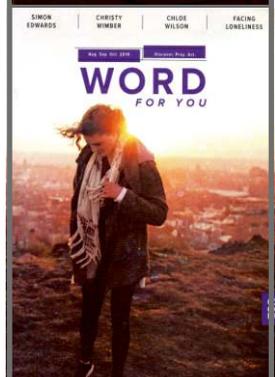
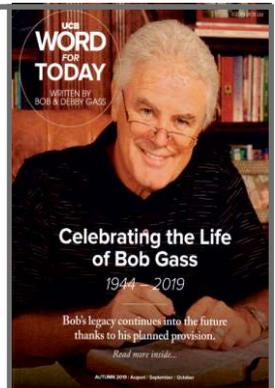
The latest editions of the “Word For Today” and “Word For You” magazines are now available.

If you enjoy 2 or 3 minutes of contemplative thought at the start of each day, then the “Word for Today” booklet (published quarterly, and pictured on the right) is recommended to you.

In this booklet is written, against each calendar date, about 250 words about everyday things we can all experience and gives encouraging words for every day. **Give it a try - pick up a copy!**

On the right is the **YOUTH** version “Word For You”, written with the next generation in mind.

Copies are available in the Church vestibule, if you would like one, or both, just help yourself and leave a donation in the box provided !



CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

As was agreed earlier all proceeds of fund raising this year (unless specifically for church funds) would be sent to **Christian Aid**.

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aid

I have received a letter of thanks from Christian Aid for the **£362** collected during **Christian Aid Week** many thanks to all who donated so generously.

Our Treasurer also sent a cheque for **£2,108.60** recently to Christian Aid to help those people who have been affected by **Cyclone Idai** in **Mozambique, Malawi & Zimbabwe** - the proceeds of all fund-raising in the first half of the year - This amount was raised from the following activities:-

£75.00 **Donation from the Guild**

£60.00 **Other Donations**

£519.63 **Retiring Offerings at Morning Services on 24/31 March & 7/14 April**

£260.00 **Proceeds from a Soup Lunch on 14 April**

£135.00 **Thursday Soup Lunch on 28th April**

£968.97 **Fete on 25 May**

£2018.60 this is in addition to the **£362** mentioned earlier.

Jebbeh, the face of **Christian Aid** in the **Sierra Leone** appeal has safely given birth to a son and both are well (you may remember that her sister died walking to her "nearest" clinic).

I also have an appeal from **Christian Aid** for a woman in **India**. **Kashuri** was born into India's Dalit community. She's faced prejudice all her life: no rights no security, no voice. She survived because **Selvi**, from a different class had faith in her and gave her a home to bring up her son. **Selvi** explains "**I want to break any form of slavery and exploitation of Women whether it is due to caste, class or gender**".

Perhaps we can help at Harvest Thanks Giving.

Someone, somewhere always needs our help

Sheila Blair ☎ **82593**

**Why not check out Mid Deeside Church's
Website**

www.middeesidechurch.org.uk

**for up to date news, and see this
newsletter in glorious colour!**

HOLIDAY @ HOME

By the time you read this newsletter the popular **Holiday @ Home week** at **M.D.C.** will have taken place (**July 22nd to 26th inclusive**).

36 people signed up to attend and there were 17 'Happy Helpers' plus all the people who entertained us during the week. For your information the programme for the week was:-

Monday 22nd	• Welcome	• Doric Video 'Meet Yir Ancestors'
	• Chair Exercises	• Entertainment by 'The Lodgers'
Tuesday 23rd	• Movie Photo Quiz	• Chair Exercises
	• Entertainment from the Finzean Ukelele Band	
Wednesday 24th	• Horse Racing (Ladies Day)	• Chair Exercises
	• Entertainment - Bothy Baladeer Hector Riddell	
Thursday 25th	• Playing Card Bingo	• Chair Exercises
	• Entertainment - Doric Sketch - 'Bert & Beldie'	
Friday 26th	• Beetle Drive	
	• Entertainment - Sing-a-long with MDC Choir	

Teas were served around 3.30pm each day with Strawberries & Ice Cream on the Friday

No doubt we will have pictures in the next newsletter, if you can't wait till then why not have a look on the website !

Anne Hilton 📞 82130

Barrels of Water



A Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar.

And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar.

He had them do this four times.

"Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand with great enthusiasm. "To make the gravy."

The Bread of Life

Opening Hours: Wed & Fri 10am - 3pm Sat 10am - 1pm

The **Bread of Life** celebrated it's **5th Anniversary 4th June 2019**. The Shop opened extended hours Saturday 1st June and invited customers to have tea/coffee and cake to help celebrate! The event was enjoyed by all who attended!

The latest Grants have been distributed after approval by the Kirk Session. They amounted to **£9658**. This now brings the total amount distributed to well over **£70,000!!**

Closing date for **Grant Applications** for the next disbursement of funds is **31st October 2019** so if you know of any good cause or group **within the Mid Deeside Church parish boundary** do encourage them to apply. Grant Application forms can be downloaded from the Mid Deeside Church website or can be picked up from the Shop.

The lease for the Shop has been extended for another 5 years so the work for the volunteers continues. If you would like to volunteer please ask for an application form and return it to the Shop. We do our best to find a suitable role for everybody. You will be given a full induction and will be made very welcome!

Again we would take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, customers and everybody who donates goods to the Bread of Life. It is very much appreciated.

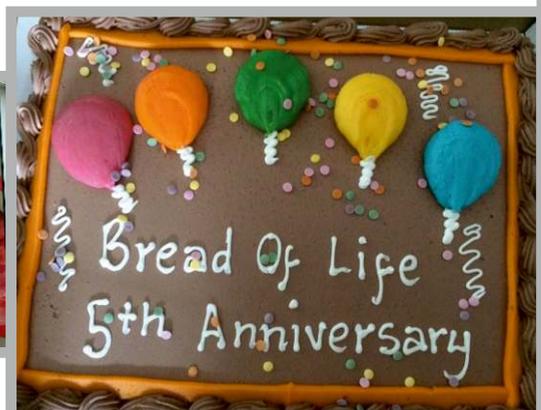
Best wishes to all.

Joan Donald

For the Management Team



Open Day - 5 Years ago



CHIMWEMWE MU'BEREKI (Joyful Motherhood) MALAWI

MDC is always up for a challenge ! Since publishing the 'Pillowcase Dress' pattern instructions in the Easter (April) newsletter, I have received 30 lovely dresses, most of which have already been sent out to Malawi. Thanks go to the sewers - Mary W, Alice M, Ann B, Jean W. and Tarland friends. There are one or two dresses still on display in the sanctuary and they have been much admired! Of course, the warm woollen jumpers, hats and blankets continue to be donated and are **SO** important to the survival of infants through the cold nights in Malawi. So thanks go to knitters – Edie I, Doreen M, Marion P, Alison F, Joan B, Bunty D, Christian M, Alison, Jean G, Dorothy S, Joan D, Wilma P, Betty F, Tarland knitters, Beryl W, Margaret C, Vi B, Dawn, Liz and Lorna L. I hope I have included everyone recently donating!



On several occasions, **MDC's Bread of Life** charity shop have donated considerable quantities of good quality baby clothes and as a result our 'outreach' to Joyful Motherhood Malawi has become much bigger and of course that requires a financial input from MDC for posting goods to Malawi. So well done MDC for continuing to support these vulnerable children Isn't it amazing how much we can achieve **TOGETHER!** Thanks again and God Bless.

Anne Hilton 📞 82130

PS – I always try to include a knitted dolly or two in each parcel – I'm sure you would agree that a soft toy can be a big comfort to a small child and we have a friend in Tarland who knits lovely dollies!

PPS -- We now have a pattern for sewing shorts to send to Malawi, please contact me if you would like a copy !

MID DEESIDE NEWSLETTER

The next edition will be early December, 2019.

Letters, articles, photos etc should be sent to:-

Anne Hilton "Bon-Accord", 19 Craighour Road, Torphins AB31 4HE

📞 82130 or e-mail to Cha4DTP@aol.com

KEEPING IN TOUCH (KIT)

KIT is our MDC e-mail bulletin issued every two weeks to members and friends of the congregation to keep folk up to date with all that is happening in our church. Currently there are over 150 addresses on the e-mail circulation list, with approximately a further 20 people who do not have access to a computer receiving paper copies. This may sound a lot, but with almost 500 people on the church roll, it means there are still a large number of members who we'd still like to reach by email. If you would like to receive KIT, please email me, lesley@middeesidechurch.org.uk and I will add you to the circulation list.

I am also very happy to send you a sample copy of KIT if you would like to check out if KIT is something you would like to get on a regular basis.

KIT is sent out as a "BCC" so recipients email addresses are not shared with others on the circulation. You can opt out of receiving KIT at any time.

Lesley Stone

Communications Team Co-ordinator

GARDEN GANG NEWS

The Summer season or what passes for Summer in Scotland is upon us! So far the weather has been mixed and a bit on the cold side at times. It's the time of year when we plant out the bedding plants and keep busy with general tidying, weeding, strimming and of course, grass cutting! The Garden Gang will continue to meet weekly until early August and then take a short break.



The grounds are looking well and thanks to all those who were generous enough to offer plants from their own gardens we have a fine selection of plants and shrubs giving colour and variety.

All the tubs are starting to look really great - thanks to those who continue to support the "**adopt a tub**" scheme. The **fruit trees** which the children planted last year are doing well and **producing some fruit**.

We continue to battle the forces of nature - protecting the plants from the deer! We are learning that they are very fond of some and not of others and so how we plant and position them can make a difference!

If you would like to help us in the Garden Gang then please get in touch.

We welcome all. Enjoy the rest of the Summer!

Archie Findlay ☎ 82681

KNIT 1 PURL 1 (K1P1) enters its third year.....

Since we began, K1P1 has gathered a loyal core group and attracted many visitors, both young and old. Some have been in a position to share an impressive variety of skills and some have started from scratch – literally from their first ever stitch.



We meet at six until seven on the first Wednesday of the month and absolutely everyone is welcome. Each month we make sure something new pops up. Knitting patterns and new yarns are presented or knitting books shared; projects are discussed, from a **crochet Christmas tree** to **trendy “cake” wool** and from **knitted tea cosy** to a truly **gigantic crocheted doormat**.

Problem projects are a speciality. There's always someone who can offer advice and encouragement.

We have made appearances at church fairs, sales and events raising cash for **Malawi postage**, the **organ fund** and **general church funds**.

All our materials are donated.

Perhaps the main thing, however, is the **craic, chat or banter**. Call it what you will, **K1P1** can offer this in spades! It's an open secret in fact that one member (it's alright Frank I won't tell them who it is) of **K1P1** never actually knits.....

First meeting of the new “term” **Wednesday 4th September**.

Everyone most welcome.

Isabel Wilson



M.D.C. FLOWER ROTA

To all who contribute to the flower rota thank you, it means so much to those who receive the flowers that their MDC Family are thinking of them. Please let us know if there are people who should receive flowers whether it be to celebrate an occasion or to let someone know we are thinking of them when they are having a troubling time.

Please let me know if you would like to join the flower rota, new people are always welcome, if anyone has a special date they would like to do flowers on that can easily be arranged.

Should anyone find the delivery of flowers difficult just speak to a member of the congregation who will be happy to help.

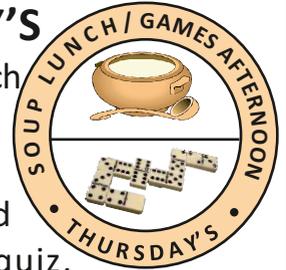
Thank you.

Maureen Mearns 📞 82192 Flower Rota Co-ordinator



SOUP LUNCH/GAMES THURSDAY'S

We started the "Soup Thursdays" when the Church Extension opened with the idea it would be an opportunity for people to meet up with friends and have a chat over a bowl of soup and a cup of tea/coffee whilst taking part in a fun quiz.



Regular customers and new faces have made this a popular date in the calendar and it is not unusual for us to cater for 40 - 50 diners.

The **Soup Lunches/Games Afternoons** are meantime having a summer break. The **Soup Lunches** but **will commence again on the 10th October** from **12 noon to 1.30 pm** and will continue on the 2nd Thursday of each month until April 2020. The **Games Afternoons** will restart on **24th October** from **2.00 - 4.00pm** and every 4th Thursday of each month thereafter also until April 2020.

Irene Bonner 📞 82481

Lesley Stone 📞 84354

Charlie/Anne Hilton 📞 82130

"WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE"



DATES AND VENUES OF SERVICES

**Services are held every Sunday in Mid Deeside Church,
St Marnan Road, Torphins at 11.00 am unless otherwise stated.**

**Children attend the first part of worship
then go out to their own activities.**

Coffee and tea are served after the service.

Sunday 11th August

**First service led by Rev Holly Smith as our new minister.
The Rev Keith Blackwood from Mannofield Church
will preach and Communion will be celebrated.**



Sunday 18th August

**Church Garden Praise
Morning Worship in the Church Grounds
Accompanied by Granite City Brass**

Sunday 15th September

The service will include the Dedication of the Guild.

Sunday 6th October

**World Communion Sunday. Harvest Thanksgiving
including Communion.**



**Sunday 10th November
Remembrance Sunday**



*Everyone is very welcome at any or all of our services.
Tea and coffee is usually served after the service so why not stay
and enjoy a few moments of fellowship, a friendly chat and a
refreshing cuppa!*

WHO'S WHO

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MID DEESIDE PARISH CHURCH



Minister (from 08/08/19)	Rev Holly Smith	☎ TBC
Session Clerk	Mrs. Pam Auckland	☎ 013398 82722
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Music Director	Mrs. Isobel Robertson	☎ 013398 83763
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Junior Church	Mrs. Michelle Garrett	☎ 013398 89186
“	Mrs. Sheila McMurtrie	☎ 013398 82022
Fairtrade Convener	Mrs. Alice McLean	☎ 013398 82232
Flower Convener	Miss Maureen Mearns	☎ 013398 82192
Life & Work Magazine	Mrs. Edna Wildgoose	☎ 013398 82266
Guild	Mrs. Dorothy Keir	☎ 013398 82179
Hall Bookings	Mrs. Pam Auckland	☎ 013398 82722
Christian Aid Coordinator	Mrs. Sheila Blair	☎ 013398 82593
Property Convener	Mr. Archie Findlay	☎ 013398 82681
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Church Team Coordinators:-

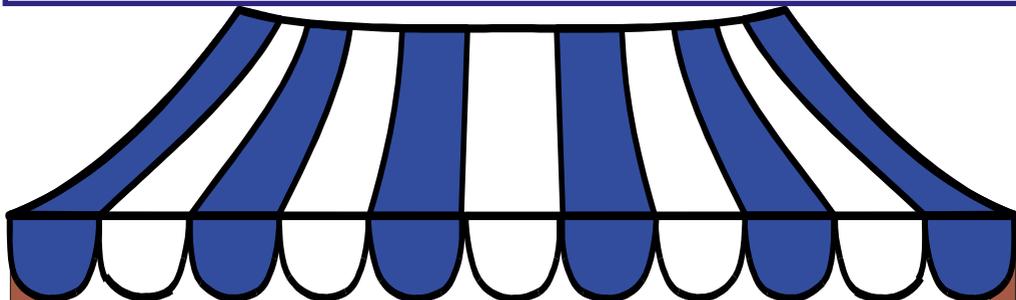
Worship Support	Mrs Sheila Blair	☎ 013398 82593
Pastoral Care	Mrs Karen Whyatt	☎ 07730341664
Communications	Mrs. Lesley Stone	☎ 013398 84354
KIT (Keep In Touch) by E-mail	Mrs. Lesley Stone	☎ 013398 84354
Facilities Team	Mr. Bob Auckland	☎ 013398 82722

General Information:-

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As at JULY 2019.

KINKER ANNUAL CHURCH SALE



MDC ANNUAL SALE IN KINCARDINE O'NEIL

This year's sale will be held on

Saturday 14 September from **2.00 to 4.00 pm**

in the **Kincardine O'Neil Village Hall** and adjacent ground.

Afternoon teas will be served in the Bowling Pavilion.

Entry: Adults 50p, children free

Teas: Adults, £3.50, children £2.00

Stalls will include: books, CDs & DVDs; bric-a-brac; small items of furniture and household tools/equipment; children's toys & games; garden plants and produce, nearly new clothes, shoes, bags, etc.

Donations for any of these stall will be most gratefully received, with the hall being open on **Friday 13th** from **7.00pm to 9.00pm** and on **Saturday morning** from **10.00am to 12.00 noon**.

If you have anything you wish us to collect, anytime between reading this newsletter and the date of the sale, please call **Lesley on 013398 84354**.

If you have any larger items of furniture you wish to donate, please contact Lesley at any time from now, and I shall try to sell them on-line before the sale.

This year the sale is being run as a **fundraiser for Christian Aid** since we are in the fortunate position of not requiring the monies raised in the sale to "balance the books".

Lesley Stone ☎ **84354 Sale Co-ordinator**