



Banchory Ternan East Church

April News letter

A note from your Minister



Welcome to the newsletter from Banchory Ternan East church (BTEC). Easter time is the traditional time of renewal in the church. For many centuries, Easter was the season in which people joined the church, so what better time to launch our newsletter focussed on keeping you connected with all that happens at BTEC. The church, though, is not just on Sunday. We offer opportunities to gather, chat, laugh, be serious and often eat throughout the whole week. Through this newsletter, you will discover what we have planned alongside significant milestones in the lives of some of our members and friends. After all it is the people who are the church, not the buildings. You can find further details on our website and Facebook pages.

Your minister,

Alan

Last month at BETC

Did you know we have dozens of teams working together to provide all the events, services and socials we provide?

Men's Group (

Stewardship Campaign

On the 10th of March the Men's Group On the 23/24 March we held our Stewardship campaign with display table a brilliant event supported by all helping to explain the different areas within our church and how you can help. It was very well received. It

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Well done to everyone involved.

Friendship Lunch

Tuesday Craft Class

t month we served lunch to 126 An informal group who meet each week to work on cards and crafts to be
 . With the hall full to the brim with in aid of Kandy.
 highlight i Next week we will be joined by Beatrice who is hoping that the group ca
 us at the next lunch on Thursday involved in creating a Banchory Tapestry.
 cou Please join us at 1pm if you are interested or would like to contribute to
 Everyone group.



Special Birthdays
 In March we had a few special birthdays in the congregation. Our Minister Alan turned 60 and Elma Ogg reached the milestone of 80. Congratulations and happy birthday to you both!

Fair Trade 90kg Rice Challenge



The rice challenge is a simple one. If we can sell 90kg of rice over the fair trade fortnight the money we raise is enough to send a Malawian rice farmers child to secondary school for a year.

Here at BTEC we have been working hard. Our members have even been buying bags of rice and donating it. We have sold an amazing 47 bags of rice.

That is a little over half of the cost of one years schooling. Well done everyone!

Stewardship

Giving joyfully for the sacrifice God gave for us.

Stewardship focuses on giving in three different areas. Time, money and talent. On the 23rd and 24th of February our Stewardship Committee held an event to highlight the different areas in our church where we need your help. Every year we focus on one of these three areas. This year we focused on the money we need to build and run our church. Our main aim was to increase regular giving to support our church work. If you would like to set up a regular donation, or increase your regular giving, you will find details on our website at

www.banchoryeastchurch.com

We are still looking for help in the time and talent aspect too. The main areas where we would like your help are;

Fundraising - we are looking for a few volunteers who can join our Fundraising Planning Group. It would be a small commitment and would not involve helping at every event, just helping to plan events and highlight areas where we can raise funds. For more information contact Mike Jamieson at

mike.jamieson@btinternet.com

Sunday Drivers - a few of our members are unable to make it to church on their own, so a small team work together to give them a lift. We are currently looking for more drivers to join the team. If you would be interested and to find out if you are eligible to help please contact Lillian at the office.

banchoryeastchurchoffice@btconnect.com

Tuesday Craft Group - Our small group of ladies would love for some more people to join their group. They work on cards and other crafts which are sold at church events. The proceeds of the sales go to help the Women's Development Centre in Kandy. The group starts at 1pm every Tuesday. Please come along if you would like to be involved. You will be welcomed warmly.

World Mission - Kandy



The Women's Development Centre in Kandy is a charity we support with yearly donations. The centre was originally developed as a safe house for abused girls, but over the years has grown and developed. It was founded by the late Pearl Steven, wife of the Scots Kirk Kandy Minister, George Steven. The centre is now run by their daughter Sashi. Who dedicates her life to helping other people.

We recently received a joyful letter from one of the members at Kandy, sharing with us some great news.

Dear All,

This is to share our joy with you all. We have become grandparents! Our daughter Nayomi and Kushan her husband blessed with a baby boy. Although there was critical condition with Nayomi now everything is under control. Both baby and the mother keeping well. Thank God for His protection and care over the situation. The Lord is extremely gracious and His faithfulness never fail.

With best wishes and prayers,
Saman+Dhammi.



Did you know?

Our church's stained glass window was installed in 1971.

The theme of the window is Faith, Hope and Love. The main figure in the centre is of Christ reigning in heaven.

If you are interested you will find more details about the window on our website.

www.banchoryeastchurch.com/stainedglasswindow.html

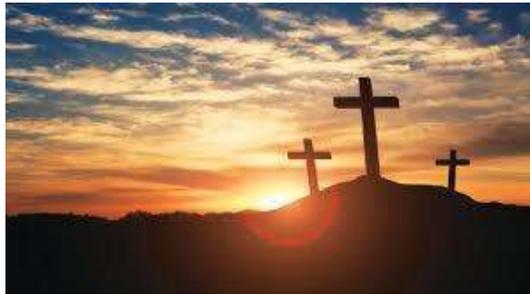
Looking ahead

Easter

29th March Maundy Service
30th March Walk with the Cross
30th March Good Friday Service
1st April Early Morning service
1st April Sunday service with coronation

April diary dates

12th Friendship Lunch, 12-1pm, cost £4
15th Pulpit swap with west Church
19th Crafty Church, 1-3pm, donations, all welcome
26th Friendship Lunch, 12-1pm, cost £4
27th Family Beetle Drive, in Main Hall, Adults £5 Children £3



And last but not least a little bit of excitement to look forward to.....



Calling all green fingers!

Look at the beauty in the world around us.
Over the next few weeks we are going to share a
ray of sunshine in a bid to raise funds and have
our church glowing with the beauty of God's
creation.

Watch this space!

We would like to thank you for taking the time to read our first newsletter. We hope that you enjoyed it and would welcome any feedback or ideas you may have for the future.

Your BTEC Newsletter Team

