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AUTUMN EDITION 2016



Our Church Liverpool Trip, organised by Bill Cuthbertson, far left

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Dear Friends,

Here's a conundrum for you. How many t's in Temptation? Well how many? It sounds a little like something from the Fringe best 'oneline' competition. It isn't. Did you see the winner of the Fringe competition in the papers? It's a neat, concise description of family relationships and loose change.

Concise, neat descriptions of relationships are prized in many walks of life aren't they and especially when it comes to church? Recently I asked you to describe concisely what you valued about our Sunday gatherings. We made a patchwork quilt of 103 comments from which a picture of a friendly network of relationships with each other, Community and God emerged. The core of what church means to you built from what happens week by week within the groups of the church. As we move from our drizzly Summer to our drizzly Autumn, groups start up again and this year the familiar layout of gatherings is to be extended to embrace and enlarge our pattern of friendship.

With our weekly attendance at Kids kirk reaching a three year high in August this year, Michelle is planning to build on our successful Messy church Holiday club to introduce an enhanced outdoor Fusion group. It's so new that at the moment we don't have a name for it; it's working title is Fusion Adventures. Meanwhile another new start is Crafty Church on the third Thursday of each month from 2 to 4:30pm. The layout resembles Messy church but is focused on those people who remember when school desks had inkwells and The Net was what you hit your tennis ball into repeatedly.

The East church has been welcoming ministers from overseas for many years now and I've heard fond memories of time spent with Bill Stone, Laurie Wheeler and Geordie Ziegler as well as a succession of Rookies. Well, I'm pleased to tell you that this September the Rev Jane Stuart will be joining us for a year as assistant minister. Come along on 11th September and Show Jane your friendly East church welcome.

So then how many t's are in temptation? The answer I was given was the teas don't matter, it's the number of Tunnock's tea cakes you have to worry about. Food for thought?

Regards, Alan-Your 99 kg minister.

Remember details of what we have planned can be found on our new website www.banchoryeastchurch.com and our Facebook page

Friendship lunches for 2016. Resume in October on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Sunday 2nd October Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by a Thanksgiving lunch

Need a Lift?

Just call the Church Office 01330 820380 if you find it difficult to get to the church and arrangements will be made for someone to pick you up and take you home again after the service (or Church Coffees)

THE CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC 2016



The weather has not been kind us this summer but this did not prevent the planning of a revival of an old tradition but with a modern twist. All the older members of the congregation remember the fun of Sunday School picnics. This year's event was to be a picnic for the whole congregation. The afternoon of Saturday June 18th was chosen as the date and Aboyne Green the place, with Aboyne Church kindly lending us their hall for use in the event of rain.

Thankfully the rain never came and, though the day dawned cloudy, the weather during the afternoon was warm and fair.

There was good turnout of all ages and all the traditional elements (or almost all) were present. We began with a bus trip from the Church to Aboyne Green

but the rules of 2016 meant that we had all to be belted in and the lack of opening windows meant that we had to forego the traditional streamers! Once at Aboyne we set up tables, chairs and rugs and straight away the races and games began. There were gold medals galore, stickers and prizes. Even some of the least active members of the congregation were persuaded to take part! Then came the picnic with a magnificent spread of sandwiches and cakes laid on and a reviving cup of tea or coffee for the adults.



Tired and happy we all climbed into the bus for the return journey. Everyone agreed that the afternoon had been a huge success and plans are already in progress to repeat it next summer.

Grant Lawrence



Guild

We are once again preparing our syllabus for the session 2016/2017. Where has the time gone? Our first meeting is on Wednesday, 5th October, when we will welcome friends old and new. Our guest speaker is our minister, Rev. Dr. Alan Murray, and communion will be celebrated to mark the start of our new session.

We have a varied syllabus, with some fun nights, and we will also hear about different topics, such as support for adults and young people with learning disabilities, an update on life in Nepal, and the wider work of world mission, etc. The project we are supporting this year is “Let’s Stick Together” – a Care for the Family, which aims to promote strong family relationships and help new parents, who are often isolated from extended family and support.

We will also be celebrating the Guild’s 130th Birthday this year in November, which is a wonderful achievement.

Our theme this year is Go In Joy - Jesus first, Others next, Yourself last. We would like to invite you to come along and share in the Joy and Fellowship of our Guild.

The Guild syllabus will be on display in various places, so if you wish to come along to any of our meetings, you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Lord, give us joyful hearts, a spirit that is bright, let us look at everything, through your amazing light.

Ray Thomson/Pat Thain

Joint Conveners.

LOOKING FOR A REFRESHING BUNCH OF CHRISTIANS WHO CARE?



WE'RE THE REAL THING.

My Visit to the General Assembly 2016

This was my first visit to the G.A. & was looking forward it, somewhat with trepidation & and not sure what to expect.

On the Friday evening, prior to the Opening of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the first time commissioners had an informal meeting in the assembly rooms to take us through some of the proceedings how to work the key cards (if you wanted to ask a question) and the attendance/voting card. We also had a short tour of the building. It was here that you met old friends and made some new

The next day, those present at the Official Opening of the Assembly were past Moderators, Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister, Lord Hope of Craighead, who represented the Queen. There were also representatives from the Church of Scotland from all over the World.

After worship, the retiring moderator Rt. Rev. Dr. Angus Morrison, proceeded with the induction of the new moderator, Rev DR Russell Barr, minister of Crammond Church, and his theme for the year is 'People of the Way'

There was then a succession of formal speeches, one which was from Her Majesty, the Queen, which was read by Lord Hope.

Then it was down to business, the Church of Scotland General Assembly voted to approve the overture which extends the provision agreed last year for ministers in civil partnership. The Church still holds to the traditional understanding of marriage, but that Kirk Sessions, when calling a minister, may decide that they are open to someone in a formalised same-sex relationship.

The Mission and Discipleship Council are going to produce resources for congregations on transgender issues, 'in order to better facilitate pastoral care to and inclusion of transgender and non-confirming people at a local level'.

The Council of Assembly are going to concentrate in a number of roadshow, engaging the widest possible range of Presbyteries and congregations in discussions about the future of the Church, its ministry and its discipleship.

There were long discussions on Climate change and I was pleased to hear that the Youth Assembly are also tackling this issue. Every one of us has to play a bigger part in climate change.

A lengthy discussion also took place on Corporal Punishment and some of the debates were decided on a 'closed vote'

We had a very interesting talk from The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, on the Columba Declaration, where the Churches of England and Scotland, formally acknowledges a common faith between the two churches and recognising each others ministries.

There were many other reports of great interest, including the Guild, Youth Assembly, Safeguarding and General trustees.

Three of the highlights of the week that was enjoyed by the majority of people present were the 'Heart and Soul' event in Princes Street gardens on the Sunday

afternoon, the Guild's 'Big Sing' on Tuesday night (hoping to make this an Annual event) and the Civic Reception at Holyrood Palace on the Thursday evening.

I really enjoyed my week at the Assembly, though got a bit annoyed at some of the discussions that took place. (a few commissioners did like to 'hog' the microphones) I have made a lot of new friends and caught up with old friends. I thank my own church and the Presbytery for allowing me to attend the Assembly.

Margaret Thom

CHRISTIAN AID

Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves and not just the ones next door at the end of the street. That was the message of this year's Christian Aid week held from the 15th to 21st May and as in previous years the Banchory Churches Christian Aid Group were able to arrange fundraising events. The generosity of everyone who contributed books, plants and baking for the coffee morning event on Friday 20th; the assistance of the Friday Coffees Team; the efforts of the Brownies with the High Street of Coins on the Saturday, all helped in raising over £600. Many thanks to everyone and also to the Banchory River Festival Committee for their generosity in donating the sum of £400 from the proceeds of the much enjoyed Family Ceilidh held on the 11th June. Thanks again to those who helped with that event.

The amount will increase further after we finalize the Christian Aid Envelopes return. Some of the money is going to help flood proof homes in Bangladesh as well as assisting families there to help themselves by providing livestock such as goats, seeds and wormeries (they turn food and animal waste into organic fertilizer for bigger and healthier crops). The Christmas Appeal this year will be to help those people fleeing violence.

In the near future we are hopeful of arranging a two day collection at Morrisons but we do need new members to join our group. If you are able to help in any way then please contact George Montgomery (01330 825625)

George Montgomery

MENS GROUP

The Men's Group will have their first meeting of the season on Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm in the main hall. Our meetings are twice monthly on the 2nd

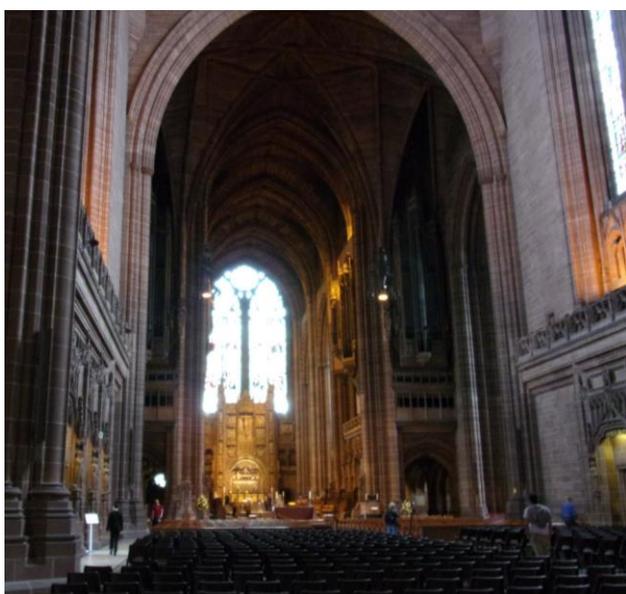
and 4th Wednesdays other than in December and a summer recess. We do need new members as our numbers are dwindling so if you have a free evening you will not only enjoy a talk from various speakers but also some great fellowship with a cup of tea.

If interested then please contact George Montgomery (01330 825625) for further details. *George Montgomery*

The church was badly in need of a coat of paint. So the pastor decided he'd do the job himself. But all he had was one bucket of paint. So he got a bunch of buckets and some water, and he thinned the paint enough to cover the entire church. Then he spent all day painting. That night it rained—very hard—and washed all the paint off. The pastor was quite discouraged and asked God, 'Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?'

To which God thundered his reply, 'Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!'

LIVERPOOL TRIP.



Here is a selection of comments on the Banchory Ternan East Church Weekend in Liverpool, which was organised by Bill Cuthbertson, Elder.

Liverpool quite beautiful in parts with leafy avenues and parks. Quite a surprise in such a major city to view so many trees and green spaces – this was a delight! A Religious, Cultural and Fun Expedition into North West England by a group of Fine Citizens of Banchory and most respected Ambassadors of the Church of Scotland.

The calm and beauty of the bright waters of Lake Windermere and the gentle movement of our ancient launch lapping across the lake to the

tranquil green banks surrounding Wray Castle will be a lasting memory.

Happy sailing to Wray Castle

A Summer Day in all its Glory.

Received the warmest welcome in both cathedrals”

The friendly welcome to the Metropolitan Cathedral and the air of calm and simplicity in a beautiful modern setting was very special and of particular appeal.

The sheer size, the chapels and windows of the of the Liverpool Cathedral were breath-taking and the bonus of choir practice for evensong was indescribable. An excellent group of friendly and sociable people who now know each other very well. The older members of the group were admired for their stamina and energy levels and their adventurous participation in the entire programme of surprises and delights.

Amazing Melrose, standing majestic through time and trial

" A lovely enjoyable time away, with very good companions and the weather was in our favour. We all mixed well and a good time was had by all. The visits to both the Anglican and Roman Catholic Cathedrals was awesome. The tours were very informative and relaxed as was the whole weekend away. We also enjoyed the commentary from our impromptu guide (Norma) in .Liverpool The service at the Salvation Army was more upbeat than the services we have attended with the Salvation Army before. The band was very good. The rest of the day was free time, so of course, we had to have a sail on the Mersey, then we visited the Museum of Liverpool, which illustrated the history of Liverpool through the ages.

This weekend was expertly organised and it is a huge thanks to Bill for his organising skills for making this 'Church Family' outing so enjoyable



More pictures from the Congregational Picnic and Liverpool Trip



Messy Church Holiday Club Pictures



WORDSEARCH

Can you find the hidden words? Each word ends with the letter **H**. the words may be horizontal or vertical

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ARCH; BATH; BEACH; DEPTH; DISH; EACH;
 EARTH; ENOUGH; FINISH; FRESH; HIGH; LENGTH;
 MARCH; MONTH; MYTH; PEACH; RICH; ROUGH;
 SCRATCH; SMOOTH STOMACH; TOUCH; VANISH; WASH;
 WATCH;

A Competition to design a Christmas Scene for the cover of the next edition of the Magazine. Prize for the winner.

Articles for the next edition of the magazine must be submitted by the 15th November 2016

Picture to colour Harvest Angel



OPEN YOUR EYES

The summer break is over. If you stand for a second and look around, what can you see?

I can see the beginning of the next step. The land around me changing from green. The wind ripples through the heads, now a moving ocean of gold. The combines ready and waiting. The grass from the baler, brushed off to make ready for the straw. The autumn. The colours turning. The end of the old and the beginning of a new.

To some of you that may have sounded crazy. Little idea of what I am talking about. But to the farming community, it signals more work. Sleepless nights for many farmers around the shire. Not only from work, but worry. Constant watching of the weather forecast. I become a weather guru. Calls asking for a weather check. Can you check the cows and calves please, I can't leave the baling. Are the sheep ok? Can you bring supper out to the field? I won't have time to get home. Those are words every farmer's wife hears. School runs, farm runs and food runs. Before I know it the leaves are off the trees and the heating is switched on.

The children love the harvest. The hum of the combine makes bedtimes difficult. 'Oh please Mummy can we go out and watch Daddy. Only for half an hour, I promise we will go straight to sleep when we get home.' Yeah right! The secret relief when you sneak outside and feel the dampness coming down. Hearing the hum subtly turn to a groan. I can't help my disguised little smile. It means they are nearing the end of the night. The moisture meter placed on the table with a disgruntled thud. I won't be serving up midnight top-up meals. I remind myself to appreciate the dry and remnants of straw before I halt the procession of tiny muddy foot prints. Soon that beautiful gold will be brown and sticky! The mothers don't love it quite like the children. They just look outside. Follow the hum of the machine or the dust cloud or the circling seagulls. Somewhere down there, the glimpse of green. 'Daddy!' The shouts from the back seat.

I don't live in a big new build with fresh crisp walls and creases. Instead cold stone walls and the trials of an old house. But I have miles of space and no-one living on my doorstep. We can't walk across the street to school, I have to drive them there. It takes more time. But it means I always know where they are, no waiting and worrying as they straggle home on their own. Their Dad works lots, seasonally it's like being a single parent. But he comes home every night. They can go and watch him when they come home from school. I have to check the cows and help with the lambing. It's dirty and smelly. But I love the animals, the new life. The boys appreciate life and death. See God's creatures coming into the world. Its hard work when animals start to reproduce. It's heart breaking

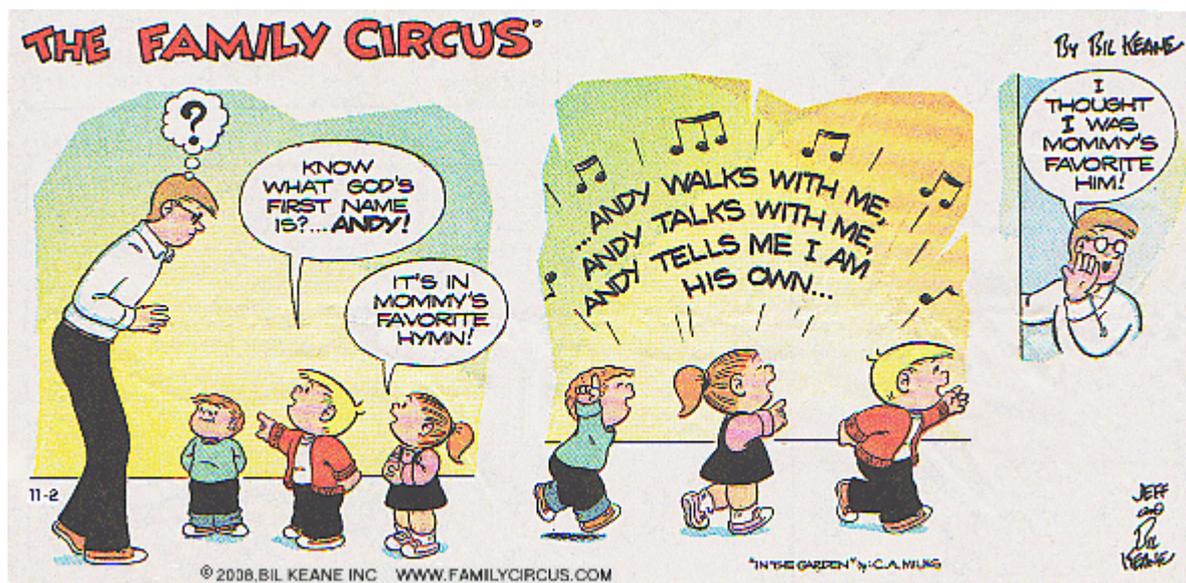
when things go wrong. But, wholeheartedly rewarding when you struggle for hours, day after day to get these little creatures to suckle. Then walk in one day and there he is, standing and suckling for himself. I get told off for my tears. Toughen up quine!

We work hard, my car is dirty and smells like silage and muck. We get home late and supper is always at a different time every night. There is no bedtime routine. They fall asleep in the car or on the floor. I just shovel them up and roll them into bed. They never die from a few late nights on a school night. Reading, homework if often done in the field or at the dinner table.

We live a different life to many. But we are blessed. God gave us this chance and this life. And I love it. Not always every day. But I wouldn't change it for the world.

Stop for a minute, open your eyes and enjoy your Autumn. Whatever it may bring you.

Sarah Reid.



When I grow up.

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

Crafty Church (A New Adventure)

Crafty Church is for all Church Members and friends and will be a monthly event taking place on the third Thursday of the month between 2.00 and 4.30 pm, with the first one commencing on the **15th of September**.

The programme will vary but will include opening prayers, devotions and reflections with, games either mental or physical and crafts with demonstration and or participation, some form of entertainment and refreshments.

A donation to cover costs at each event would be welcome and appreciated.

Charles Robertson

Here are the answers, in order, to the 'Names of Books of the Bible' Quiz that was in the previous edition of this magazine.

Amos, Mark, Luke, John, Joel, Judges, Job, Hebrews, Esther, Acts, James, Ruth, Romans, Titus,
Matthew, Genesis, Hosea, Lamentations, Revelation, Timothy, Samuel, Numbers, Malachi,
Peter, Kings.

Well done to all who submitted correct answers. *George Montgomery*

**The Bible says it
rained for 40 days and
40 nights and called it
a "disaster".**



**Here in Scotland, we
call it, "Summer".**



Baptisms

Holly Sophia McRae



Parish Funerals

Mrs Emily Stewart

Mr William Coutts

Mrs Gladys Coutts

New Members –

By Certificate of Transference, admission to membership was approved for: Mrs Mavis Payne, Hanover Court, Banchory (previously from Inverness Trinity Church.

Mr Ronald Burke and Mrs Joyce Burke, Raemoir Avenue, Banchory from Stonehaven Fetteresso Church

By Resolution of the Kirk Session, admission to membership was approved for:

Mr James Stark, Hanover Court, Banchory previously from Springbank, Glasgow

Certificate of Transference:

Mrs Maureen Brown, Forestside Drive, Banchory ,to move to Banchory Ternan West

Bellfield Care Home residents enjoyed an afternoon tea and entertainment at Glen Tanar Ballroom on 16th August. This was due to part of the proceeds of the Banchory Summer Ball (2015) donated to the Friends of Bellfield



After eating scones and cake and a cup of tea, the residents were entertained by talented local musicians. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all

A Royal day out for cutting edge Sadie and Forbes.

On July 27th Forbes Burns in his 90th year and 90 year old Sadie Hall, both from the East Church, enjoyed an afternoon tea party with others from the area who were born in the same year as The Queen. Sadie and Forbes task seemed simple enough; to help the Queen celebrate her royal birthday in style. Not only did Forbes and Sadie enjoy themselves, but Sadie, with her birthday nearest to that of the royal day, was crowned queen for the afternoon with her first royal duty a requirement to cut the birthday cake. Sadie completed her task in the necessary regal style and both she and Forbes can look back and savour a grand day out.

Church Calendar

Groups that use the Church Hall on a Regular Basis

Mondays

9.30am -11.30am Tom Toms

8pm – 9.30pm Scottish Country Dancing Beginners.

Tuesdays

9.30am – 11.30am Mother & Toddler

1pm -4pm Craft Group

7pm – 9pm The Rock

Wednesdays

1.30 -2pm. Prayer Meeting

7pm – 8pm Effective Pilates

7.30pm – 9.30pm Guild or Men’s Group (Oct – April)

Thursdays

2nd & 4th 12 noon – 1pm Friendship Lunch

2-4.30pm Crafty Church (3rd Thursday of the Month)

1.30 – 3.30pm Craft Group (contact office)

6.30pm – 8.30pm Weight Watchers

7.30pm – 9pm Choir

9pm The Vigil (John & Anne Music)

Fridays

9.30am – 10.30am Sublime Pilates

6.30pm – 8pm Fusion

Our church calendar is now online at

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JUMBLE SALE

Banchory East Church



Admission will be £2.00 for adults and children 50p.

As well as the usual stalls, teas and coffees will also be available.

Money raised will go to Church Funds.

Items for the sale will be gratefully accepted from **Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd September** between **9am – 1pm** and on **Friday evening from 6pm - 8pm**. If you need something collected please contact **Andy Thom 824134 OR John Wills 824419**. Sorry we cannot accept Electrical Goods.