



# *The Ronnecht*

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Welcome to Michelle, Our New Children's Co-ordinator and her son Toby. Farewell to Heather and Joe, our Rookies. More details inside.



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Dear all

The essentials of life used to be everything vegetable according to my mother, now it seems they are everything digital. So not to be left out, your church has been digitally evolving recently. I'm tempted to use an evolutionary analogy here by referring to the floral structure of a magnolia flower compared to an orchid, but what we've been doing is more akin to comparing numbers of neck bones in horses and humans with the number of bones in a giraffe's necks. We may all be different shapes and heights, but we've all only got seven cervical vertebrae-that's all down to our Hox genes.

The point is that for about a decade now Banchory East has had around seven digital platforms out there in the world wide web- (Who remembers when we called it the information super highway? Aah those were the days, where did the 80's go to?). I digress; platform shoes and digital platforms.

Not surprisingly, Jesus never mentions the internet or e-mail in the gospels, but remember he does remind us to be interactive and to work with people we meet for 'it is by our message everyone will know what I am like', he says.

Our online presence turns out to be part of following Jesus' way, interacting with the community around us. We have six Facebook pages (or fb pages) and one new website. These have been pruned and connected to streamline our online presence (that's the internet, not a test to see if you've been drinking too much.)

You'll find the new website at [www.banchoryeastchurch.com](http://www.banchoryeastchurch.com) and you'll discover too that we have increased the interactive nature of it while still allowing you to get the information you need. Now you can have your say on a range of aspects of church through the website. There are pages devoted to Sunday worship, prayer bible study, what we do to serve our community and participate with God in his world. You'll find a preview of what's coming up in worship over the coming month as well as a summary of what happened in the most recent service on one of our two blog pages. There's also a handy online church life calendar updated as you tell us of events.

You can also sign up to receive our new weekly newsletter direct to your smartphone, tablet or PC/Mac that will give you details of what's coming up on Sunday, events for the following weeks and reminders of what is happening in the wider church. Just enter your e-mail in the request a newsletter form in the footer of each webpage. Also, tell us what you like about this magazine through our online survey. Find out more about what happens in the East church by flicking through this magazine or exploring our new website.

Your minister,

Alan

## ***Introducing Michelle Cole, our new Children's Co-ordinator***



We are very pleased to announce that **MICHELLE COLE** has been appointed to the post vacated by Caitlin Marno and will be joining us on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Michelle is not new to Banchory Ternan East Church and was baptised here in 1982. She was educated at Banchory Academy, The Robert Gordon University, where she qualified in HNC in two subjects, and The Open University where she achieved her BA (Hons) Degree in English Literature.

Michelle has a real passion for working with children and worked with Aberdeen Vineyard for 5 years as a Sunday School Teacher and Children's Ministry Co-ordinator. She continued working with children at a House Church in Stonehaven where she taught ages 2 to 7. At present she is working part time as a nanny to 2 children aged 3 and 5 whilst their parents are at work.

Michelle has also had an interesting career record working with adults and customers in a local hotel and café, with Banchory and District Initiative at the Town Hall and even Scot Rail where she was employed on the Overnight Sleeper Service to London. Her rail experience included the care, safety and comfort of up to 50 passengers in her section of the train. Michelle has also worked with us before as a helper at Messy Church.

Our post has been offered to Michelle on a part time basis and she will work with the Church for some 60% of her time; the remainder allowing her to continue as nanny to the local family. Michelle lives close by in Torphins and will commence a short induction programme to introduce her to the areas of Church responsibility some of which will be new to her.

Michelle is a true *people person* and as such she will adapt well to our Church Family traditions and will soon become a real asset as Children's Co-ordinator.

## **Rookie Heather's Report**

Seven months in, on the adventure of being a Rookie and still loving it. The opportunity as Rookie has guided me down a long term path towards youth work as a career. I don't know if I will continue with ministry, but I am positive I will always be a mentor to youth, because it is what I love to do. Each student we come across has such a unique path that we get to be a small part of. I am thrilled to be a leader with Edge and Rock and I look forward to watching these students grow even more in my remaining 3 months here! Thank you for having me here in Banchory as part of the Joint Youth Programme. *Heather Stewart*

## Rookie Joe's Report

I had a lot of trepidation before applying for the rookie position one year ago. Obviously, my fears were exceedingly unfounded. I couldn't have imagined a better way to spend my year outside of university. It has been an incredible opportunity to work with all the amazing people involved in the joint youth project, and the support I've received from both the East and West churches has been extremely humbling! I'm very sad to see this year coming to a close so soon, it has flown by. However I'm excited about what the next year ahead holds! All I can say is thank you so much for the opportunity I have been given!

*Joe Orren*

***Remember details of what we have planned can be found on our new website [www.banchoryeastchurch.com](http://www.banchoryeastchurch.com) and on our Facebook pages.***

***Friendship lunches for 2016.*** During the summer months there will be a lunches on **June 30<sup>th</sup>**<sup>(Change of date)</sup>, **July 28<sup>th</sup>** and **August 25<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no lunch in September. All are welcome to attend. Lunch is served at 12 noon at a price of £3:50.

## *Need a Lift?*

*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 and/or Church Coffees.*

## School Smiles

A parent's letter to teacher, "Please excuse Alan for being absent from school. He has a sore stomach as he swallowed a pound coin. I'll let you know if there is any change."

For those who are more recent newcomers to Banchory Ternan East Church the following is a short history of our Partnership with the Scots Kirk in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

The Banchory Ternan East partnership started first with the Women's Development Centre in Kandy in 2005 and enlarged to include partnership with the Scots Presbyterian Kirk (Minister Rev. Saman Perera) in 2006. This was arranged through the World Mission Council and agreed by our Kirk Session.

St. Margaret's Glenrothes is also in the Partnership with the Scots Kirk and at one time there was a link with Jordanhill Parish Church Glasgow. Rev Saman has visited us through Faith Share twice in the past 10 years. Unfortunately nobody from our church has taken up access to the Faith share scheme. Two couples have visited Kandy during their own vacation over the years and have given us some insight to the situation there.

In the early days of our partnership money was sent for Media equipment for the Youth Ministry and another donation for the purchase of musical instruments. The Men's Group raised funds to purchase motor bikes for the three missionaries in outlying areas. Two of these congregations now have their own places of worship but a third one is now required in Pupurassa as the congregation has increased. They are at present building a place of worship but are having problems with interference by the Temple authorities and progress has been interrupted.

Banchory Ternan East Church has supported the missionary in this area (Pupurassa) through our Kandy fund and has undertaken to send £1.400 annually. A craft group was set up to make and sell goods in order to meet this commitment and also support Rev Saman in the purchase of a replacement car for his use in his extensive ministry throughout Sri Lanka. Their Prison Visitors Group is sent a donation annually as well.

Although the ministry of the Scots Kirk is our main beneficiary we still maintain contact with the Women's Development Centre and send them an annual donation. Generous support was given at the time of the Tsunami, another time

when they were affected by serious flooding and again following the end of the civil war when many displaced people needed help.

Two of our support Group has attended information days organised by World Mission in Aberdeen and Arbroath. The one thing most churches represented at these meetings have in common is the difficulty in regular communication between the partner churches and how it can be improved despite different ways of trying.

At Banchory Ternan East Church we include our partners in our monthly prayer diary and our weekly prayer meeting and in articles in the church magazine to keep our congregation informed.

Some progress has been made in that our partner church is now on Face Book!

The Guild, Tom Toms Group and the Friendship Lunches Group donate regularly to the Kandy Fund and there is representation from these groups on the World Mission Team.

*Johanna Bell*

## **Guild**

Our AGM was held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, when we had a very pleasant evening. After completing the business meeting, we had entertainment from “The Bel Canto Singers.”

The committee at the moment are planning the syllabus for the new session 2016/17. This will include celebrating our 130<sup>th</sup> birthday party, which is a wonderful achievement. Our theme for the new session in “Go in Joy”

Jesus First

Others next

Yourself Last

We hope we will have a joyful new session, and look forward to meeting friends old and new on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, at 7.30 pm.

*Ray Thomson/Pat Thain, Joint Conveners*

WOODLAND WALK WORDSEARCH

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OAK TREE

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WOODPECKER

*If you have time to muse, you might like to try the following puzzle found in an American church publication*

### ***Find the books of the Bible***

This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Viets mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help calm her nerves.

There will be some names that are really easy to spot - that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. The truth is, from answers we get we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help. Books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers, and punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember there are 25 books of the Bible, lurking somewhere in this paragraph.

*If you find all of the 25 Books of the Bible in this paragraph. Please let George Montgomery know. Thank you.*

### **Bible Trivia**

Q. What do you call Pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds

Q. "Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?"

A. "No just an Apple

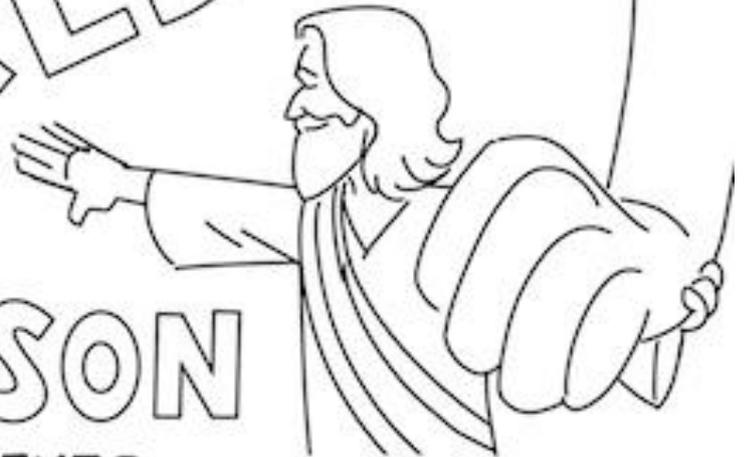
Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, possibly a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

*for* **GOD** *SO LOVED* THE **WORLD**



THAT HE  
GAVE HIS



**ONE AND ONLY SON**

THAT WHOEVER **BELIEVES**

IN **HIM** SHALL **NOT**

**PERISH**

BUT HAVE

**ETERNAL** *life.*

FOR **GOD** DID NOT SEND HIS

**SON** INTO THE **WORLD** TO

**CONDEMN** THE **WORLD**

BUT TO **SAVE** THE **WORLD**

*through* **HIM.**



- **JOHN 3:16-17**

## Thanking God for our Life

A break in the lambing has brought a little more sanity. A time to let me come here and empty my mind. The children and I have been to Church the last two weeks in a row. Being thankful for the grace of new life and the health to proceed with my busy journey. To ask for help with judgement and make prayers for a friend in need of support.

Getting to Church is important to me. That's a phrase I never thought I would say! My life has taken me to a place where I feel comfort and support. A place where I can sit for a minute, amongst my life of craziness, and just think and reflect. One service almost made me cry. I can't say why directly. A combination of a difficult few weeks and a bit of sadness at some losses in my life. The Church is a place where it is ok to feel sad. A place where it turns sadness to strength. I always leave the service feeling glad I rushed to get there.

Most days I do rush to get there. Life is busy. I have 5 children. I help with the farm. I run a mother and toddler group. I help with my poorly relatives and, of course, cook dinner and clean the house. I am not Super Mum. Some mornings I feel like closing the curtains just in case someone happens to look in the windows and mistake the chaos for thinking we have been robbed!

One thing I have learned from meeting lots of other Mothers and Fathers is that it's OK not to do everything 100% all the time. It's OK to step over the mess and take a seat with a cup of tea. It's OK to let the children have a packet of crisps not long before tea time if it means you get to maintain your sanity and get dinner cooked in peace. My boys have iPads and tablets and I let them play on them. I don't have a timer that makes me a queen at parenting by curtailing the use of digital tablets. I hand the machines to them when I am stressed and tired and busy. Is that a deadly sin?

Once I learned that lesson, I found my life easier. Time and having lots of children has taught me not to care what other people think. If little Billy has an immaculate and intricately timed bedtime routine which can't be deviated from and he sleeps right through the night, then good for you. I don't have that routine. I don't really have a routine. In our life we live by the day. If someone falls asleep on the sofa, I shovel him up and put him to bed. Oh no! That's against the rules! You know what? I don't care. It's our life, my children and I make the rules. A lesson I learned the hard way, but a very valuable one.

Our boys are happy and healthy. They are well behaved and have good manners a good proportion of the time. Rarely do they show me up in public. I parent alongside a very busy father, which means I spend a large portion of the time by myself. I think that means I am doing an OK job.

So when I sit in Church on a Sunday morning I don't ask for forgiveness for my parenting. I ask that we continue to be happy and healthy and that we get through each day successfully. I am thankful that being there in Gods house, a name I keep hearing the Church being called, I feel comfort.

I never once dreamed my life would lead us into the Church. A valuable young lady came into my life and showed me God. She let me look at him and read stories about him. She introduced me to a wonderful man, our minister; not at all like I had envisioned. Not a dictator who looked down on us as we dared not move or ask questions. I found an open door to questions and I realised that I don't have to believe it word for word what I hear and read. I can question it continually and that's OK.

You see, my life is worth being thankful for. On Sunday I will remember to thank God and continue on my journey.

Have a good one.

Sarah Reid x

## **The discussions of The CONGREGATIONAL BOARD on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 included:**

### **A. From previous meeting**

**The 2016 'Stated Annual Meeting'** was held on Sunday 13<sup>nd</sup> March.

Our records were in order at the March **annual inspection** by presbytery.

**The display boards** in the main hall have been freshened up and are now ready for the representatives of the various groups / organizations in the East church to mount their organization's notices.

### **B. Finance**

The **Income / Expenditure** Summary from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016 inclusive showed a surplus of £3,467.00 for that period.

Information concerning the **local project fund** which supports all our children and youth work has been distributed to the congregation.

### **Property**

Various invoices totalling £934.65 have been received and paid.

**We expect the following works to be completed soon:**

Ongoing church roof works.

Fitting of a Fire Alarm sensor in kitchen.

The issue of a Certificate, required for insurance purposes, confirming that all hall electrics are up to standard

All the exterior woodwork of the Manse to be painted.

### **Ongoing work**

Advice has been sought from 'CARTA' ('Committee on Church Art and Architecture') regarding the proposed church external secondary glazing works.

### **Administration**

Michelle Cole has been appointed as the new East Church Children's Co-ordinator on a part time basis.

The **Board has vacancies** for three non-elder members.

A **new East Church Website** will be launched in the next few weeks.

A **Local Church Review** (formally known as a Quinquennial visit) will be completed by presbytery in the next month or so.

The date for annual recycling sale is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### **Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 - St Ternan Room - 7.30pm (Normal Business). The full minute of this meeting is displayed on the church notice board**

Stan Thomson, Clerk to the Congregational Board - May 2016

### **Beetle Drive Address by Charles Robertson**

The following article was read out in the Church, promoting the successful Beetle Drive/Quiz night held in the Church Hall in March.-It is so good that I felt it had to be shared with everyone

"Bill Cuthbertson eloquently described the forthcoming Liverpool visit recently, including visits to the Cavern Club and the Beatles Museum, and for those who cannot go the KS has decided to bring the Beatles here for you! Yeah, Yeah, Yeah.

Yesterday all my troubles seemed so far away but then I got a call from the Rev Dr Alan Murray who said, just from me to you please please me and tell the congregation of this forthcoming event and feel free to get by with a little help from your friends if necessary.

Well I had a hard day's night but I feel fine now. Money can't buy me love it is said but for a mere £3.00 for adults and £1.00 for children we can work it out and you can get a ticket to ride to the Family Quiz and Beetle drive which will be a lot of fun. It is on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm with light refreshments.

All you gotta do to help make it a success is purchase a ticket; I will stand at the door on the way out and you can twist and shout as much as you like but I'll get you. I want to hold your hand over your purse or wallet so you can dip into it and get the entrance money out.

Thanks

Hello, Goodbye"

*Charles Robertson*

Using the age old technique of hat filtering, one person from among all those who correctly identify all the song titles above will receive free entry to the next quiz night! Give your answers to Charles Robertson, hand them into the Church Office or send them by e-mail to [banchoryeastchurchoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:banchoryeastchurchoffice@btinternet.com).



### ***Parish Funerals***

Mr Ronald Gray

Mrs Margaret Towers

Mrs Jane Webster

Mr Harry Ross

Mrs Ruth Moir

Mrs Rosalyn Gordon

Mr William Kellighan

Mr James Mitchell

Rosie Cordiner

Elizabeth Ewen

### **Burial of ashes**

Frank Fraser

### **Congregational Roll**

Rowena Brand, Highfield Avenue, has transferred from Supplementary Roll to Main Roll.

### **Certificate of Transference**

Mary and Stephen Black, Mount Street, have transferred to the West Church

## Financial News

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Plate	£3,326	£2,314
FWO Envelopes	£5,934	£6,391
Standing Orders	£15,435	£13,879

## Local Project Fund

You may remember that in the previous magazine and at church services, we have been promoting a new fund for children and youth activities. This fund has been named the 'Local Project Fund' and is designed to support all activities for the young people of Banchory Ternan East. The advantage of maintaining this separate fund is that it is exempt from the 60% assessment for Ministries & Mission that we are obliged to pass to the Church of Scotland.

Money contributed to this fund must be specifically given for use by the fund. Therefore we have made members aware that if they wish to, they can indicate that part or the whole of their contribution to the church be added to the Local Project Fund for the purposes of children and youth work including: Kids'Kirk, Fusion, Messy Church, Banchory Joint Youth Project and Children's Co-ordinator salary and expenses.

We have requested members to review their standing orders / freewill offerings and decide if they would like to allocate part of their normal contributions to the new fund. If you already give under the Gift Aid scheme or would like to start doing so, then this is possible with allocations to the fund. A number of members have already started allocating part of their existing offerings and some have increased their offerings specifically to support the fund. However, we would encourage those who have not yet replied to consider supporting the church in this way. Should you have any queries on how this operates, please contact:

Rev Alan Murray 01330 822481

Mike Jamieson (Session Clerk) 01330 822712

Helen Carberry (Treasurer) 01330 824409

*Mike Jamieson. (Session Clerk)*

## **World Mission News**

### **All for the price of a stamp.**

Did you know we collect used stamps? There is a box in the vestibule. Please place your used stamps in the box and we will send them to the World Mission Council to support the following appeal.

### **World Mission Council's Stamp Appeal**

This year the World Mission Council's Stamp Appeal will support the Church of South India's Othara Eco-Spirituality Centre.

The Church of South India (CSI) has recently opened the Othara Eco-spirituality centre near Thiruvalla in Kerala. It is a place where people can come to learn about climate change and the importance of conserving the earth God has given us.

Bishop Thomas K. Oommen, Deputy Moderator of the Church of South India reminds us that

'God created all living and non-living things to coexist in a rhythm and equilibrium, which we often call ecological balance. Ecological disasters befall us when this balance is lost.'

This year the Stamp Project will support some of their ecological innovations including the harvesting and re-use of rain water, the establishment of a biogas plant to power the kitchens and the development of a small dairy and chicken farm for native breeds.

Through retreats and conferences, CSI hopes that the knowledge people gain at the centre will inspire them to live sustainably and encourage others in their community to do likewise. They want to encourage people to appreciate and understand that 'caring for the earth is not only a calling, but a lifestyle.'

All that for the prices of a used stamp. Go on add your used stamps to the box in the vestibule.

## LET US BUILD A HOUSE UPDATE

Our partner the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) is in talks with the Nepalese government about starting to build the houses for those most in need. It is hoped that the government will sign the MOU for the shelter part of UMN's programme soon, so that building can begin. The training programme for masons is due to begin very soon. This has added benefits because it is an Income Generating Programme, providing much needed work for masons. They will be trained how to build the houses, which will be made out of locally sourced stone, sand and timber, with corrugated iron sheet roofing. So far the Church of Scotland has collected over £90,000 from congregations for this cause. ***We sent a total of £1,514, thank you for your support.*** Helen Carberry

## JOURNEY TO THE FORGOTTEN ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN - Part Two



Why is William A Cuthbertson in Mombassa in 1971? In the Spring edition of the magazine (downloadable from [www.banchoryeastchurch.com/the-ronneccht-msgszine](http://www.banchoryeastchurch.com/the-ronneccht-msgszine)) we discovered Bill entrusted with 200 tickets for BOAC flights and sent off to start up an office for BOAC in The Seychelles. Here Bill finishes his story.

Bill writes:

'I was joined in Mombasa by two colleagues who would accompany me for the rest of the trip. The Station Engineer and an Airport Duty Manager, with me as the Reservations Manager we comprised a small team of 4 BOAC personnel with our District Manager who managed the entire operation (but was already in situ.). The other two had flown from Nairobi to Mombasa in just 1 hour with a mere dozen items of baggage between them. Our next adventure was to board a ship – The British India Line "Karanja" which was running late on its voyage from Durban to Bombay and Karachi. We were to disembark at Port Victoria, Island of Mahe, Seychelles about midway between Mombasa and Bombay. We spent two sunny days on Mombasa Beach Hotel during the delay and no one complained. (BOAC in London had already calculated that this was the most

inexpensive option). The Station Engineer disappeared into the ship's engine room as soon as we embarked and was hardly seen again during the voyage! (Maybe this is what engineers do?)

After a most inappropriate dinner of roast pork and constant talk amongst this group of seasoned aviation personnel of who might experience seasickness we sailed out of the harbour and entered the swell of the Indian Ocean. The lights of Mombasa died away in our wake. The wind rose and we ploughed nobly through the waves towards our new home. Having a shower that evening was quite an experience with both sides rocking to and fro but I eventually became accustomed to the motion and fell asleep dreaming of corals and white sands.

At 06.30hrs next day we were all on deck and watched the sun slowly rise with flying fish darting through the waves in the golden light. We soon became part of the daily ritual of 20 circuits of the promenade deck before breakfast. Some of us lasted longer than others. For the next two days the only sign of life away from the ship was the flying fish. Although the shipping brochure had described whales and dolphins none were sighted. The horizon made a great circle completely enclosing us and at night the Milky Way stood out clearly through the star studded darkness.

Compared to a modern cruise vessel the "Karanja" was a most beautiful black and white steamer in the colours of British India Line. It carried about 50 Cabin Class passengers and some 300 or so steerage. The latter were not permitted on the upper decks but aired themselves in a small area of the bows of the ship. The passenger areas resembled a scene from a Somerset Maugham novel where passengers played bridge in the evenings and dressed formally for dinner. Our own group donned our BOAC uniforms in the evenings.

Three days of sun basking, eating large meals and dreaming of our destination passed and on the morning of the fourth a small shadow appeared in the golden dawn. A few birds were seen high above the ship and a shark was spotted streaking away from the bows. Being now good friends of the Commodore, who was quite fascinated by such a unique assortment of passengers, we were witnessing these sights from the ship's bridge.

The shadow grew into the great granite peaks which form Silhouette Island one of the largest of the Seychelles group. Mahe was also taking shape in the distance behind Silhouette and we filled our sights with the initial beauty of the Seychelles. We had a privileged view of the lush greenery covering the mountains of Silhouette before the island passed and became the mysterious shadow we can see today from the beach at Beau Vallon., The starboard side was bathed in warm sunshine as we viewed Mahe for the first time. We observed the cooking fires of the early morning drifting upwards through the jungle of banana and coconut palms, papayas and interwoven liana creepers. The high mountain peaks were crowned by wispy clouds and we eagerly decided which were Morne Seychellois and Les Trois Freres. A giant golf ball on a tee marked the sight of the USA Tracking Station but we were unable to spot the much talked about Seychelles Airport still in its construction phase.

A veritable armada of tiny vessels appeared to meet our ship and after customs and immigration formalities we descended a most precarious stepladder gangway into the tender below. I was clutching my 200 tickets in one hand, camera, tape recorder, typewriter and cabin bag in the other. Our District Manager was there to meet us and guided us through the final customs checks on land. The journey of adventure was over but our pioneering days were just beginning as we soon found out.

**Footnote** – the “Karanja” was built by Alexander Stephen and Sons in Glasgow in 1948. It was scrapped in Bombay in 1988.’

WILLIAM A. CUTHBERTSON

JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 1971

The following article was found in Margaret Milne's mother's autograph book. It was written by her cousin, Madge Murrison in 1920, whose father was Session Clerk at Ferryhill North Church, Aberdeen for many years.

## WHY THEY GO TO CHURCH

Some go to Church for a walk,  
Some to stare, to laugh, and talk.  
Some go there to meet a friend  
Some their idle time to spend.  
Some for general observation  
Some for private speculation.  
Some to seek or find a lover  
Some a courtship to discover.  
Some go there to use their eyes  
And newest fashion criticise.  
Some to show their own smart dress  
Some their neighbours to assess  
Some to scan a robe or bonnet  
Some to price the trimming on it  
Some to learn the latest news  
That friends at home they amuse  
Some to gossip false and true  
Safe hid within the sheltering pew  
Some go there to please the Squire  
Some his daughters to admire  
Some the Parson go to fawn  
Some to lounge and some to yawn  
Some to claim the Parish dole  
Some for bread and some for coal  
Some because it thought genteel  
Some to vaunt their pious zeal  
Some to show how sweet they sing  
Some how loud their voices ring  
Some the Preacher go to hear  
His style and voice to praise or jeer  
Some forgiveness to implore  
Some their sins to varnish o'er  
Some to sit and dose and nod  
And some to kneel and worship God

*Margaret Milne*

## WORDSEARCH

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

M	A	G	I	C	A	Q	U	A	T	I	C	W	O	A
E	S	C	H	C	P	V	H	G	J	E	L	P	C	T
D	G	Z	P	R	M	I	C	B	D	V	J	A	U	O
I	G	P	V	D	N	J	O	N	J	E	Y	N	V	M
C	R	E	L	I	C	V	S	T	R	A	G	I	C	I
I	C	M	O	J	B	J	M	U	S	I	C	C	G	C
Q	Z	I	H	E	R	O	I	C	B	A	S	I	C	G
P	C	M	P	C	P	I	C	N	I	C	Z	O	E	M
L	L	I	Y	L	V	J	N	V	T	D	I	S	C	Y
Y	I	C	F	A	B	R	I	C	O	W	N	O	R	S
R	N	S	A	S	J	I	V	B	X	N	C	N	I	T
I	I	X	T	S	G	A	R	L	I	C	R	I	T	I
C	C	G	T	I	T	O	P	I	C	L	B	C	I	C
G	E	P	I	C	U	C	O	M	I	C	Q	I	C	J
L	C	J	C	T	O	N	I	C	L	O	G	I	C	V

AQUATIC

ATOMIC

ATTIC

BASIC

CLASSIC

CLINIC

COMIC

COSMIC

CRITIC

DISC

EPIC

FABRIC

GARLIC

HEROIC

LOGIC

LYRIC

MAGIC

MEDIC

MIMIC

MUSIC

MYSTIC

PANIC

PICNIC

RELIC

SONIC

TONIC

TOPIC

TOXIC

TRAGIC

ZINC

## Act2;28

An elderly woman had just returned to her home after attending an evening service, when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of valuables, she yelled, “**STOP – ACTS 2; 38**” (*turn from your sin*). The burglar stopped immediately in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer handcuffed the man to take him away, he asked the burglar, “Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you” “Scripture?” replied the burglar, “she said she had an **AXE** and two **38’s**”

## The Least Successful Sermon

Outside it thundered mightily when the Reverend Don Hardman, a travelling evangelist, preached at the First Baptist Church in Forest, Hardin County, Ohio in July. Addressing the congregation on the theme of “God Speaks in Thunder”, he raised his eyes to the heavens, briefly discussed penance and then asked for a sign from God.

Moments later, a lightning bolt struck the steeple, blew up the sound system and set the church on fire, causing damage estimated at \$20,000. “He asked for a sign and he got it,” said a member of his flock.

## Photographs from Kandy, Sri Lanka



See more on the Scots church facebook page at [www.facebook.com/presbyterianchurchkandy](http://www.facebook.com/presbyterianchurchkandy)

# 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**

7pm – 8pm Effective Pilates

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

### **Thursdays**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 12 noon – 1pm Friendship Lunch

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 [www.banchoryeastchurch.com/calendar](http://www.banchoryeastchurch.com/calendar)

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# *River Festival Community Ceilidh*

*in aid of Christian Aid*

*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016*

*7pm - 11pm*

*In the Scout Hut*

*Music by Clachan Yell*

*Tickets Adults £12 Concessions £8*

*Family Ticket for 2 Adults and up to 2 Children £30*

*Tickets available from the Church Office, Woodend Barn and*

*Clachan Yell*

*Includes Stovies*

*BYOB*

*Tea & Coffee will be on sale*

