



MID DEESIDE CHURCH

DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



INTERIM MODERATOR'S LETTER



Hi there,

My name is Tony Stephen and I get to be the Minister at Banchory West Church, and now I also get to be your Interim Moderator during the vacancy.

It's not hard to see that this congregation and community has a great deal of talent and provides good support. There are some wonderful things happening and you will read more about that in the rest of this newsletter. Some of you may even be wondering, Do we really need a minister when things are going so well? The answer is probably a mixture of no, and yes. Any local church is only fruitful because a whole group, or team, or body of people come together and work together using their gifts (with God's help). It is never about one individual. God has called different people to have different gifts to exercise for the benefit of all, and your future minister will be only one part of that team. So keep up the good work, and be encouraged.

Your Kirk Session will continue to pray, reflect and consider together what God's vision is for the church and community in this place. Good news stories will continue to be told. The vacancy process will be useful and encouraging. As the process of preparing to call a Minister progresses we will continue to keep you up to date on Sunday mornings. Please continue to pray for us.

Meanwhile as the writer Paul prays for Jesus' followers in Ephesus, "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." (Ephesians 3:16)

Grace and peace

Tony Stephen

PART TIME LOCUM'S LETTER

Dear Friends

It's an honour to have been asked to help out during your vacancy and I am enjoying getting to know you all. You are a very welcoming congregation which is a great blessing for me as I try to work out where I can best help.



For those who perhaps do not know, I have been appointed as part time locum minister, and will be working with you for the equivalent of two days per week.

For now, I am working with the fledgling Pastoral Care team to help strengthen our response to people who are sick and hurting as well as to those among us who can no longer get to church. Along with the help of Lesley Stone, in the last couple of weeks, I've met several members in their own homes, and what a happy time I have had with them!

This week, I will take over the services in the two Nursing homes, and give thanks to John Murdoch who has taken time with me so I can make a start. Alan Bainbridge will help me with the music—thank you Alan very much!

You may have noticed a prayer notebook in the foyer. The purpose of it is so that you can write down the first names of people who you think might benefit from prayer. I have committed myself to pray for them and was delighted to see this morning quite a few names in the book! Keep them coming! Of course, I would also be delighted if other prayer warriors among us were to join me on a Sunday morning, ten minutes before the service begins.

Along with Pam and several others, we've planned the Christmas services, but what we intend to do is still a secret for now!!!

After the New Year, I will be preaching more regularly on most third and fourth Sunday's of the month.

As we approach Christmas, my hope and prayer for you is that we are all blessed as we wait joyfully for the birth of the infant Jesus

With much love

Aileen Barclay

SESSION CLERK'S VACANCY UPDATE

I am pleased to be able to report that the congregation has been granted permission from Presbytery to call a new minister on an unrestricted tenure. The Kirk Session now requires to finalise the Electoral Register which lists all those people eligible to vote during the vacancy process.

A Parish Profile needs to be prepared so that a prospective minister has information about our church and Parish and the elders must also have a discussion and vote on whether or not we will consider applications from ministers in civil partnerships and same-sex marriages.

The search for a new minister will be undertaken by a Nominating Committee elected by the congregation. It is likely to be mid-late January before we are ready to hold the election but all members are invited to consider whether they would wish to stand for election to this Committee. It is important that we have a good cross-section of our church family represented on it.

Pam Auckland ☎ 82722 *Session Clerk*

The minister was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third row leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"



MID DEESIDE GUILD NEWS

The Guild started off the session with a **Tea and Chatter** which was great as everyone was able to share their news!

This was followed by **Alicia Bandeen** giving a wonderful slide show of local pictures put to her favourite hymns.

Unfortunately the speaker from **FGM** cancelled but Charlie stepped in and gave a video presentation with Margaret's help.

Our **Guild members** took the **Morning Service on Sunday 19th November** which was based on our theme '**Love**'.

A **Soup Lunch** was served afterwards and was very well attended. Donations at the lunch made **£157.47** and this goes towards Guild Projects!.

During **Guild Week** throughout the UK lots of different events will be taking place. We as a Guild are trying to encourage you and people like you to come along and be a part of a wonderful organization.

We are not old fuddy duddies as some may think! We are young at heart!

The Guild has been referred to as the back bone in the Church of Scotland!

The Guild is about having fun, raising monies for projects at home and abroad, dealing with important issues e.g. human trafficking.

Also fostering positive relationships in different groups within our church, having events to showcase our fellowship.

Nurturing faith in members family and friends. Encouraging young and old to work together. The Guild is for men and women of all ages.

We will be having our Christmas party in December.

Syllabus 2018

Tuesday 9th January

Saturday 27th January

Tuesday 13th February

Tuesday 13th February

Tuesday 13th March

Tuesday 10th April

Love Your Heart CPR - Dr N. Campbell

PROJECT TEA 2 - 4pm in Lochnagar Room

Visit Pitmurchie 2.30pm

Card Making Demonstration - Aileen Glennie

Entertainment by Guild Committee

Street Pastors

Also **Ladies choice-Bring a Gentleman + AGM**

DAFFODIL TEA 2-4pm in Lochnagar Room

Saturday 21st April

"All are Welcome"

Margaret Stewart ☎ 82595

Contact Person



THE GARDENING TEAM

As always, the Garden Gang have continued to meet weekly on a Tuesday morning and have been hard at work on our Autumn programme of tidying up after the Summer.



Hedges have been trimmed, Summer bedding plants removed now that they have died back this Autumn and general tidying up continues around the grounds.

At present we are tackling falling leaves and putting them in our new compost pit which we made earlier on in readiness. Once rotted down they make excellent mulch and top dress for our borders.

As for borders, we have planted lots of Spring bulbs. We had a lovely show this year and hope to make it even better next Spring and rival our Summer bedding!

Thanks to all who donated bulbs again.

As usual there's been plenty to keep us busy and the weather has certainly been kind to us this Autumn. Thanks to all the team for their great effort!

Can I take this opportunity on behalf of the Garden Gang to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Archie Findlay ☎ 82681



The 'Garden Gang' enjoying a cuppa on a sunny Tuesday morning

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Clause turned out. It's probably just your dad." 😊

BANNER GROUP



The above group continue meet in Morven on Monday afternoons and are at present making more additions to their Christmas tree decorations but also have another banner in the pipeline. If anyone is interested in joining us please come along at 2.30 pm on a Monday afternoon or phone:- Sheila ☎ 82593 or Margaret ☎ 82595

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

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Christian Aid this year will benefit from donations from our Christmas Tree Festival especially the vulnerable people from Rohingya.

Escalating violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in late August 2017 has forced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes, including many Rohingya refugees who have fled to Bangladesh, fearing for their lives.

Many mothers are escaping with newborn babies and there is limited medical supplies, food and water.

Christian Aid are on the ground, providing urgent support to these vulnerable, displaced people.

Sheila Blair ☎ 82593



MUSIC IN OUR CHURCH

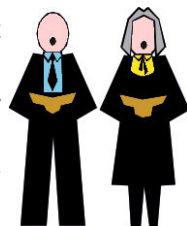
Praise Band

The praise band resumed rehearsals in mid-August and have enjoyed our weekly rehearsals as well as taking part in the worship when we have everyone available. We played the hymn '**There's a sound on the wind**' during Alec's last service. This is a favourite of Alec's and as he originally asked me to make a praise band arrangement of it, it seemed fitting to play it at this time. Rehearsals for the praise band have now changed to a **Wednesday 6.30- 7.30pm** as this suits all our players. As always, there is plenty scope in the band for more instrumentalists and singers. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in joining us, please contact me to discuss it. I will write parts suited to your instrument and ability.



Choir

The choir also resumed rehearsals in mid-August after a short break over the summer. As the words in '**Irish Blessing**' by **Bob Chilcott** seemed very fitting to the occasion, we sang that for Alec's last service. The choir took part in the Fairtrade evening to set the mood for everyone for Christmas shopping and are now working on pieces for Christmas services.



Choir rehearsals take place each **Thursday, 6.30 – 7.45pm.**

We often sing in 4 parts which we all have to work on which gives considerable satisfaction to everyone as we make progress and raise the standard. New singers are most welcome to come and join us.

**From everyone in the music groups – we wish you
a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.**

Isobel Robertson, Music Director ☎ 83763



**Choir & Praise Band
at Alec's last service.**

**Choir singing at
Traidcraft Tea.**

TRAIIDCRAFT

We would like to start by saying a huge “Thank you” to everyone who supported our recent **Afternoon Tea event**. We were so pleased to have a wonderful team of helpers serving lots of guests who enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea and bought lots of goodies from the stall while listening to our **singing group**.



Thank you to everyone who took part in this event, it really felt like a team effort with lots of different people involved, whether singing, serving, socialising, selling or sampling and it is all very much appreciated.

The money raised from the teas will be sent to support a Traidcraft project.

We are looking forward to a new **Torphins Christmas Market** on **2nd December** from **10am-4pm**, again in **Lochnagar room** and we hope to see lots of faces from the village and surrounds at that event. We have a large team of helpers for this stall which is great as it means that everyone can do a short spell on the stall and still have time to browse the others stalls at the event. Thank you helpers!

We have received several **Christmas orders** in recent weeks and would like to thank everyone who has put in orders already. We are always pleased to receive more orders but any orders for Christmas goods would need to be handed in before the end of November.

We are all working together and helping the smaller Fair Trade producers supported by Traidcraft in buying and selling unique goods, that are not readily available in the shops. At the end of the year we also send the profits made from selling the goods to a Traidcraft project so really we are doubling our efforts to support the poorest in the world.

Ann McGregor on behalf of the Traidcraft team.

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CARE HOME SERVICES Visits were made to the two Care Homes – Annesley House and Pitmurchie – and services which included the sharing of bread and wine were conducted by Aileen Barclay. The next visit will be on 17th January 2018, details of which will be given in due course.

But now, we send our Best Wishes.

John Murdoch ☎ **82822**

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CHIMWEMWE MU'BEREKI (Joyful Motherhood) MALAWI

An unexpected gift of **26 hand-knitted teddies** (see picture below) arrived at my home on 17th November 2017. These gifts will be posted out to the charity “Joyful Motherhood” in Malawi in the next day or two and I'm very hopeful that the children will receive them in time for Christmas. We continue to make warm woollen garments of course, and my thanks go to the dedicated knitters and friends of MDC for their continued support. In recent months our own Bread of Life Charity Shop in Torphins has been putting aside small-sized children's shorts which I send away in our packages to Malawi. The nurses had mentioned in an e-mail that these would be useful – so another “thank you” to the charity shop volunteers who help in this way.

Some of you may have seen the **Annual Report** sent from Joyful Motherhood which can be found in the MDC vestibule (read and return). I don't think we have ever received such a detailed document before about the progress of this charity. Mid Deeside Church gets a mention in the report regarding our support for them by way of clothing for the babies and, interestingly, one other person is mentioned who also sends baby clothes to them – and she lives in **AUSTRALIA!**

This charity is making a difference.....long may it continue!

Happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas 2017 to one and all.

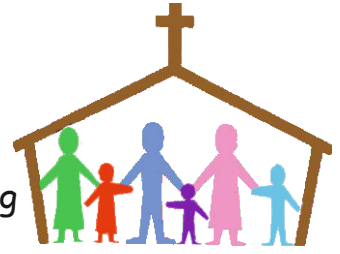
Anne Hilton 📞 82130



Teddies resting before their journey to Malawi

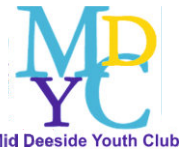
YOUTH GROUPS

The **Rocking Stones** children meet every Sunday morning during term time and all ages are welcome. This term they are using their creative skills on our entry for the



Christmas Tree Festival as well as preparing our input for the **Christmas Eve 6.30pm service**. We have raised **£270** over the year at the children's stalls at the church sales and we are researching which children's charities we'd like to donate this money to. Any willing adults who would like to join the team of leaders and helpers would be made most welcome.

The **Youth Club** is for all secondary age children and meets every second Friday during term time in the Learney Hall. We have around 25 youths in attendance at the moment and the date for the next session is 24th November, where there will be Sumo Suit inflatables, baking and bucket netball. The last session this year is on the 8th December for the Christmas Party with lots of fun games and prizes. We start back in the New Year on the 12th January.

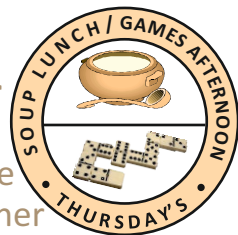


Sheila McMurtrie

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."



SOUP LUNCH/GAMES THURSDAY'S



Soup Lunch Thursdays take place in the **Lochnagar Room** at **Mid Deeside Church** on the second Thursday of the month and are very popular. We have a team of soup makers, waiters etc who work together to make an enjoyable lunch time and a chance to catch up with friends. After your **Soup, Bread and Oatcakes** we serve **Tea/Coffee and Biscuits**. We also have the ever popular quiz (optional) made up by Charlie Hilton which is a lot of fun and creates lots of 'joining in' and laughter with small prizes for the winners!

The **Games Afternoons** take place on the fourth Thursday of the month again in the **Lochnagar Room** - games include **Whist, Scrabble, Dominoes and other board games**. We finish off the afternoon with **Tea/Coffee and Biscuits**. Why not come along and join in the fun. If you have a favourite game take it along and introduce it to others!

Many thanks to everyone who either helps or comes along on the day. The **Soup Lunch on the 14th December** will have a choice of **'Festive' soups** on the menu as well as **Mince Pies etc.** and I'm sure Charlie will be making up a **'Christmas Quiz'** for us to do!

Soup Lunches start at 12noon and finish at 1.30pm - cost £3.50

Games Afternoon are from 2.00 - 4.00pm and cost £2.00

Dates for your diary:-

Soup Lunches

December	14th
January	11th
February	8th
March	8th
April	12th
May	10th

Games Afternoons

No December Games Afternoon

January	25th
February	22nd
March	22nd
April	26th
May	24th

Irene Bonner ☎ 82481

Lesley Stone ☎ 84354

Charlie/Anne Hilton ☎ 82130

"ALL WELCOME AT THESE EVENTS"



*Why do the bells of Christmas ring?
Why do little children sing?*

*Once a lovely shining star,
Seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light,
Made a manger's cradle bright.*

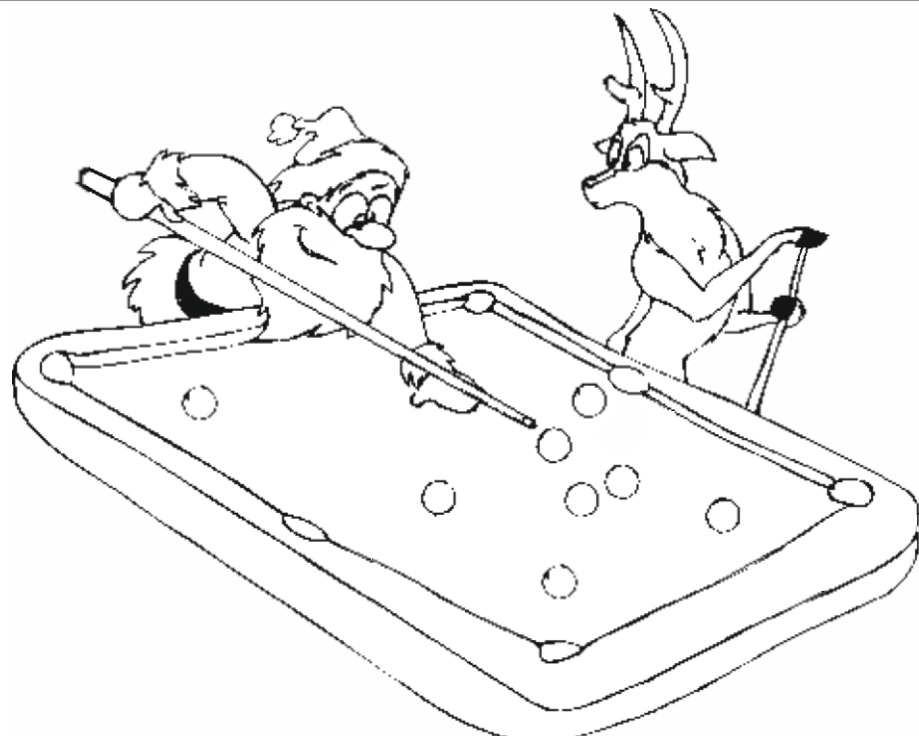
*There a darling baby lay,
Pillowed soft upon the hay;
And its mother sung and smiled:
"This is Christ, the holy Child!"*

*Therefore bells for Christmas ring,
Therefore little children sing.*

Spot the difference - Santa & Rudolph relaxing



There are 7 differences in each picture.



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WORD SEARCH

Hidden in the grid below are Church Services, Church Groups and Activities going on in and around our Church - there are 33 - Busy or what?

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- WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM • YOUTH CLUB • YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

The Bread of Life

Charity Shop Opening Hours:

Wed 10am - 3pm Fri 10am - 3pm Sat 10am - 1pm

The Bread of Life Management Team and volunteers were sad to hear that **Jayne Clarke** has decided to step down from her role as Manager and from the Management Team with immediate effect. We would all like to take this opportunity to **thank Jayne for more than 3 years of dedication and hard, hard work.** She has created a wonderful legacy for us. The Management Team will now take on the role Jayne has almost single handedly done since the shop opened in June 2014. Jayne will continue to work as a volunteer in the shop.

The latest groups to benefit from The Bread of Life are

- **Torphins Medical Practice (£4074)** for the purchase of equipment
- **Torphins Tennis Club (£400)** to purchase new nets
- **Torphins Golf Club (£1500)** to set up Footgolf
- **Kincardine O'Neil Bowling Club** on behalf of the Bowling Club, KO'N Community Association and KO'N Village Hall Committee (**£1000**) to help improve the old tennis court in order to make it safe for use by different groups.

If you would like to become a volunteer please pop into the shop and ask for a volunteer application form and more information. New volunteers are made very welcome and receive a full induction. Volunteering at the Bread of Life is very rewarding and a lot of fun.

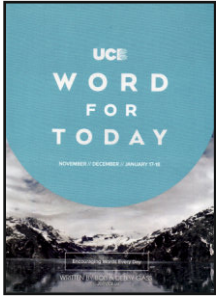
The charity shop's last shopping day before Christmas will be Saturday 16th December 2017. The shop will reopen Saturday 13th January 2018. Thank you for your support over the year and Merry Christmas to all our customers and volunteers! We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

[Bread of Life Management Team](#)

WORD FOR TODAY

There are TWO latest editions of the “**Word For Today**” magazine available in the Church vestibule.

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 left) 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.

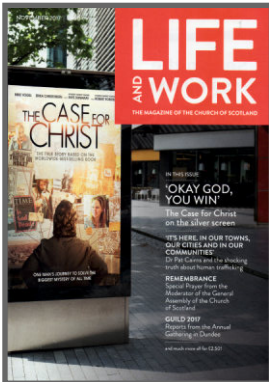


Give it a try - pick up a copy!

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



Copies are available in the MDC Torphins Church vestibule, if you would like one just leave a donation in the box !



LIFE AND WORK

Shown left is the recent edition of the Magazine of the Church of Scotland.

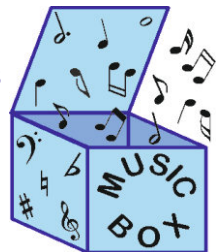
It is a monthly publication, full of interesting and topical articles.

If you would like to subscribe, please contact:-
Mrs. Edna Wildgoose ☎ **82266**

MUSIC BOX

The Music group for pre-school children with parents/carers goes from strength to strength in **Lumphanan**. It meets on **Mondays from 10.15am** for singing followed by snack and playtime/coffee and chat time.

We would love to explore setting up a similar group in Torphins but this can only be done **if we can get more volunteers**. We need three or four people to come on to the leadership team- we always try to have two leaders each week; we would also need more people willing to make the simple snack for the children and tea and coffee for the adults.



Please contact **Jayne Clarke** ☎ **82560**, **Gill Howe** ☎ **89056** or **Pam Auckland**

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**in Mid Deeside Church
St Marnan Road, Torphins
on Friday 15th December
1.30 - 4.00pm & 7.00 - 8.30pm
and Saturday 16th December
1.00 - 5.00pm**

**Come and see a range of
Christmas Trees beautifully**

decorated by local groups and individuals.

(Music & Light Refreshments will be provided)

- FREE ENTRY • FREE ENTRY • FREE ENTRY •**
- Donations welcome for Christian Aid
especially the Rohingya Crisis Appeal**



EDITOR'S NOTE

- MDC Newsletters in 2018 will only be issued 3 times per annum (not 4 as previously). This is to economise on cost as well as reduce the workload of elders and others who deliver to members and households in the parish (1200 in all). The next issue will be mid March 2018.**
- Photography for MDC Newsletter - Thanks go to Timothy Stone for his contribution of many of the photos in this edition.**

ALEC'S LEAVING 'DO'



The audience enjoying the 'Desert Island Discs' part of the evening.



The 'Top Table' get first choice at the Pot Luck Supper.

Below is a poem written for Alec's farewell party held in the church.

Alec's Fareweel tae Mid Deeside

Five years ago in Mid Deeside Kirk, we were on a quest,
lookin' for a new meenister, an' we were hopin' for the best!

A vacancy committee wis appinted, they kent fit they were lookin' for,
they decided Alec wis the man for us, he ticked aa the boxes, an' more.

In an interview for the newsletter, "Why Mid Deeside Kirk?" they did speir,
Alec withoot hesitation replied, that "God had sent him here".

It emerged Alec wis born in Glasgow, he grew up close tae Ibrox too,
thankfully he wore a white collar tae preach, an' nae a scarf o' Red, White 'n' Blue!

Noo Alec came wi' lots o' ideas, o' things we shuid try tae do.
a Charity Shop, Holiday at Home, Fischy Music, tae mention jist a few.

A Doric Nativity wis weel received, aye it fairly took a trick.
it took lot's o' practice afore haun, tae mak it go sae slick.

At rehearsal ae day, Joseph wis late, we wunnered fit we could dee,
Tis then we heard a 'Weegie' voice say "Jist gie the script tae me".

Weel on we went rehearsin', noo Alec hid answered the call,
but soon we aa startit' lauchin', fin Joseph kept ca'in' his wife 'Mary doll'.

Noo things dinna ayewis go smoothly, tho' we are a weel run ship,
fyles a misprint in the Order o' Service or the Audio Visual his a blip.

We recently hid a christenin', an' aifter aa the usual patter,
Alec went tae baptise the bairn, but in the font there wis nae watter.

Weel did oor Alec panic, no he showed a touch o' class,
He reached alow his lectern, an' filled it fae his glass.

Somebody had neglected their duty tae fill the font ye see,
noo it's time for a confession - the Beadle that day wis me!

Alec's sermons were usually informative - weel the eens at' I recall,
We wid find oot o' an Elder in Renfrew or a Session Clerk in Larkhall.

In retirement Alec may preach as a Locum, in Kilmarnock faur he's gaun tae bide,
I wunner if during his sermon there, he'll say "When I wis in Mid Deeside!".

Weel fitiver the future huds for you, Alec, we wish you aa the best,
we ken ye've got lots o' things planned, but first, hae a real guid rest.

As a kirk, ye've left us better prepared to meet fitivver comes oor way,
an' we will keep tryin' tae build a Church 'at looks forrit, each an' ilka day.

by Charlie Hilton

PHOTO GALLERY



Session Clerk Pam Auckland & Rev Bill Wallace at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.



Contributions from the congregation for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.



Flowers donated by Robert Reid ready for distribution after the service.



13 boxes of 'Goodies' ready for delivery to Aberdeen Cyrenians.



The congregation having a chat before the start of the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.



The calm before the storm at the Traidcraft Afternoon Tea and Christmas shopping event.



Prize Bingo evening at MDC - Fundraiser for Malawi Postage. Thanks to Cathy Brown of Lumphanan for helping to organise this event. Watch out for posters for another Bingo Night in February.

M.D.C. FLOWER ROTA

December

3rd Anne Hilton

17th Mary Marshall

31st Alison Orren

10th Alice Mclean

24th Maureen Mearns

January 2018

7th John Murdoch

21st Shiona Davidson

14th Irene Bonner

28th Sheila McMurtie

February

4th Shirley Reid

18th Jean Graham

11th Dorothy Taylor

25th Elaine Jaffery



To all who contribute to the flower rota **“thank you, your support is appreciated “**
Those who receive flowers after the services appreciate their MDC family thinking of them either during a difficult time or a time of celebration.

The flower diary, cards, paper and vases can be found in the cupboard under the wash hand basin in the kitchen, please can the recipient of the flowers name be entered in the diary. Should anyone require a swap of their date please arrange this yourselves? Anyone wishing to add their name to the flower rota or if anyone has a special date they wish to do flowers on please let me know.

On Harvest Thanksgiving 17 arrangements of flowers were delivered to people within our MDC Community and grateful thanks go to Robert Reid for supplying the flowers, also to the ladies who did the extra touches.

Maureen Mearns ☎ 82192 Flower Rota Co-ordinator

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.**



CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

27th August - Ellie Mona-May Park daughter of Sarah and Jamie
granddaughter of Margaret and David Stewart

Deaths

4 September Cathie Smith, Lumphanan
19 September Pat Buckley, Lumphanan
13 October Jack Stewart, Lumphanan
5 November Isobel Anderson, Lumphanan



BLYTHSWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL 2017

Sincere thank-you to all who donated items for the Shoe Box Appeal!
This year we have had a wonderful response.

We have received:-

- Knitted woollen hats and mitts for both adults and children.
- Woollen toy teddies.
- Pre-packs of toiletries ie. soap, face clothes, tooth paste, tooth brushes.
- Warm items of clothing for men women children and babies.
- Large bags of toys also nursery equipment.
- We had 42 bulging shoe boxes beautifully wrapped!
- £64 in cash with some donating on line.

**Last year Blythswood delivered over 121,000 boxes
to eight countries in Europe and in Pakistan.**

Your actions of kindness brings unforgettable joy into lives
of people who have very little and feel left out!

Thank-you for making them feel warm and
loved this Christmas!

Have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas

Margaret Stewart ☎ 82595



CALENDAR OF DATES AND VENUES OF SERVICES

DECEMBER

December 3rd	11am	Morning Worship	Aileen Barclay
December 10th	11am	Morning Worship	Bill Wallace
December 17th	11am	Doric Nativity	
December 24th	11am	Morning Worship	Aileen Barclay/Ian Garrett
December 24th	6.30pm	Christmas Eve Family Service	
December 25th	11am	Carols and Readings for Christmas Day	
December 31st	11am	Lesson and Carols	Aileen Barclay

JANUARY

January 7th	11am	Morning Worship	Bill Wallace
January 14th	11am	Morning Worship	Bill Wallace
January 21st	11am	Morning Worship	Aileen Barclay
January 28th	11am	Morning Worship	Aileen Barclay

FEBRUARY

February 4th	11am	Morning Worship	Bill Wallace
February 11th	11am	Morning Worship	Bill Wallace
February 18th	11am	Morning Worship	Aileen Barclay
February 25th	11am	Morning Worship	Aileen Barclay

Everyone is very welcome at any or all of the services.
Tea and coffee is usually served after the service so stay and enjoy a few moments of fellowship and a refreshing cuppa!

TRANSPORT TO CHURCH SERVICES

It is appreciated that some members may have difficulty in attending Sunday morning Church Services owing to lack of transport.

It is hoped to establish a Transport Group, a team of people who are willing to drive folk to and from Church.

Anyone willing to help with this and anyone wishing a lift please contact:-

Sheila Blair ☎ 82593 or *Lesley Stone* ☎ 84354

MID DEESIDE NEWSLETTER

The next edition will be early March, 2018.

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

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As at NOVEMBER 2017.

KINCARDINE O'NEIL KIRK SALE

Many thanks to all who supported the **Kirk Sale in Kincardine O'Neil** on **9th September** with your help, your donations for the stalls, and your wonderful generosity.

The sale raised **£2,127 for Church funds** – a few pounds up on last year's total.

And for advance diary planning next year's sale will again be on the second Saturday in September – that's **08.09.2018**. Hope to see you all again then - same place, same time! **Lesley Stone**

DORIC NATIVITY - Mid Deeside Church Sunday 17th December 11am



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www.middeesidechurch.org.uk

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