

ISLA LINK



**December
2018**



Bendochy Parish
linked with
Coupar Angus Abbey
Church



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Bendochy Church

Sunday Service 10.00am

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Abbey Church

Sunday Service: 11.15am

Session Clerk:

Mrs Ellen McGibbon

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Featuring in this edition of your Isla Link:-

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- ◇ A View From The Pew

- ◇ The Twelve Days Of Christmas

- ◇ Six Reasons Not To Mess With A Child

Looking Back, But Moving Forward

As we approach the end of the year, this is the time when we look back and consider our achievements of the last 12 months. Did we stick to the New Year's resolutions that we set way back in January? Have we celebrated any major milestones in our lives? Did we have any unexpected surprises, or have we had a tough time but are now able to look forward to a fresh new year?

Each person reading this will have a different perspective, both ahead and in the rearview mirror. No two people will have had exactly the same experience; some may have shared certain aspects together, good or bad, and some may have had a very personal journey.

Whatever your own experience has been, take pride in the positives that you have achieved over the last year and use the lessons learned from difficult times to help you move forward and enjoy the year ahead.

Best wishes to you and your family and friends this festive season.



Rachel Ewins

A Time To Express Our Thanks

The congregation of the Abbey Church would like to express a note of thanks to everyone involved in the various aspects of the Church throughout the year; the Welcome Team who greet us at the door of the Abbey, the Beadles who open up and lock the Church every Sunday, the Readers who read the bible verses for us, the Tea Ladies who produce such lovely eats, the Reporters who report to the Blairie every week, the Cleaning Ladies who so faithfully clean the Abbey for us each week, the Isla Link team for producing the magazine each quarter, and last but not least, all the members of the congregation who come along to the Church every week and also support our fund raisers.

Ellen McGibbon

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Magazine Deadline

Deadline for the next issue: 3 February 2019.

Please send articles to:-

Rachel Ewins - 01250 876638 - rachel.ewins@btinternet.com



Thoughts From The Manse

Who has ever waited until Christmas Eve to do their Christmas shopping? Can you imagine running around with a list in one hand and bags in the other - with less than 12 hours until the shops close. For many of us this would be our worst nightmare. We might manage to buy everything but when we got home the wrapping would begin - and what if you then discover you had run out of wrapping paper and the shops had closed, or horrors of horrors, you had forgotten to buy the most important present of all - the one for your nearest and dearest!

But maybe that didn't happen, that all went well and you had managed to get everything as planned. Then just when you thought you had finished and you had a cup of tea in your hand, ready to have a few quiet moments, you look round and suddenly remember the turkey - oh no it's still in the freezer!! You have forgotten to take it out and you have twelve for Christmas dinner - and it's now 3am!!

If any of this happened, would it really matter? The reason for Christmas is to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. Yes it is lovely to give and receive gifts, and yes it's great to have a nice meal and time with our family and friends. This does all add to the joy of this time of year, but not at the expense of forgetting the reason of why we are doing it - and in the midst of all that we are doing, this can easily happen, if only for a short time. Christmas is a wonderfully joyous time, a time to reflect, relax, remember and relive the wonderful gift of love that was so freely given to us all. So as we prepare to celebrate and enjoy Christmas once again, let's ensure we remember the reason for the season, '***For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.***' (Luke 2:11)

With every blessing for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Andy

Additional Christmas Services At Our Churches

Abbey Church

Thursday 13 December 7.00pm Youth Ministry Nativity (Tickets £2.00)
Sunday 16 December 7.00pm Carol Service
Monday 24 December 11.30pm Watchnight Service
Tuesday 25 December 11.00am Christmas Day Service

Bendochy Church

Monday 24 December 7.00pm Christmas Eve Service



Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

The Prayer Meetings will continue up to and including Wednesday the 12th of December at the usual time of 2.00pm. They will then stop for a few weeks and restart at 2.00pm on Wednesday the 16th of January.

Likewise, the Bible Study Group will continue to meet up to and including the 12th of December at the usual time of 7.15pm. However, it will not restart until later in the month, with more details to follow in the intimations and on the website prior to this.

Christmas Bible Study

Read Luke 2:1-7

Luke is the only Gospel writer who related the events he recorded to world history. Why is that significant in these verses, recording the birth of Jesus?

- The Roman rulers, believed to be like gods, stood in stark contrast to God Incarnate in the child in the manger.
- Augustus' decree went out in God's perfect timing and according to God's ordained plan to bring His Son into the world.
- All of this helps demonstrate that the birth of Jesus was a defining moment in our history and God controls the whole of history.

What can we learn from Joseph and Mary's journey when considering our own journey with God?

- When we do God's will we are not always guaranteed a comfortable life.
- But what we are assured of is that even in our discomfort, God has a plan and purpose for us.

Read Luke 2:8-20

The greatest event in history had just taken place and the shepherds were given the news in dramatic and glorious fashion, but consider their reaction to your own when you first received the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Were you fearful - and if so, of what? How your life might change - or how you would have to change?
- Did you at once want to share the Good News with others - and do you still earnestly seek to do so today?
- Have you discovered a Lord so wonderful that you can't help but share your joy with all whom you know?

The birth of Jesus Christ is still a significant moment in history today and still today He breaks into the lives of people for the first time. Whoever we are, whatever we do, we can all have Jesus Christ in our lives - all we need do is receive this wonderful gift from God. But let's not forget that Christmas is only the beginning *Jesus doesn't offer us only a moment in history or in time - He offers us life everlasting.*

Friendly Friday

Our Friendly Friday afternoons continue to be a great success with a real sense of fellowship taking place as folk come together for tea/coffee and tasty bites - the friendly chatter and laughter is wonderful to hear. Thank you to all who contribute to make this such a happy time and to all who support it. There will be no Friendly Friday on the first Friday in January but they will restart on the first Friday in February.

Hospital Visits

If you are going into hospital or know of someone in hospital who would like a visit, please let the Minister know.

Elder's Long Service Certificate

Earlier in the year Donna Hindmarch celebrated 30 years service as an Ordained Elder in the Church of Scotland and received her long service certificate from the Church. Donna was ordained in the Abbey Church on the 27th of March 1988 by Rev'd. Jim Drysdale, the first Elder he had ordained, and since then Donna has served faithfully in that capacity in many different roles. As well as serving on the Session, Donna is also largely responsible for proof reading and helping to collate the Isla Link.

Our warmest congratulations go to Donna for her thirty years service as an Elder in the Church and we look forward to many more years to come.

Congratulations

Whats On

30/11/18	St Andrew's Day Quiz	7pm	Abbey Church
7/12/18	Friendly Friday	1.30-3.00pm	Abbey Church
10/1/19	Childrens Ministry Groups		Abbey Church
30/1/19	Kirk Session Meeting	7.30pm	Abbey Church
1/2/19	Friendly Friday	1.30-3.00pm	Abbey Church

Coupar Angus Abbey Treasurer's Report

Once again time for a report of our church finances.

The last few months have been quieter and the accounts at present are reasonably healthy

The plans afoot for the continued development of our church Have begun and payments for Building Warrants and Architects fees have been paid

The account at present stand at the following:

General account	£16,003.86
Fabric	£1,369.88
Reserve	£2,789.80
Development	£26,209.26
Childrens Ministry	£2,634.64

The retiring offering for Poppy Scotland on 11 November was £166.25.

Many thanks to all who help and support our church.

Peter Godfrey. Treasurer

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Following the Centenary Remembrance Service at Bendochy Church the retiring offering raised £158.00 for Poppy Scotland.

Graeme McNeill

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Remembrance Sunday

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



The Abbey Fabric Report

Plans to replace the loop system with a more up-to-date version are ongoing, as the initial quote received was much higher than expected.

Work on the under-gallery development is waiting for the official permissions, building warrant, etc, so won't be progressing for some time yet. Otherwise only minor works have been happening, such as repairs to the heating system for leaks, and to the dishwasher.

John Easson

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Life And Work –The Magazine Of The Church of Scotland

Each month there are so many interesting articles in Life and Work that it is difficult to focus on one in particular.

Looking at the November issue there is obviously a lot about the Centenary of the end of WW1 and this has been well covered by the media. A bit further on, however, a photograph caught my eye. A very large group of women gathered in the Caird Hall in Dundee. That brought back many memories- not of the Caird Hall but of the Church of Scotland building at the top of The Mound in Edinburgh. It was, of course, the Annual Gathering of The Guild now open to men in this age of political correctness. It is however still dominated by women.

I attended a number of these gatherings when we had a Guild at the Abbey Church, as did Helen Pithie, Christine Forsyth, Marjorie Thomson and many others. They were great days out and the singing was wonderful.

The Guild remains strong in Scotland and one thing that has continued are the six projects which they select to fund for three years at a time. A total of £750,000 has been raised between 2015 - 2018. These projects have been covered by Life and Work over the past few months and make interesting reading.

The Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev Susan Brown addressed the Guild in Dundee saying “I want this world to be a more understanding one, one where people are more tolerant of each other.” A very appropriate thought as we remember the terrible loss of life in the two World Wars and the conflicts still raging.

Anne Richards

A View From The Pew

In Acts 3:1-8 Peter and John are on their way to the Temple at the time of prayer, when a crippled beggar was being carried past them, also on his way to Temple. As he passed he called out to them asking for money, “Sorry man, we don’t have any money but we do have something for you.”

Looking intently at him they said, “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth; walk!”

He was instantly healed and went on into the Temple walking and jumping for joy.

Now, very few of us are gifted with that power of healing but it is a challenge to know how to respond when we walk past a beggar. (Something more frequent these days.)

A week or so ago I was walking to a bus stop in Morningside in Edinburgh to catch the No 23 to Waverley Station. At the bus stop in Morningside there was a beggar sitting right beside it.

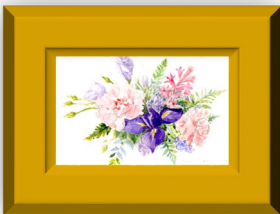
I did not speak or give anything to him (a) because the No 23 was in sight and (b) because I do not give money to beggars nor did I have time to speak to him.

While at the Bible Training Institute in Glasgow beggars often called and we were firmly advised never to give money when asked but rather, if possible, to offer to take them for a meal. (This was often refused!)

I do find it a real dilemma bearing in mind what Jesus says about helping the poor and needy. Probably most of us could be of some help to someone like this, but what?

Perhaps a quick word to Jesus at the time might help! Worth a try?

Author’s Name Withheld



“The Gift That Keeps On Giving” as displayed on the back cover of our September edition continues to live up to this title as it is now hung in Betty Jewell’s room in Beech Manor Care Home. The painting was gifted to her by her daughter after she won it in the charity shop raffle. Having a great love of flowers, this painting gives Betty great pleasure.

Bendochy Church Ladies Group

At our meeting in October, it was decided, despite having a much smaller membership, that we wished that the Group should continue. It was decided that future meetings would be hosted by the ladies in their homes, taking the form of discussion to be suggested by the hostess for the day.

The meeting in November was held in the home of Judy Long when we had an afternoon of music, poetry and discussion of early church memories.

We meet in December when we shall be having Christmas Lunch at Rosemount Golf Club which has been organised by Jean Laburn.

A most successful Autumn Coffee Morning was held in November - the magnificent total of £471 was raised. Thank you very much to everyone who gave us such generous support.

Dates for the 2019 Session:- 13 February 2019
 13 March 2019
 17 April 2019

Contact Judy Long, Tel No. 01828632515 for further information.

Judy Long

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The Abbey Church Flower Club

A big thank you is extended from the Flower Club committee members to everyone who donates flowers Sunday by Sunday to decorate the chancel. Many people make comments on how nice the arrangements are. We also wish to thank the members who arrange their own flowers, donate flowers and deliver them to people in the community who are ill, bereaved, live on their own or just in need of a pick me up. If anyone would like to participate in this form of outreach, please speak with Sheila or Helen.

Helen Pithie

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Congregational Rolls

Deaths

Bethia Taylor—Coupar Angus Abbey Church
Ann Currie—Coupar Angus Abbey Church
Janet Smith—Bendochy Church
Fiona Thompson—Bendochy Church

The Twelve Days Of Christmas: An alternative explanation for Andy's party piece

There is one Christmas carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans and especially the partridge that won't come out of a pear tree have to do with Christmas? From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.



The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments

Three French hens stood for Faith, Hope and Love.

Four calling birds were the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

Six geese-a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans-a-swimming represented the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

Eight maids-a-milking were the eight Beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.

Ten lords-a-leaping were the ten Commandments.

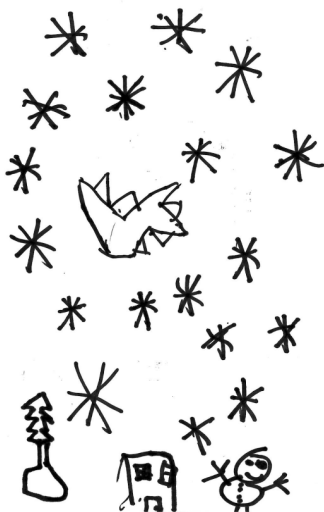
Eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

Twelve drummers drumming symbolised the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

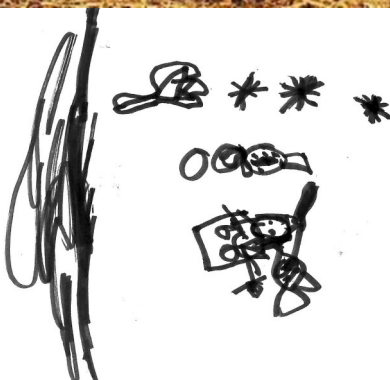
So, there you have it, the real meaning behind this favourite carol.

Joanne and David Chinn

Christmas Images *From Our Young (And Not So Young) Church Members*



Thank God for that bed and
the baby who slept there



Illustrations from Josh, Jasmin, Harriet and Tilly.
Additional image from D Chinn.

Six Reasons Not To Mess With A Child

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah".

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

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A primary school teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Mummy, how come all of Grandma's hair is white?"

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The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say "There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer" or "That's Michael, he's a doctor". A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher. She's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face."
"Yes", the class said.
"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?"
A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic primary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."
Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.
A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

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Foodbank

Once again I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Food Bank over the past year. The variety of food received for the families who are in need is quite marvellous. Also, a special thank you to all who gave so generously to the Food Band at the harvest thanksgiving in September and the generous donations of money received at the same time. I know it has all been much appreciated by the groups in Blairgowrie who now make up the parcels for the families in this district.

Like last year a special appeal has gone out to church members for Christmas presents for the children. Clothes in bigger sizes are requested if possible; jumpers, pyjamas, leggings, etc would be appreciated. Also, some games, toys, etc, or whatever you think the children would like. If possible, size and content to be written on the parcel. They will be gift wrapped by another team of helpers so just pass them on in their poly bags and they will do the rest.



In anticipation many thanks.
Best wishes for a Happy Christmas.



Helen Pithie

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Judy Long

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EPACTS

(East Perthshire Action of Churches Together in Scotland)

Helen Pithie filled the role of representative to EPACTS for many years and I have now taken over from Helen.

The aims of this organisation are partly to promote the exchange of information on church activities in the area and to collaborate on projects proposed by members. My job as a rep is to KEEP YOU INFORMED and I will do my best.

EPACTS Calendars will be available from myself by the beginning of December. Price is £3 and is a wonderful collection of photographs and texts all brought together by John and Rose Wilson. It will make a lovely Christmas gift.

Week of Prayer For Chritian Unity takes place from January 21st to 25th 2019 in Blairgowrie. This takes the form of a short service followed by a light lunch. More details will follow later.

Anne Richards

Pride of Place

Summer displays are over but we still have much that is ongoing. Jeff Brewer, Ken Mackinson and the MAD Team took the baskets down for us and once down we then rescue the tubers to store, over-winter and then grow on to use the following year. The spent compost goes to the Community Garden to produce yet more compost for their use, the waste plant matter to the tip for recycling, nothing wasted. When the boxes are replanted with winter/spring bedding, again the tubers are stored and waste plant material recycled. Once the dry spell was over, with the rain and with temperatures high for the time of year, the weeds soon put in an appearance giving us more work.

Continuing the theme celebrating 100 years since the end of the First World War in our summer floral displays, two Poppers, Marie Bee and Tract Thom had the brilliant idea of creating poppies from plastic Celebration Sweet boxes, to have a display of 100 poppies at the Pollinators Bed close to Clyde on Armistice Day. The community were brilliant at supplying the boxes and a number of Poppers had sore fingers from cutting out a total of 700 plus poppy shapes to produce 350 double sided poppies. This resulted in a wonderful display of poppies throughout the Town, many sponsored, with the money going to 'Scotties Little Soldiers', a charity that supports bereaved children of the British Forces.

If folk would like to keep their sponsored poppy, or buy a poppy, these will be available at our Christmas Coffee Morning in the Cycle Hub (formerly the Bowling Club) on Saturday 6th December, 10am until Noon, entry £2.

On Saturday 17th November, 10,000 purple crocuses were planted with the help of some community members were planted in Larghan Park, in the far corner behind the trees. Purple crocuses for Harlow and Purple for Polio to add to those on the Common. It was wonderful to have Harlow's father and brother, Leon, helping. Especially thinking that only 2 years ago Leon was in hospital recovering from serious injuries caused in the dreadful accident that killed his sister.

We will shortly be planting wild flower seed at Blair Bend to continue our efforts to encourage this to become a sustainable area. The seed will contain Yellow Rattle which feeds on the grass and helps to reduce this and give room for the flowers to grow. Earlier planting of this is giving results.



Alongside this we also litter pick to help Paul in his work of keeping our town litter free. The litter dropped, I am pleased to say, is little although cigarette ends are still a pain. Please stub out your butts and put them in a bin. If put down a drain or grating they finish up in the Burn which does not benefit the water-life!

We will again be doing a local delivery of Christmas Cards within Coupar Angus only. Starting on Saturday, 1st December until Sunday 16th, with Post Boxes in Bits and Bobs and the Abbey Church. This will cost 25p a card, to be paid at the time of posting.

Finally Pride of Place wish our community in Coupar Angus a very happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year and thank you all for your valued support.

Anne Easson

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Poppies

I would like to congratulate the Pride of Place team for the amazing display of poppies throughout the town. I saw first hand at the Autumn Fair the effort to make them. They made so many! A huge “Well Done”. Your work is very much appreciated.

Kathleen Godfrey

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***Tree Planting—
In Memory Of Jean Napier***

Saturday, November 17th marked the date of a special event to plant a tree in Butterybank Community Woodland to remember our dear friend Jean Napier who sadly passed away on August 22nd. Jean will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Roz Arno-Button



A Christmas Prayer

Eternal God, the hope of all humankind,
You gave us the greatest gift of all, in Your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Son of God, You came as God's light,
to shine brightly in the darkness of minds, and hearts,
Bathe our world in Your light.

Jesus Christ Word made flesh, make a way
For the Good News of Your Kingdom to reach every ho
Every heart, everywhere.



Protect and preserve the labourers who
courageously declare the glory of Your Gospel throughout the world.
Provide for their every need and be their strength and joy.

Be the comforter, defender and provider of the poor,
the helpless the cold, the hungry, the orphaned,
the weary, the oppressed, those persecuted for their faith in You.
The sick, those who mourn, the aged and the little children.

Reveal Yourself to those who do not know Your immense love,
Bless those who rejoice in Your coming !

Glorious Lord, we join our voices to the heavenly host and say:
Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests!"

Amen

Kathleen Godfrey

Prayer Group Meetings

The Prayer Group meetings take place on Wednesdays at 2.00pm in the Abbey Church. All are welcome to come along and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord.

If you or someone you know needs or would welcome prayer, please let us know by using the request slip below the ones in the Church vestibules or contacting us by phone: Kathleen Godfrey (01828) 627028.

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Prayer Request

Please pray for



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Name.....

Abbey Flower Rota

December 2018

January 2019

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**Christmas
Decorations**



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13
20
27

**Silk
Flowers**



February

**Co-ordinator: K Pirie
627754**

3 Mrs K Pirie
10 Mrs K Godfrey
17 Mrs M Pennycook
24 Mrs V Grayson

March

**Co-ordinator: S Robertson
627375**

3 Mrs M Pattullo
10 Mrs M Matthews
17 Miss P Campbell
24 Mrs J Haddow
31 Mr & Mrs J Easson

Bendochy Flower Rota

December 2018

2 Marie Cormack
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30 Ann Wilkie

**Christmas
Decorations**



January 2019

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**Silk
Flowers**



February

3 Jean Laburn
10 Jean Laburn
17 Margaret Donaldson
24 Margaret Donaldson

March

3 Margaret Donaldson
10 Christine Pate
17 Christine Pate
24 Christine Pate
31 Sheila Lindsay

Bendochy Cleaning Rota

<i>December</i>	Mrs M Cormack and Ms B MacKenzie
<i>January</i>	Mrs C Pate and Mr W Pate
<i>February</i>	Miss J Laburn and Dr G McNeill
<i>March</i>	Mrs R Patterson and Miss S Meldrum

Coach House Hostesses

<i>December 2018</i>	Jean Laburn	Bernice MacKenzie
<i>January 2019</i>	Rosemary Patterson	Susan Meldrum
<i>February</i>	Shona Grant	Marie Cormack
<i>March</i>	Jean Laburn	Jane Davidson

***Coffee is served in the Coach House
at the end of the service
on the first Sunday of each month.***

All are welcome.



Used Stamps

A big THANK YOU to all the members of both Congregations who donate their **used stamps / postcards**. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Postcards with stamps (pre 1950) are also sought and should be left whole. **Please leave a ½ inch border round stamps.** Do not include damaged stamps - they have no value. If stamps are in an album, please leave in album. Boxes are at both churches. So, come on, bring your used stamps along.

Harry Walker



Readers in the Abbey and Bendochy

**2018
December**

2 Irene Henderson
9 Robert Farquharson
16 Anne Easson
23 John Easson
30 Rev. Andrew Graham

**2019
January**

6 Jeff Brewer
13 Anne Richards
20 M Pattullo
27 Ellen McGibbon

February

3 Catriona Henderson
10 Joanne Chinn
17 David Chinn
24 Irene Henderson

March

3 Anne Easson
10 John Easson
17 Rev. Andrew Graham
24 Jeff Brewer
31 Anne Richards

Bendochy

J Morison
M Davidson
S Cumming
R Patterson
G McNeill

J Davidson
J Laburn
J Morison
M Davidson

S Cumming
R Patterson
G McNeill
J Davidson

J Laburn
J Morison
M Davidson
S Cumming
R Patterson

The Abbey Beadle Duty

**2018
December**

2019

January

February

March

Sunday

Services

Margaret Pattullo

Joanne Chinn

Irene Henderson

Sheila Robertson

Other

Services

Irene Rodger

Barry Anderson

Irene Rodger

Ellen McGibbon

Welcoming you at Bendochy today

Will elders please note that the first named for each Sunday is responsible for ensuring that there is someone on Door Duty.

December 2

D Patterson
J Morison

December 9

D Donaldson
W Pate

December 16

B MacKenzie
J Laburn

December 23

C Cochrane
D Grant

December 30

R Patterson
G McNeill

January 6

C Pate
G McNeill

January 13

D Patterson
D Donaldson

January 20

J Laburn
B MacKenzie

January 27

D Grant
S Grant

February 3

W Pate
J Morison

February 10

R Patterson
G McNeill

February 17

B MacKenzie
J Laburn

February 24

D Donaldson
C Pate

March 3

S Grant
D Grant

March 10

J Morison
D Patterson

March 17

W Pate
C P..ate

Welcoming you at The Abbey today (subject to change)

It is the responsibility of the people on Welcome Team rota to request assistance to ensure that there are 4 people for the Collection.

December 2

S Jack
ALegge

December 9

I Henderson
J Rennie

December 16

B Crighton
R Ewins

December 23

D Chinn
J Chinn

December 30

K Godfrey
P Godfrey

January 6

J Easson
A Easson

January 13

D Hindmarch
I Jack

January 20

M Pattullo
W Pattullo

January 27

S Jack
ALegge

February 3

I Henderson
J Rennie

February 10

B Crighton
R Ewins

February 17

D Chinn
J Chinn

February 24

K Godfrey
P Godfrey

March 3

J Easson
A Easson

March 10

B Anderson
A Richards

March 17

E McGibbon
I Rodger

COUPAR ANGUS AND
BENDOCHY CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Presents



“The Nativity”

7.00 pm on Thursday, 13 December 2018

The Abbey Church

Tickets — £2.00 (Includes Refreshments)

Presented by Stepping Stones, Compass and Crossover.

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Groups meet on Thursdays during school term time:

| Group           | Start            | Age Group |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| Stepping Stones | 5.30pm to 6.30pm | P1 to P3  |
| Compass         | 6.45pm to 7.45pm | P4 to P6  |
| Crossover       | 8.00pm to 9.00pm | P7-S1     |

**COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN**

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