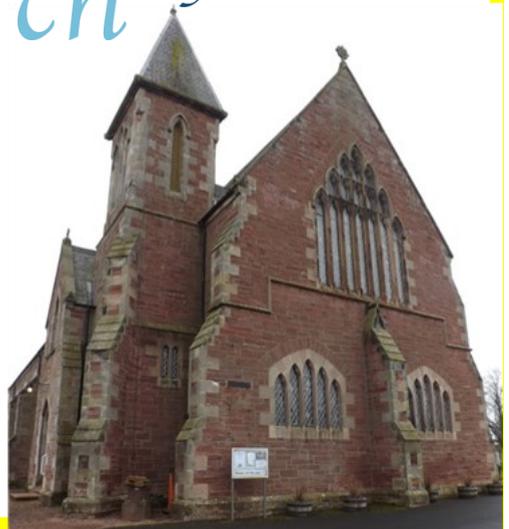


# ISLA LINK



June 2019

Bendochy Parish  
linked with  
Coupar Angus Abbey  
Church



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**Featuring in this edition of your Isla Link:-**

- ◇ Thoughts From the Manse.
- ◇ Ordination of New Elders.
- ◇ Abbey Church Fete
- ◇ Bendochy Ladies Group
- ◇ Improvements at Bendochy Church

## ***Team Work Can Make The Dream Work***

*Whilst I was pulling together the articles and photos for this edition of the Isla Link, I came across this comment that had been included with a photo submitted by Joanne Chinn. It was not highlighted in big bold letters, or used as a headline, it was just a short remark in the middle of some information about the content of a photo, but it jumped out at me as I felt that it sums up the ethos of both the Abbey and Bendochy Churches.*

*At the back of every edition of the Isla Link there are lists of names attached to the various titles; Door Duty, Flowers, Readers, etc. These lists represent all those who have volunteered to undertake these duties throughout the year. Indeed most of the content of this edition of the Isla Link is testament to the combined efforts of people from both congregations; with articles about fundraising events, the work being undertaken at both Churches, the organised groups and the links with our local and wider communities. The Isla Link itself would not happen without the combined efforts of those who write the articles and those who collate the finished magazine.*

*This is our spring/summer edition. It's a time for the rejuvenation of plants that have gone to sleep over the cold winter months, or the time when new seeds are sown. As any gardener knows, and was recently referred to by Rosemary Patterson when she was covering during Andy's annual leave, it can be a slow and difficult process to plant and nurture a seed and then wait until it grows to maturity. Everything has to go through it's own growth cycle and sometimes plants need a bit of nurturing in the potting shed or green house to help them along, and this can often be the case with many things in life.*

*We are very fortunate to have so many willing hands within our congregations and when new ideas, initiatives and activities are brought forward, we can all continue to play our part in helping them to grow successfully.*

*"Team work can make the dream work."*

***Rachel Ewins***

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***Magazine Deadline***

***Deadline for the next issue: 11 August 2019.***

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## ***Thoughts From The Manse***

Easter this year is one I will never forget! In case you haven't heard I became a 'Papa' on Good Friday so it was a good Friday for us. Our wee Holly was born at just after 9.30 am and yes I was pacing up and down until we got the good news - and for all you grandparents out there you know how I feel!

We all love to hear and to celebrate good news and over the past few months we as congregations have had lots. On Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March we ordained 5 new elders in The Abbey Church. This was a special day and a new beginning for those new Elders as they will soon take up their duties. Our plans for the redevelopment of the space under the gallery have now gone out to tender and fundraising is underway as we await those quotes. In Bendochy the new organ is in place and Austin is in full flow filling the Church with wonderful music, much to the delight of all the congregation, and the new pew cushions are very comfortable and have been very well received.

The Lord blesses us in so many ways every day and at this time of year we are constantly reminded of God's grace and majesty when we see the little lambs in the fields, the new leaves appearing on the trees and signs of new life everywhere. His love for us is unending and this was shown to us by His ultimate sacrifice in giving us His one and only Son. As to what God asks of us in return. At the end of Luke's Gospel we are reminded, ***'You are witnesses of these things...(Luke 24:48)*** To believe and accept this gracious love and then to share it with those we meet, that is all God asks of us. What then are we waiting for?

With Every Blessing,

***Andy***

### ***Ordination of New Elders at the Abbey***

Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March was a special day in the Abbey Church when 5 new Elders were Ordained. After a few weeks training and speaking about the role of an Elder it was a real joy and a privilege for me to Ordain David Chinn, Betty Crighton, Rachel Ewins, Peter Godfrey and Esther Jack as Elders in the Church of Scotland and welcome them on to the Kirk Session at the Abbey Church, and I wish them every blessing as they seek to fulfil God's calling to them.

## **Prayer Meeting**

Prayer is essential in our faith lives as we seek to serve our Lord and Saviour in this part of His Kingdom. So if you can join us on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm in the Abbey Church please do so and together we can come before the Lord in prayer.

## **Bible Study**

The Bible Study group will continue until around the middle of June, looking at the Letters of John. Our meetings are warm, friendly and informal and everyone is welcome to come and join us for these. We meet at 7.15pm on a Wednesday evening in the Abbey Church.

## **Friendly Fridays**

Our Friendly Friday afternoons continue to be a great success and it is so good to see and hear the chat and laughter that takes place as everyone comes together round a cup of tea or coffee and a tasty bite to eat. Our thanks go to those who help organise and run this every month and to all who come along and join in the fellowship. And if you haven't come along yet, why not come and join us at our next one on Friday 7th June, anytime between 1.30 - 3.00pm. A warm, friendly welcome awaits all.

## **Hospital Visits**

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

## ***Bible Study – Thomas***

Whenever we hear mention of the disciple Thomas, we almost immediately add the prefix 'Doubting', because that is the way in which most of us have come to know of Thomas. Even today people are referred to as being a 'Doubting Thomas' when they fail to believe someone or something. But what do we actually know of Thomas? Well, very little.

We know that he was a twin, but of who we are unsure, and really that is about it. His name is included in each of the Synoptic Gospels, listed among the twelve named disciples, and in the role of those who were present in the upper room after the ascension of Jesus to elect a replacement for Judas. However, very little is said about him in the New Testament other than in the Gospel of John, where he is mentioned four times, all of which were important and significant. And it is in these passages that we learn all we do know of what Thomas was like.

### **Read John 11:1-16**

In this well-known story when Jesus hears of the illness of Lazarus, Thomas is introduced only very briefly into the storyline. *But what do we learn of him in this brief encounter?*

- We learn of his courage.
- There is no sign of hesitation or doubt here.
- We learn of his devotion and love for Jesus.
- Or could it be that he was being gloomy or cynical?

### **Read John 14:1-6**

Again, a very well know portion of Scripture, *but what do these verses tell us of Thomas?*

- That he is completely unsure of what Jesus is talking about in these verses.
- Yet although he is clearly puzzled, he appears keen to find answers to his questions.

### **Read John 20:24-30**

Perhaps the passage that we all associate most readily with Thomas, *but what do these verses truly reveal to us about him?*

- Thomas appears to need to see things for himself before he will believe.
- But could this just be a real desire to be in the presence of Jesus again?
- Did he feel as if he had ‘missed out’ on not being there when Jesus first appeared to the others?
- When he did see Christ for Himself, his response showed his love and acknowledgement of his Lord - ‘My Lord and my God’.

### **Read John 21:1-14**

In these verses we are not really told much more about Thomas, but note that he is now named second only to Simon Peter. *Why might that be?*

- Is it because of his confession of Christ that we read of at the end of chapter twenty?
- Remember, Peter’s confession of Christ before the crucifixion. Only Thomas has since ‘offered’ the same kind of confession and acknowledgement of exactly who Jesus is.

The progress of Thomas in the Gospel of John is, perhaps in a way like Peter's, very typical of our own 'spiritual pilgrimage'. We all believe and are devoted to Christ, but there are times when we question and doubt, when we are gloomy and despondent and when we find it difficult to believe certain things. But then, in a moment of revelation, Christ comes to us in a special way, and once again our faith is completely restore, and we acknowledge Him afresh as our Lord and King.

Thomas is believed to have proclaimed the Gospel in India in later life and although there are documents named after him, they are not necessarily attributed to him.

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***Five New Elders ordained at  
Coupar Angus Abbey Church***

Rev. Andrew Graham was delighted to ordain 5 new Elders at the Abbey Church, Coupar Angus on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March; Betty Crighton, Peter Godfrey, Rachel Ewins, David Chinn and Esther Jack. The Minister, Kirk Session and congregation were delighted that they have accepted the Call to the Eldership.



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***Foodbank***

Dear friends, I write one more to thank all who continue to contribute to the Food Bank box which sits in the corner of the church. I t is quite heartening to see the variety of food and toiletries gifted. I know that the organisers very much appreciate all they receive and express their thanks when speaking to them.

***Helen Pithie***

## ***A View From The Pew***

This is my second attempt to write for this next edition of the “Isla Link”.

After asking my wife to read through the first one, she rightly said it was too complicated.

So here’s the second attempt to get something down on paper, which I really enjoy doing, being a challenge to me too!

How often do I fail to take the opportunity to tell someone of the love that God has for them, and what Jesus has done for them. Why do I keep my mouth shut?

I know very well what it is for me. It’s my pride, nothing less.

I fear, one, they may think I’m a “nut case”; two, they may ask me a question I can’t answer; three, they may just feel it’s no business of mine what they think and just mind my own business.

So with all this in mind I don’t speak to them at all. (Except, perhaps, something about the weather!).

Then I remember what Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew’s gospel, “when you are arrested, don’t worry what you will say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say and it will be the Father speaking through you.” Matthew 10:19. I’m not suggesting that we need to be arrested before we can trust Him to do this for us, but I’m sure it applies whenever we get the opportunity to speak to a “neighbour” and what a blessing it will be for them, and for us, as we have the courage to do it. (Echoes from the pulpit!)

***Author’s Name Withheld***

## ***Communion Tokens***

Nineteenth Century Communion Tokens are being offered for the price of £5 per token, the proceeds of which will go towards helping finance the Under the Gallery Development in the Abbey Church. If you would like to purchase a token please speak to Peter Godfrey or Ellen McGibbon.



***Ellen McGibbon***

## ***Coupar Angus Abbey Treasurer's Report***

Once again finance time. The new financial year is well under way and all audited books have been presented to the various committees for approval, passed by session and awaiting Presbytery and Edinburgh to get back to us.

The retiring offering from Communion was £106. This has been donated to PKAVS for the Dementia Cage held in the Rattray Church hall

Thanks to Anne and John Easson, and all others that made the Snowdrop Fair such a success with a total of £879.70 towards the development Fund (ACRE).

Bank Accounts Stand at the following as of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

General Account	£6,029.96
Fabric Account	£1,370.23
Reserve Account	£2,790.50
Development Account (ACRE)	£23,068.59
Children's Ministry	£2,999.70

Once again thanks to everyone who helps keep the income flowing.

***Peter Godfrey. Treasurer***

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### ***Children's Ministry***

The Children's Ministry Groups continue on a Thursday night. We have some new children and they seem to be fitting in well and enjoying the activities and stories. Some of the crafts from all groups have been fabulous and as usual, the edible crafts are always a winner.

Ellie and Morgan from Crossover took part in our Easter Sunday Family Service and joined in with the other children there on an Easter Egg Hunt.

On Saturday 4 May, 2019 some children from the groups attended an "Activity Day" at the Compass Christian Centre, Glenshee and had a great time.

Unfortunately due to ill health I was absent from the groups for March and most of April. Can I take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders for the support they showed to me during that time, which, in turn, let me have a break and recover.

***Irene Henderson***

## ***Bendochy Church Ladies Group***

<b>Dates for the 2019/2020 Session</b>	<b>Hostess</b>
9 October 2019	Judy Long
13 November 2019	Nora McLellan
11 December 2019	Christmas Lunch
12 February 2020	Marie Cormack
12 March 2020	Bridget Lithgow
8 April 2020	Christine Pate

All meetings will begin at 2.15p.m. apart from the April meeting which will be held at 10.30a.m.

Annual Subscription remains at £6.00 and we give a donation of £2.00 at each meeting.

The Coffee Mornings will be held in the Coach House from 10.00 - 11.30a.m. on November 7, 2019 and May 14, 2020.

Contact Judy Long, Tel No. 01828 632515 for further information.

We would also like to share a poem enjoyed at a recent meeting.

***Thou Art God*** (David Adam 20<sup>th</sup> century)

Thou art the peace of all things calm  
Thou art the place to hide from harm  
Thou art the light that shines in dark  
Thou art the heart's eternal spark  
Thou art the door that's open wide  
Thou art the guest who waits inside  
Thou art the calling of the poor  
Thou art my Lord and with me still  
Thou art my love, keep me from ill  
Thou art the light, the truth, the way  
Thou art my Saviour this very day.

***Judy Long***

## ***Abbey Church Fete***

At a Session meeting in 2018 Bill Pattullo put forward the idea of having a Church Fete on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 to raise funds for the “Under Gallery” development in the Abbey Church.

This idea was greeted with some caution when he said it would be on the Glebe field, because any outdoor activity is at risk of the Scottish weather. Not deterred Bill and his team, including his wife Margaret, made it happen.

The Glebe was kindly cleared of sheep and made ready by the man who rents it each year, and many people must have prayed all the previous week, because despite a very cold and wet spell, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May dawned bright and clear.

The bunting was up, the various activities set out, the ponies arrived with the Chinn family, the music played, the cakes were baked and the BBQ burgers and sausages sizzled. Lots of people, young and old, turned up to enjoy the day. When anyone felt in need of a seat there was more coffee and tea inside the Church with many more stalls to look at.

It was a very friendly and happy day in the community and raised over £2,500 for the development fund.

(Bill is determined to do it all again next year so put Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in your diaries).



***Anne Richards***

Bill and Margaret Pattullo would like to thank everyone who provided support for the Fete. From the loan of equipment, setting up, staffing the many activities, baking, manning the BBQ, providing raffle prizes and all the many other actions that helped to make the day a great success. They are also very thankful that the event received such positive support from both the congregation and local people.

## ***Something For All Ages***



Harry Walker riding Ruaridh, shows us that we are never too old to try something new.

Joanne Chinn, her daughters, grand-daughters and other young helpers introduced people of all ages to the joys of pony riding during the Fete.

## ***Ruby's Red Raiser Stall***

In addition to the fabulous sum raised for the Under Gallery Development, a further £405 was raised for the Charity, Children with Cancer and Leukaemia.

Irene Henderson sought approval from the Abbey Kirk Session to have this additional stall in honour of her colleague's family.

Six year old Ruby stole the hearts of everyone who met her when she and her parents, Claire and Andy, tried their hand at the various activities offered at the fete. Claire reported back that they had thoroughly enjoyed the day.



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## ***Bendochy Ladies Groups-***

Another recent event enjoyed by people from both congregations was the Coffee Morning held at the Bendochy Coach House.

A morning full of cheerful chatter with tea and coffee accompanied by tasty treats.



## ***Life And Work***

It's that time of year again and the May issue of Life and Work features the General Assembly about to take place in Edinburgh. Boring might be your response but there is a lot to read and think about. The future of the Church of Scotland, as we know it, is about to be brought under the spotlight.

On opening the first page of the magazine there is a quote from the editor saying "The Church is at a crossroads in its history: reform and change is urgently needed."

One of the main reports to be presented at this year's Assembly is The Radical Action Plan for church growth. The content of the report is not known at this point in time, but the Very Reverend Albert Bogle has been working on the increasing use of technology to reach out to the younger generation. This involves an online church, Sanctuary First (a church without walls). There are thousands of people already using the material and, of course, this is global.

A different way to do church? Why not!!

The other report eagerly awaited concerns the structures of the Church. There are too many buildings and a minister for each church building is no longer sustainable. What are they going to do about it? Watch this space.

On the other hand Messy Church is proving very successful in reaching out to families who wouldn't normally have any church connection.

If any of these issues are of interest to you why not subscribe to Life and Work. It is available in digital or print form.

By the way, the May issue also features the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the re-opening of the Scottish Parliament in 1999 which took place in the General Assembly Hall of the Church of Scotland. The Parliament remained there until the Holyrood building was completed.

***Anne Richards***

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## ***Congregational Roll***

### **New Member**

Mrs Alison Williams

Bendochy Parish Church

### **Deaths**

Mr James Auchterlonie

Coupar Angus Abbey

## ***Children's Ministry Outing***

On Saturday, 4th May, the Children's Ministry groups, Stepping Stones, Compass, and Crossover had an outing to the Christian Compass Centre at Glenshee. A total of 28 children and 8 leaders. It was a very very cold day but stayed dry. The Compass staff, teaching the children were wonderful. Stepping Stones took part in Archery and Low rope games. Compass and Crossover were on the Wall climbing and Zip Wire. The children took on the challenges with great enthusiasm and determination. We all enjoyed our outing and would like to thank Ellen for booking and organising it for us.

***Kathleen Godfrey***

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## ***Perth & Kinross Council Grant Elections***

The Children's Ministry Leaders and children would like to thank everyone who voted for them in the local P&KC Grant Elections. The amount allocated to the Children's Ministry was £1,000 which helped finance their recent Outing to the Christian Compass Centre and will also help in the purchasing of suitable covering for the carpet, in the church, when the children are carrying out their activities at the tables each week.

A big thank you to all.

***Ellen McGibbon***

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## ***Whats On***

29/5/19	Kirk Session Meeting	7.30pm	Abbey Church
7/6/19	Friendly Friday	1.30-3.00pm	Abbey Church
5/7/19	Friendly Friday	1.30-3.00pm	Abbey Church
2/8/19	Friendly Friday	1.30-3.00pm	Abbey Church
4/11/19	Kirk Session Meeting	7.30pm	Abbey Church
7/11/19	Coffee Morning	10.00-11.30	Bendochy Church

# WHY DO I NEED TO PRAY?

## Why do we pray?

God knows everything already anyway. He's almighty, sovereign, and in control of all things. What could we possibly add to His wisdom with our feeble attempts at prayer? It's a great question.

**FIRST, WE PRAY BECAUSE WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN, AND HE LOVES TO HEAR FROM US!**

Zephaniah 3:17

**SECOND, WE PRAY BECAUSE IT DEEPENS OUR TRUST IN GOD.**

Philippians 4:6-7

**THIRD, WE PRAY BECAUSE IT CAUSES US TO DEPEND ON GOD.**

Isaiah 40:26

**FOURTH, WE PRAY BECAUSE IT GIVES US THE CHANCE TO EXPRESS OURSELVES COMPLETELY TO THE LORD.**

Psalms 62:8

**FIFTH, WE PRAY BECAUSE OUR PRAYERS MOVE THE HEART OF GOD.**

James 4:2

**SIXTH, WE PRAY BECAUSE IT'S AN AMAZING WAY THAT WE GET TO BE INVOLVED WITH WHAT GOD IS ALREADY DOING IN OUR WORLD.**

1 Thessalonians 5:25

## PRAYER

"God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil." - Mother Teresa

## *A Morning Prayer*

Good Morning Lord.

Great is Your faithfulness  
and Your steadfast love!

Your mercies are made new every morning.

I don't know what is going to happen today,  
but You do.

So I give this day to You.

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit  
and energize me for Your work.

Awaken me to the wonder of Your salvation,  
and quicken my spirit to  
Your presence in my life.

This day is Yours, My body is Yours,  
My mind is Yours. Everything I am is Yours.

You will be faithful to complete  
the good work You have started  
And as I step out into my day,  
I declare Your sovereignty  
over every area in my life.

I entrust myself to You and ask  
that You use me however You see fit.  
May You be pleased with me today.

*Amen*

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## *Prayer Request*

Please pray for

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Name.....

Name.....



## *Pride of Place*

Our willow dome and tunnel are now complete, with the hurdle fencing. The willow has now started growing, so later in the year we will weave some of this into the structure. The area has been tidied and is now ready for some creative play. The poppy area at the traffic lights has been cleared of weeds and wild flower seed sown. Many of the poppies have self seeded and are growing well. Yellow rattle seed and wild flower mix for dry areas was sown in November at the Blair Bend. The yellow rattle weakens the grass and we are hoping the dry seed mix will be better suited to this area and we have better results this year. The crocuses fared well this year and we are hoping to plant more again along the side of the path at the far end of the park. The daffodils are well established in the park and along the road sides, and are always a wonderful to see at Easter time.



The tubers from last year's begonias have now been planted up and we are hoping that they will have grown on enough to have in the plant sale.

PoP were in the Charity Shop in March and raised a fabulous sum of over £1500, so a big thank you to the local community for supporting us.

Our plug plants arrived at the end of March and have been planted on ready to go into the baskets and boxes. We will have planted up 58 baskets by the time this goes to press and they will be kept in the polytunnel until ready to go out. Ken McGregor has kindly given us space in his polytunnel in which to put some of our baskets and plants so they do not get too squashed together in the big polytunnel. Four extra baskets are to be planted up by the children in Stepping Stones.

Ian Rodger, the local carpenter, will kindly be hanging our baskets again for us. The boxes will be planted up at the beginning of June and we will also have had the plant sale by then. This year we will also be offering to plant up a trough or pot for your front gardens, priced £6. Some of these will be at the Plant Sale or to order. Please phone or email, details at the end of the article.

The Pollinators Bed has been tidied and the perennials all growing apace. We will soon be feeding the bed and checking the plants; which to split and maybe which to replace or add. Dale is now busy cutting the grass areas again.



PoP were very fortunate to succeed in a bid for a Community Grant which is being used to spruce up the Skate Park. Wayne Rogers, a local Street Artist, is now busy at work painting over the old 'graffiti' ready to start anew, involving youngsters when possible. When complete a Skate Jam is to be organised!!

We were also successful in bidding for a grant from ScotMid of £500 towards an additional bench at the far end of Larghan Park which is now in place to rest your weary legs when you have a stroll round the park.

We have been very busy working with the children in the Garden Room. Peas, leeks, potatoes, carrots, beetroot, sweetcorn, strawberries and lettuce already planted, with onions, swede, runner beans, courgettes, marrows, tomatoes, cabbage, broccoli, sprouts and pumpkin to go, a veritable feast to harvest. We water and watch over the boxes during the holidays and help to harvest in the Autumn.

A busy few months, but we know we have only just started the preparation for when the judges from Beautiful Scotland and Take a Pride in Perth and Kinross arrive in early August!

Contact:— Anne Easson — Phone: 628001 — Email: a.easson@btinternet.com

### ***Abbey Church - Fabric Report***

The good news is that we have now got a contractor lined up to do the work under the gallery, starting early July. Gows of Kettins' bid was accepted by the Kirk Session sub-committee, as the best of the three received. With that now done, grant applications to assist with the cost are now in process and the Presbytery have given their approval. This means that unless there are unforeseen snags, everything should progress steadily now. We await confirmation of a starting date from Gows and an anticipated completion date.

The issue of the faulty main lights is still with the contractors and manufacturers, but from the most recent communication from the contractors, they anticipate replacing all the units before too long. However, I have not yet had any information from them as to the exact cause of the problems, nor when they will be doing work, as I believe they are still negotiating with the manufacturers.

***John Easson***

## ***Improvements at Bendochy Church***

Not only inside the church at Bendochy, but also outside, there have recently been some excellent improvements to the look of the Church

We have a new organ from which Austen gets some wonderful music, and it enhances our singing.

We have new pew cushions, which are much more comfortable than the previous ones, and the colour also adds to the atmosphere inside.

Outside we have two new benches to commemorate two parishioners who recently died, both having left a legacy to Bendochy Church. Robert Cormack, who was Fabric Convenor for many years, is remembered with a bench with a fine view of the river from the top of the path from the Church to the Coach House. Elaine Proctor is also remembered with a bench in the new cemetery, where folk can sit and enjoy the tranquility there.

Last but not least, we had a “working party” to clean up the weeds, etc, in the carpark and pathways around the Church. The branches of the tree on the way in were also trimmed. It really has improved the appearance and my grateful thanks to all those who gave of their time.

Come along and see the changes and give thanks to all involved

***John Morison***

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## ***Flower Club***

Sunday by Sunday members of the congregation and friends of the Church continue to provide flowers for the vases on the chancel. After the service, these are delivered to local people to let them know the church members are thinking of them, and wishing them well.

Many thanks to all who provide the flowers Sunday by Sunday, it is much appreciated by the congregation. Thanks are also extended to the small group, Kathleen, Alison and Sandra who helped decorate the church for Easter.

If anyone would like to become involved in this work please speak to either /Sheila or Helen we look forward to hearing from you.

***Helen Pithie***

## ***Abbey Flower Rota***

### ***June***

***Co-ordinator: I Rodger  
627703***

- 2** Mrs A Richards  
**9** Mrs B Crighton  
**16** Mrs I Rodger  
**23** Mrs P Donaldson  
**30** Mrs I Jack

### ***August***

***Co-ordinator: I Jack  
627759***

- 4** Mrs J McNaughton  
**11** Mrs C Todd  
**18** Mrs I Jack  
**25** Mrs I Henderson/  
Mrs J Rennie

### ***July***

***Co-ordinator: A Richards  
628138***

- 7** Mrs K McKinney  
**14** Mr H Walker  
**21** Mrs S Jack  
**28** Mrs J Hawkins



### ***September***

***Co-ordinator: H Pithie  
627365***

- 1** Mrs R Ewins  
**8** Miss E Jack  
**15** Mrs I Rodger  
**22** Mrs A Farquharson  
**29** Mrs H Pithie

## ***Bendochy Flower Rota***

### ***June***

- 2** Ann Wilkie  
**9** Ann Wilkie  
**61** Jane Davidson  
**23** Jane Davidson  
**30** Judy Long

### ***August***

- 4** Bridget Lithgow  
**11** Bernice Mackenzie  
**18** Bernice Mackenzie  
**25** Marjorie Scott

### ***July***

- 7** Judy Long  
**14** Judy Long  
**21** Bridget Lithgow  
**28** Bridget Lithgow

### ***September***

- 1** Marjorie Scott  
**8** Marjorie Scott  
**15** Sheila Lindsay  
**22** Sheila Lindsay  
**29**



## ***Bendochy Cleaning Rota***

<i>June</i>	Christine Pate and Bill Pate
<i>July</i>	Jean Laburn and Graeme McNeill
<i>August</i>	Rosemary Patterson and Susan Meldrum
<i>September</i>	Jane Davidson and Malcolm Davidson

## ***Coach House Hostesses***

<i>June</i>	Jean Laburn	Bernice Mackenzie
<i>July</i>	Rosemary Patterson	Susan Meldrum
<i>August</i>	Shona Grant	Marie Cormack
<i>September</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***

### ***2019 Marks the 50th anniversary of the Stamp Appeal.***

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

Last year's appeal, for a day care centre for disabled children in the Ukraine, raised nearly £2500.

The 2019 appeal is in aid of a Women Training Centre in Blantyre, Malawi. It works with disadvantaged and unemployed girls and women. It is run by the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.

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.



## ***Readers in the Abbey and Bendochy***

<b>2019</b>	<b><i>The Abbey</i></b>	<b><i>Bendochy</i></b>
<b><i>June</i></b>		
<b>2</b>	Rev. Andrew Graham	J Davidson
<b>9</b>	Jeff Brewer	J Laburn
<b>16</b>	Anne Richards	J Morison
<b>23</b>	Margaret Pattullo	M Davidson
<b>30</b>	Ellen McGibbon	S Cumming
<b><i>July</i></b>		
<b>7</b>	Catriona Henderson	R Patterson
<b>14</b>	Joanne Chinn	G McNeill
<b>21</b>	David Chinn	J Davidson
<b>28</b>	Irene Henderson	J Laburn
<b><i>August</i></b>		
<b>4</b>	Anne Easson	J Morison
<b>11</b>	John Easson	M Davidson
<b>18</b>	Rev. Andrew Graham	S Cumming
<b>25</b>	Jeff Brewer	R Patterson
<b><i>September</i></b>		
<b>1</b>	Anne Richards	G McNeill
<b>8</b>	Margaret Pattullo	J Davidson
<b>15</b>	Ellen McGibbon	J Laburn
<b>22</b>	Catriona Henderson	J Morison
<b>29</b>	Joanne Chinn	M Davidson

## ***The Abbey Beadle Duty***

	<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Other</i></b>
<b>2019</b>	<b><i>Services</i></b>	<b><i>Services</i></b>
<b><i>June</i></b>	Irene Rodger	Ellen McGibbon
<b><i>July</i></b>	Sandra Jack	Ellen McGibbon
<b><i>August</i></b>	Anne Richards	Kathleen Godfrey
<b><i>September</i></b>	Ellen McGibbon	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.

### ***June 2***

C Pate  
D Patterson

### ***June 9***

J Laburn  
B Mackenzie

### ***June 16***

G McNeill  
D Donaldson

### ***June 23***

J Morison  
R Patterson

### ***June 30***

D Grant  
S Grant

### ***July 7***

W Pate  
D Patterson

### ***July 14***

B Mackenzie  
J Laburn

### ***July 21***

D Donaldson  
W Pate

### ***July 28***

G McNeill  
R Patterson

### ***August 4***

S Grant  
D Grant

### ***August 11***

DJ Morison  
W Pate

### ***August 18***

D Donaldson  
D Patterson

### ***August 25***

J Laburn  
B Mackenzie

### ***September 1***

J Morison  
G McNeill

### ***September 8***

W Pate  
C Pate

### ***September 15***

D Grant  
S Grant

## ***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.

### ***June 2***

K Godfrey  
P Godfrey

### ***June 9***

J Easson  
A Easson

### ***June 16***

B Anderson  
A Richards

### ***June 23***

E McGibbon  
I Rodger

### ***June 30***

S Turnbull  
J Brewer

### ***July 7***

H Pithie  
E Jack

### ***July 14***

S Robertson  
E McGibbon

### ***July 21***

D Hindmarch  
I Jack

### ***July 28***

M Pattullo  
W Pattullo

### ***August 4***

S Jack  
A Legge

### ***August 11***

I Henderson  
J Rennie

### ***August 18***

B Crighton  
E Ewins

### ***August 25***

D Chinn  
J Chinn

### ***September 1***

K Godfrey  
P Godfrey

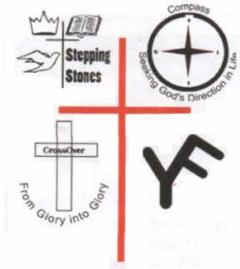
### ***September 8***

J Easson  
A Easson

### ***September 15***

B Anderson  
A Richards

# COUPAR ANGUS AND BENDOCHY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Groups meet on Thursdays during school term time:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Age Group</b>
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**

## *Coupar Angus Abbey Church*



### CHARITY SHOP

George Street, Coupar Angus

30 June — 13 July 2019

*Raffle & Tombola*



Sheila and Allan Legge, and their team of helpers will be happy to accept donations to the shop from 3pm on Saturday, 29 June, or they can be passed to Church Elders.

Goods can be uplifted – Phone Allan Legge on 01828 628886.

Bendochy Parish Church of Scotland ((SC004358) and Coupar Angus Abbey Church of Scotland (SC014438) are component elements of the Presbytery of of Dunkeld and Meigle (SC036630) which is itself a component element of the Church of Scotland (SC011353).