

ISLA LINK



October 2021

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:

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Upcoming Events and Services*

Sunday 31 October

10.00am

11.15 am

Sunday 14 November

10.00am

10.45am

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Bendochy Parish Church

Coupar Angus Abbey Church

Remembrance Sunday

Short Service in Bendochy Parish Church

Service of Remembrance in the Abbey Church



In support of the Church of Scotland National Giving Days, Coupar Angus Abbey Church donated all Harvest Service goods and funds to the local Foodbank and a Retiring Offering will be donated to The Scottish Air Ambulance after the Communion Service. Remembrance Service Retiring Offerings from both Churches will be donated to Poppy Scotland.

Proposed Christmas Services*

Friday 24 December

7.00pm

Sunday 26 December

10:00am

11.15

Joint Christmas Eve Service,

Coupar Angus Abbey

Bendochy Parish Church

Coupar Angus Abbey



**All Services are dependent on local and national restrictions at that time.*

EPACTS

EPACTS will be raising funds for Christian Aid by running a charity shop in George Street, Coupar Angus between 16-23 October 2021. All donations will be gratefully received.



Thoughts From The Manse

It's been such a long time since we have been able to produce our church newsletter, in fact our last edition was in February/March 2020, and I would like to thank all involved in the production and distribution of this one. Since our last newsletter the work of the Church has not stopped. We have had to find different ways of doing things, most of which has been online, including the setting up of a new YouTube channel, so that we were able to have worship every week. We also held online Bible studies and Session meetings.

I have found it very challenging and difficult not being able to meet with others face to face, particularly so with families before a funeral service where we have had to speak over the phone. Similarly, I have not been able to go into the school but have done one or two things on line and am due to take part in a Harvest Assembly, albeit again online, at the beginning of October. Although we are able to gather again in our churches for Sunday worship, the online services continue as do the Daily Reflections / Prayers, and in September both Kirk Sessions met face to face for the first time in over a year, which brought back some normality, albeit with face coverings.

We now have a new organist, Mrs. Alison Malcolm, who I am delighted to have the opportunity to work alongside. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Esther Jack, Margaret Davidson and Jenny Whyte for their help in keeping music in the church until Alison's appointment. This was especially difficult when we were not allowed to sing.

Things remain uncertain in all walks of life and it may yet be sometime before we can all do the things we would like and want to do, and that includes within the Church. However, looking back at our last newsletter, I am reminded of the verse included in that, '***Jesus Christ is the same and today and for ever...***' (Heb. 13:8) and in this, despite whatever challenges may lie ahead, we surely find comfort and hope for the future and in that hope, '***Let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and the growth of our fellowship together...***' (Romans 14:19)

God bless.

Andy

An Introduction To Our New Organist

I was born and raised in Wiltshire with my first career being that of Cordon Bleu Cook. I soon realised my mistake and changed to playing the organ, gaining diplomas for this. Prior to taking up the post here in Bendochy and Coupar Angus I previously played in Salisbury, Wiltshire with my most recent post being at Amesbury Abbey Church.

As the south has gradually become a building site with traffic jams every where, I decided to move to Scotland last year, and just love it. My father came from Edinburgh and I have many cousins up here. My dogs and I enjoy the fabulous walks with stunning views and wild life. We are slightly curtailed at the moment by my puppy. I chose my new home as the lounge has a cathedral height ceiling and allows my pipe organ to fit in and the garden has room for 4 hens.

I have joined the Dundee Choral Society, the RSCDS Dundee and the Tayside Organists Association. I love Scottish Country Dancing and am a qualified teacher and now dance not less than 3 evenings a week.

I really enjoy playing the organ at Bendochy and Coupar Angus. Everyone has made me so welcome, and you sit and listen, which was scary at first as I am used to people rushing for coffee in the hall as soon as the choir is out!



I'm sure we all hope that the choir will be able to return before Christmas.

Alison Malcolm

Bendochy Church Ladies Group

At the meeting held on 16th September, 2021, it was agreed unanimously, with great regret, that the Group should be disbanded. The number of members has reached the point where it is no longer viable to continue.

The Group began in 2000 and in the years since has played a significant role in Bendochy Church life. We have held Silent Auctions, Wine and Cheese Evenings, Naughty but Nice Evenings and many Coffee Mornings resulting in our being able to contribute towards the costs of maintaining the Church.

We have welcomed many interesting speakers to our meetings during that time, topics as diverse as protecting wildlife to keeping fit and the uses for jute. Prayer and reflection, readings and hymns were an integral part of our afternoons together with the companionship of friends.

We should like to thank all of you who have given your support over the last 20 years to the group.

God bless you all.

Judy Long, Convener



Prayer

Loving Lord,

Help me live today for You.

Help me be sensitive to Your direction for my life,

Fill me with Your love, mercy and grace, that I might lead others to You,

Please grant me the Spirit of surrender.

In Jesus's Name I pray.

Amen

Bible Study

I plan to start a Bible Study on Wednesday, the 13th of October, at 7.00pm, and because of the requirement for face coverings, etc ,will again be doing this via Zoom.

This session we're going to look at people in the Bible rather than any one particular book and I plan to start with Hannah. The main text for this is found in 1 Samuel chapter 1. If you would like to take part or if anyone has any questions please just get back to me.

Andy

Foodbank

Grateful thanks are extended to both congregations for their donations of foodstuffs, toiletries and funds which were gathered at the Harvest Services held on Sunday, 10 October 2021.

Helen Pithie

Reliance on the computer's spell checker can be risky:

I have a spelling chequer
It came with my pee cee
It plainly marks four my revue
Miss takes I cannot sea
I've run this poem threw it
I'm shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect in it's weigh
My chequer tolled me sew

Anon

Now, the importance of punctuation:

An English lecturer wrote on the blackboard the words 'A woman without her man is nothing' and asked the students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: 'A woman, without her man, is nothing'

The women wrote: 'A woman: without her, man is nothing'

Source: Grammar for Grownups, Katherine Fry & Rowena Kirton, published by Square Peg, 2012

Safety Measures Currently In Place

In accordance with guidance provided by the Church of Scotland, measures continue in both Churches to reduce Covid-19 contact risk. Hand sanitiser, social distancing, cleaning protocols, track and trace recording and mask wearing remain in place. Please make contact with a member of your Kirk Session to discuss any issues that may be impeding your return to Sunday Service.



Who's who at the Abbey

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Postage Stamps

Please keep saving your used postage stamps as the work undertaken with the funds raised continues. This year the Stamp Project proceeds will benefit The Women's Development Centre (WDC) in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Stamps can now be passed to Rachel Ewins.



We would like to express our thanks to Harry Walker for previously undertaking this task on behalf of the Abbey Church congregation.