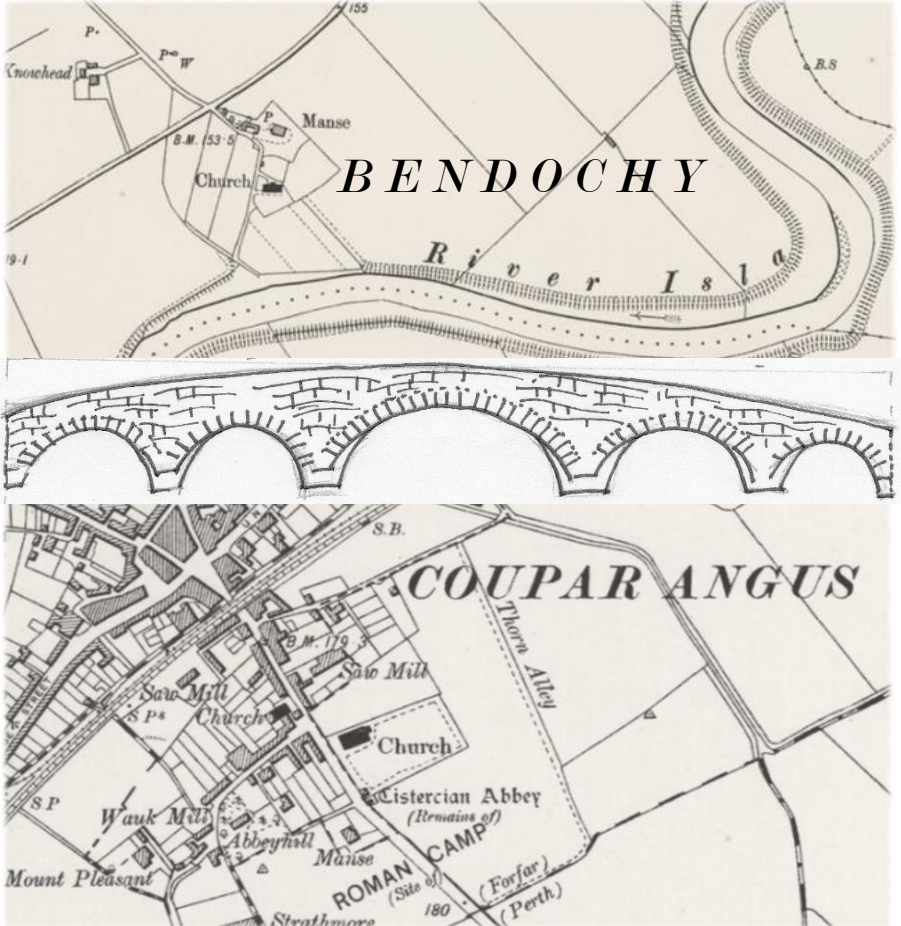


# ISLA LINK



***THE MAGAZINE OF BENDOCHY LINKED  
WITH COUPAR ANGUS ABBEY CHURCH***

**FEB/MARCH 2016**

Interim Moderator:

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## ***Bendochy Church***

Sunday Service 10.00am

### ***Session Clerk:***

Mr Graeme McNeill

Bendochy House

Blairgowrie PH13 9HU

Tel: 01828 627751

## ***Abbey Church***

Sunday Service: 11.15am

### ***Session Clerk:***

Mrs Ellen McGibbon

4 Abbey Gardens

Coupar Angus PH13 9EN

Tel: 01828 628115

Website: [www.bandcachurch.org.uk](http://www.bandcachurch.org.uk)

## ***Welcoming you at The Abbey today*** (subject to change)

### ***February 21***

J Duncan

S Jack

A Legge

A Richards

### ***February 28***

I Henderson

J Rennie

B Anderson

### ***March 6***

E Crighton

R Ewins

H Pithie

### ***March 13***

S Turnbull

D Chinn

J Chinn

I Rodger

### ***March 20***

J Brewer

K Godfrey

E Jack

S Robertson

### ***March 27***

D Hindmarch

I Jack

M Patullo

W Patullo

### ***April 3***

A Easson

J Easson

E McGibbon

### ***April 10***

J Duncan

S Jack

A Legge

A Richards

### ***April 17***

I Henderson

J Rennie

B Anderson

### ***April 24***

**COMMUNION**

### ***May 1***

S Turnbull

D Chinn

J Chinn

I Rodger

### ***May 8***

J Brewer

K Godfrey

E Jack

S Robertson

### ***May 15***

D Hindmarch

I Jack

M Patullo

W Patullo

### ***May 22***

A Easson

J Easson

E McGibbon

### ***May 29***

J Duncan

S Jack

A Legge

A Richards

### ***June 5***

I Henderson

J Rennie

B Anderson

## ***Welcoming you at Bendochy today***

### ***February 21***

G McNeill  
C Pate

### ***February 28***

C Cochrane  
D Grant

### ***March 6***

D Donaldson  
A Davidson

### ***March 13***

J Laburn  
B MacKenzie

### ***March 20***

S Grant  
G McNeill

### ***March 27***

R Cormack  
W Pate

### ***April 3***

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D Grant

### ***June 5***

D Donaldson  
C Pate

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

## ***Bendochy Cleaning Rota***

### ***February***

C Pate and W Pate

### ***March***

J Laburn and G McNeill

### ***April***

R Patterson and S Meldrum

### ***May***

J Davidson and M Davidson

### ***June***

M Cormack and R Coracle

## ***Coach House Hostesses***

Coffee will be served in the Coach House at the end of the service on the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome.



### ***February***

Shona Grant

Marie Cormack

### ***March***

Celia Cochrane

Jane Davidson

### ***April***

Bernice McKenzie

Margaret Donaldson

### ***May***

Erica Espley

Sheila Lindsay

# *Readers in the Abbey and Bendochy*



## *The Abbey*

## *Bendochy*

### *February*

21 Anne Easson  
28 John Easson

Jane Davidson  
Robert Cormack

### *March*

6 Jeff Brewer  
13 Anne Richards  
20 Margaret Patullo  
27 Ellen McGibbon

Jean Laburn  
John Morison  
Margaret Davidson  
Steve Cumming

### *April*

3 Catriona Henderson  
10 Iain Bentley  
17 Jacqui Duncan  
24 Communion – Jo Chinn

Graeme McNeill  
Sarah Tulloch  
Rosemary Patterson  
Jane Davidson

### *May*

1 David Chinn  
8 Irene Henderson  
15 Peter MacNab  
22 Anne Easson  
29 John Easson

Robert Cormack  
Jean Laburn  
John Morison  
Margaret Davidson  
Steve Cumming

### *June*

5 Jeff Brewer

Graeme McNeill

## *Bendochy Flower Rota*

### *February*

21 Margaret Donaldson  
28 Margaret Donaldson

### *March*

6 Margaret Donaldson  
13 Christine Pate  
20 Christine Pate  
27 Easter Sunday

### *April*

3 Sheila Lindsay  
10 Sheila Lindsay  
17 Communion  
24 Cathy Fullerton

### *May*

1 Rose P  
8 Rose P  
15 Judy Long  
22 Judy Long  
29 Ann Wilkie

### *June*

5 Ann Wilkie



## ***Fresh Start***

This time of year always seems somewhat of a challenge. The weather has particularly dominated our lives in quite a dramatic way, the days are still short and dark, and we've said our goodbyes to a few people very close to us here at the Abbey. Peter says his farewell at the end of this edition of Isla Link.

I had the pleasure of attending some of the short services last week connected with the week of prayer for Christian Unity and it was encouraging to meet with others from church fellowships different from my own. The theme was one of reflecting upon our Christian vocation whoever we are, to be salt and light in our communities. It was good to be reminded of the centrality of the simple yet dynamic and transformational message of Jesus and to see afresh how relevant in our contemporary world His message is in our local communities and wider world today in spite of the huge dilemmas currently facing our world.

It's at this time of the year we all like to turn over a new leaf, say goodbye to old habits and generally look forward to fresh opportunities. An extract from Gerard Hughes blog "Pain, Hope & Peace" is worth reflecting on.

Gerard encourages us to take part in a simple exercise which can have a transforming energy in our lives. He goes on to say we can ask ourselves every day "Has any event today surprised or delighted me?" Then focusing our attention on what we have enjoyed, to relish and suck all the enjoyment out of it that we can. It is by doing this that we can begin to grasp the wonder that is already in our lives.

This month we have prepared the magazine a week early in order to include the programme for the Snowdrop Festival which occurs at the end of February. Many of the events are free to attend and the event hopes to celebrate all that's positive in our community, particularly as we see the tiny snowdrops pushing through all the debris from last autumn and winter-surely a parable in its self.

***Roz Arno-Button***

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

All four groups have re-commenced after the Christmas break. A very successful (albeit short) concert was held in December which took the form of an Awards Ceremony and singing by the children and young folk.

Although our groups have decreased in numbers slightly, there is still a lot of fun, games, crafts and laughter whilst all the time keeping a christian element to all we do.

If you know of any child/young person who may be interested in coming along please encourage them. Details are below

Stepping Stones	Thursday	5.30-6.45pm	P1-P3
Compass	Thursday	7.00-8.30pm	P4-P6
Crossover	Monday	7.00-8.30pm	P7-S1
Youth Fellowship	Wednesday	7.00-9.00pm	S2+

We also have a notice board in the church where you can see some of the work done by the children/young people in the groups

For more information contact Ellen McGibbon on Tel: 01828 628115.

***Irene Henderson***

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### **Taize Style Service**

7pm on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016

St Anne's Episcopal Church, Forfar Road, Coupar Angus

All Welcome

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## ***Congregational Registers***

### ***Deaths***

#### ***The Abbey***

13.12.15 Kenneth McGregor, Denrosa, Bogside Road, Coupar Angus

07.01.16 Peter Barker, 2 Littleblair Drive, Rosemount, Blairgowrie

#### ***Bendochy***

12.01.16 Alexander (Sandy) Forsyth, Northlands Care Home, Blairgowrie

## ***EPACTS.***

EPACTS met on 28 January 2016 with a number of items being tabled:

Thanks were expressed to all who had supported the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity hunger lunches. Ten Churches took part with a good cross section of Church members and friends attending. £475 was raised for the Persecuted Church.

The committee are hoping to rent a shop in Blairgowrie leading up to Easter for a new project entitled '**trypraying**'. It is being tried in Edinburgh and round about. Look out for posters nearer the time.

**Isle of Cumbrae** -While all the places are filled for 3-6 May 2016, Mary would be happy to hear if there was anyone else interested in visiting the retreat. Please contact Mary Hall on 01250 883437

### ***Food Bank***

Recently I received an email from one of the organisers of the Food Bank thanking all who so kindly continue to support the project, especially at Christmas time. One comment made by a client was that Christmas would be that much better because of the food parcels handed out.

Unfortunately the need is still there, so please continue to bring your donations which are picked up every week and transferred to Perth where they are made up into food parcels and brought back to Blairgowrie and handed out. There are quite a few find their way back into this area. So again many thanks for your support, your contribution is very well appreciated.

### ***Food Bank Traffic Lights***

<b><i>Red - Supplies Needed</i></b>	Sugar, Tinned Veg, Rice Meals, Crisps, Coffee, Drinking Chocolate, Packet Mash, Tinned Fruit.
<b><i>Amber - Supplies OK</i></b>	Main Meals, Biscuits, Juice, Treats, Milk, Packet Soup, Jam, Puddings, Toiletries, Pet Food
<b><i>Green - Plentiful Supply</i></b>	Beans, Soup, Teabags, Cereal, Pasta, Rice, Pasta Meals, Tinned Tomatoes

***Helen Pithie***

## ***Life and Work***

My main aim in this part of the Isla Link is to give you a flavour of the Life and Work magazine of the Church of Scotland. Some people have the misconception that it is boring, serious stuff but, on the contrary, it is full of interesting and sometimes humorous articles.

In the October issue Ron Ferguson, who is always a good read, introduced a new columnist - his pet collie Mansie. Mansie gives a view of the world through a dog's eyes. Since this appeared, each month there has been one or two letters in the magazine to Mansie about humans and their exploits. This may seem frivolous but some important points are being raised. Maybe it is easier to raise these pretending to be speaking through your dog!!

Other features are, of course, much more serious. In the January issue the Rev. Ewan Gilchrist describes how the chaplaincy team at Cults Academy in Aberdeen dealt with the aftermath of the violent death of a 5th year student.

On May 8th 2016 there is to be a Scottish Church Census. Every local congregation across Scotland, of every denomination, can be part of this comprehensive study of church-going in Scotland. Not only on Sundays but midweek too. More of this later.

As we are coming up to our own Snowdrop Festival in Coupar Angus I thought I would share a poem from Life and Work (Jan. 2016).

***After Winter*** by Kenneth Steven

Sometimes we cannot see the stars  
The dark is down and holds us bleak and lost  
Sometimes all that we can do is wait  
For believing's just too big and too alone.

Until a snowdrop pushes up the sky  
And suddenly the snow is only slush  
The winter no more than a waiting for the sound  
Of geese in thousands overhead.



PS Sometimes I curse the advertising inserts in Life and Work as they fall out all the time!

This month one such advert is for THE REAL EASTER EGG - the egg which shares the Easter Story. It is on the notice board at the Abbey Church. website [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) (Tesco and Morrisons will have stocks from the middle of February.)

*Anne Richards*

### ***Pride of Place***

Really exciting news for our town, Pride of Place are delighted to announce that Coupar Angus, as two times gold medal and category winners of Britain in Bloom, in 2013 and 2015, have been asked by Beautiful Scotland to host a Get Together for the five Scottish entrants in this year's Britain in Bloom.

All of the 2016 Scottish Britain in Bloom groups are keen to have a get together (for hints, tips, sharing experiences etc.). As we have much to share in terms of our Britain in Bloom experiences, they wish to hear top tips from Coupar Angus. What a wonderful accolade for our town.

We are proud to be welcoming them here on Thursday 3rd March at the Red House. Coupar Angus will be looking good with the snowdrops in bloom. We will be having a mock' Judges Tour of the town. So if you see a crowd of visitors walking round Coupar Angus on 3rd March, we feel sure that Coupar Angus will give them a warm welcome and show just what pride we now have in our town.

There will be a Pride of Place Snowdrop Family Ceilidh on Friday 4th March, from 7.30pm until 10.30pm in the Coupar Angus Town Hall. Tickets: £6 adults, children under 12 free. Includes soup and sandwiches. Contact: Tracy Thom on 01828 628747.

*Anne Easson Fabric Convener*

## ***Coupar Angus Abbey Church: Fabric Report - February/March 2016***

### ***Door Lock***

For security reasons, it has been decided to change the lock on the door (at the Session House entrance), and this will be done on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The Kirk Session has approved a list of keyholders who will be given keys, but a condition will be applied that loss of a key will mean paying for a new lock and set of keys, as a lost key will mean we cannot be sure the building is secure. It will not be possible for the new keys to be copied without permission.

### ***Stonework at the South Door***

Two stones in the arch over this door have moved slightly, but are not at risk of falling, but one stone at the side has broken and a piece fallen off. A local surveyor has kindly examined the damage and recommended an experienced stonemason, who has come and inspected, and will be sending a list of suggested work and a quotation. His verbal comments were that the problem was not too serious, nor the work extensive.

### ***Abbey Church - former choir chairs***

It has been decided to dispose of the old choir chairs which are no longer used. Anyone interested in obtaining one (or knowing of another church that might want them), please contact the Fabric Convener, John Easson on 01828 628001.

***John Easson  
Fabric Convener***



### ***Jars of Grace***

The Jars of Grace are still ongoing and I am grateful to all who contribute to this worthwhile project. If you would like to take part put all your spare change, that which weighs down your pockets or purses, in a spare jar and pass it to me for counting. It is thereafter banked to support ACRe which is the Redevelopment Fund for the Abbey. If you don't have any spare jars I can supply you with some.

***Ellen MGibbon***

## ***St Anne's Ecumenical Lunch Club***

Continuing to meet every second week, the date of the next lunch is 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 12 noon. A warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to drop by.

***Helen Pithie***

## ***Magazine Deadline***

Thank you to all who have contributed to the magazine this month.

***Deadline for the next issue: 18 May 2016.***

Please send articles to:-

Roz Arno-Button - 01828 628 728 - [roz.arno@btinternet.com](mailto:roz.arno@btinternet.com)

Rachel Ewins - 01828 627031 - [rachel.ewins@btinternet.com](mailto:rachel.ewins@btinternet.com)

Or pass to any member of the Isla Link team:-

John Easson, Donna Hindmarch, Isobel & Hamish Jack, Helen Pithie and Anne Richards at The Abbey or Margaret Davidson and Bernie McKenzie at Bendochy.

***Roz Arno-Button***

## ***Donations for the Isla Link***

Donations for the Isla Link will be gratefully received. Please put your donation in an envelope and either put it in the plate or hand it to your distributor. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.



Dear Friends,

There are many privileges in a minister's life and I was accorded such on the 15<sup>th</sup> January when I had the duty of officiating at the funeral of our dear departed friend Peter Alan Barker, a loyal Ruling Elder of Coupar Angus Abbey and a friend to many. Peter had the intention of becoming a minister in the Church of England, having been born and brought up in Kent, but felt a greater call to teaching. Having graduated with a "double first" from Cambridge University he enjoyed the challenge of teaching at Eton College - where he taught pupils of many famous parents, including royalty and senior politicians. Keen to progress in the field of education, he took up an appointment at Strathallan School in Perthshire where "their discipline was fantastic, far better than at Eton"!

Peter eventually took up residence in Blairgowrie in 1991 and having "tried" a few of the local churches decided that the Abbey in Coupar Angus should be his spiritual home and was ordained there as a Ruling Elder. And he was very certain that he was in the right place.

Certainty is the most valuable thing in the world and the one note which all will recognise in someone who preaches or speaks in Jesus' Name - as Peter did - will recognise the sincerity of belief.

The man who clearly knows where he is going, and who has no doubt that he is right, is the man with real strength. One strong man who is sure of himself will carry a whole committee with him. The man to whom others will listen, and the man who gets things done, is the man who obviously knows what he is talking about. Peter always gave the impression that he knew a great deal (and he did!), He was also able to have the last word on many occasions - and has managed to have that even in the Isla Link.

But he also made a final request - nay it was a command - and these were the words I was able to include in my eulogy in Church.

## ***MISS ME BUT LET ME GO***

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me.  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low,  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone,  
It's all part of the Master's Plan  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds  
Miss me, but let me go.

We will - and we'll miss Peter - and thanks be to God who will have welcomed him with the words; "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into your rest".

Your Friend and Interim-Moderator

***Tom Tait***

## EPACTS

Before Christmas Helen Pithie asked if I would participate in the January EPACTS Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a role previously covered by Peter Barker. Since my 25 years of ordained ministry have all been ecumenically based I was happy to oblige.

This year's theme for the East Perthshire Action of Churches Together in Scotland was 'Salt of the Earth' but the World Council of Churches booklet was only a general guide so the various acts of worship were non-conformist! Daily meetings were held in different local venues & organised/led by different denominations. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> was 'our' abbey day, & a group of us duly went to Blair, meeting in the parish church hall. More importantly, fellowship followed each service with soup & bletcher. Thanks girls...

I had gone along the day before, to meet another church representative & finalise our joint service. John Mowat gave me some helpful if rather confusing advice regarding the structure of our contribution - but then I was new to the task. The service started with symbolic lighting of candles by Helen, one for each church represented on the day. John talked about Joseph's dream after a reading from Genesis and we sang 'I have a dream'. I talked about stewardship after a reading from 1 Peter, reminding me of my commitment to educational chaplaincy and crop science. We sang 'God in his love for us' before finishing with prayers, 'Angel voices', a blessing and soup!

It's very difficult for me to even begin to grasp the idea of a common Christian vision & mission in Perthshire, let alone what it must be like to be a witnessing Christian in Latvia under an oppressive neighbouring Russian regime and a Cold War godless atmosphere. The EPACTS week reminds us of the need for unity & mission throughout a bigger world than our local parishes. Check out Mathew's gospel for a take on salt and light.....I found myself reflecting on how God has led me to develop chaplaincy roles alongside my workplace, founded on my personal commitment to Justice Peace and the Integrity of Creation. What gifts have you been given to bring others to Christ?

During the '90's I was employed by the Anglicans as their Education Officer in Greater Manchester, as chaplain to educational chaplains, under the umbrella of Greater Manchester Ecumenical Council. As you might expect in a huge metropolis, their ecumenical vision was different from the kirk here,

for many reasons - historical, geographical, cultural, political & theological. It was similar to the industrial West Riding of my childhood - Jeff Brewer and I are both Bradford boys!

Before that I had also played an ecumenical role as a minister in secular employment, alongside lecturing my agricultural and horticultural students. Local Methodist & Anglican ministries also contributed to my URC background, via York Ecumenical Council. The last 11 years before my retirement were also spent in chaplaincy, at the King's School Canterbury - well known to Peter. This Anglican foundation entrusted me with ecumenical & interfaith stewardship despite my Presbyterian & congregational roots. On the other hand I did run the tuck shop and bar! My leaving present was a lovely silver sporran hip flask, engraved with 'the spirit of stewardship', which I find essential for ceilidhs....

Perhaps you will now understand why I am enjoying my role as Woodland Willie at Butterybank. Working with 'my' P7's from Coupar Angus Primary School continues to be a constructive community link beyond the woodland. So much for retirement. That's my vision. What's yours?

***Iain Bentley***

### ***Prayer Group Meetings***

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.....

## ***Whats On***

Sunday	21.02.16	Taize Style Service - 7pm, St Anne's Episcopal Church, Forfar Rd, Coupar Angus
Saturday	27.02.16	Spring Fayre - 10am-2pm, The Abbey Church
Friday	04.03.16	PoP Family Ceilidh, 7.30-10.30pm Coupar Angus Town Hall
Sunday	27.03.16	Easter Sunday
Sunday	17.04.16	Communion - Bendochy Church
Sunday	24.04.16	Communion - The Abbey Church



## ***Do You Enjoy Singing?***

If like me, you enjoy singing then why not consider joining the recently reformed Choir at the Abbey. We are a small but growing band of people who meet every **Wednesday evening from 6-7pm** in the Abbey to practice.

Since our new Organist Austin Wilkie has taken up position the Choir has enjoyed performing a variety of Introits - where, because of increased numbers, the part singing has become more ambitious. We sing old, new and contemporary pieces always accompanied either on the organ or keyboard by Austin who leads us with his outstanding playing.

Who knows, if we swell our numbers enough we might be able to take over the entire Chancel and that would be tremendous.

Take up a new, or perhaps lapsed hobby and come along and join us in our celebration of worshipping the Big Man.

***Johann Rennie***



## ***Ken McGregor - 25.10.19– 13.12.16***

Ken McGregor and identical twin David were born in Coupar Angus on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1919. He had two older sisters, Rosa and Christina, and also a brother, James, who died before Ken was born. Despite the friendly banter between Ken and David there was always a strong bond between the twins which lasted throughout their lives until David died three years ago.

Ken married local girl Jean Murray in 1950 and were blessed with three sons, Murray born in 1955, Kenneth born in 1957 and Gordon in 1961. The family moved to Denrosa, Bogside Road in 1959 where Ken was to remain for the rest of his life and from where his bee keeping business was run. He retired in the early 1990's when the business moved to its present location in Victoria Street run by eldest son, Murray. However, although retired he continued to have a keen interest in the business and would quiz Murray about what was happening.

Sadly in 1973 his much-loved Jean was diagnosed with cancer and died in 1974. Ken had a young family still at home and his bee-keeping business to run but he was strongly supported by friends and neighbours who helped him cope.

A few years later he found the loyal companionship of Rosalyn who was a great strength to him and remained a huge part of his life to the end.

In the 17 years I was Ken's elder I became good friends with him and Rosalyn. They always made me very welcome and I loved my visits with them.

They were always very passionate about the garden and greenhouses and what was growing in them or what plans they had for the next season. During most of my visits I was shown into the greenhouse to see what was growing or what had come into flower. Last year the interest was in growing black tomatoes, which certainly looked different and not very appetising but they tasted lovely. Ken always had a wealth of stories to tell and I always came away smiling and

clutching something in my hands, be it tomatoes, apples or plants. They were both very generous with their time and the produce they had grown.

The loyal companionship and friendship of Rosalyn greatly enriched the quality of his life and there was a special bond between them. He loved to tell about the car journeys Rosalyn took him on and he especially enjoyed his trips to Alyth for his bridie.

Ken died in PRI on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 aged 96 with his family and loved ones by his side. I visited Ken in BCH a week before he died and even then he was interested in the Church being decorated for Christmas and we chatted about our families. He loved his family and was very proud of them all.

I shall miss my visits with Ken very much and feel very privileged to have been his elder and friend. He was a very special gentleman, warm-hearted and charming with a mischievous twinkle in his eye. He will be missed very much.

***Sandra Jack***



### ***Abbey Church Flower Club***

On behalf of the Church Flower committee, Sheila and I wish to thank everyone who has kindly given their support over the past year by donating, supplying and arranging flowers in the Church for the Sunday Service. Also to all who have delivered the flowers to people within the congregation and community. Thanks are also extended to the team who help to set up the church for Christmas and to Freda, Kathleen & Alison for their continued support during this past year.

There are a few vacancies on the flower rota and if you feel able to fill one of the slots please speak with either Sheila or myself. We will be very pleased to hear from you.

***Helen Pithie***

## ***Bendochy Retirement***

Susan Meldrum has retired as Beadle at Bendochy after serving for thirty four years in the post. She has seen many changes over that time and worked with four parish ministers ie Rev J. 'Fergie' MacDonald, Rev Roland Porchmouth, Rev Michael Phillip and Rev Bruce Dempsey.

When she started working in 1981, Bendochy was linked to Kinclaven Church. This changed to a linkage with St. Mary's South Church, Blairgowrie when Mr Phillip became Minister and then to the current linkage with the Abbey Church, Coupar Angus when Rev Bruce Dempsey took up office. Susan has also worked with countless locums and two Interim Moderators for long periods; Rev Bill MacArtney and Rev Tom Tait.

She has seen many structural changes at Bendochy. In 1981 there was no church hall and the coach house was a garage and store. The carpark outside the church had not been made and there was no path from the church to the coach house. However, the inside of the church is unchanged and has been conscientiously cleaned by Susan over the years.

Susan has been proud of her work as Beadle, preparing the church for services and assisting the Minister. She has enjoyed working with the Bendochy Congregation and they have greatly enjoyed working with her.

After Sunday Service on 3rd January a reception was held for Susan in the coach house and the Congregation thanked her and presented her with a cake, flowers, an ornament and a monetary gift for her many years of enthusiastic and faithful service. All were agreed that the abiding memory of her years of office will be her friendliness and warm welcome to all attending church.

Susan will be the last Beadle at Bendochy but we are pleased she will continue to reside in Bendochy Church Cottage and we wish her a long, enjoyable retirement.

***Graeme McNeill***

## ***A Teaser:***

Proof reading is very important to avoid errors in our printed work. Try reading this paragraph:

I cdnuolt blveiee that I cluod aulacly uesdnatnrd what I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuan mnid, aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it dseno't mtaetr in what oerdr the ltteres in a word are, the olny iproamtnt tihng is that the frsrit and last ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can still raed it whotuit a pboerlm. This is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the word as a wlohe. Azanmig. I awlyas tghuhot slpeling was ipmorantt!

Source: [Anonymous]. *Apparently, 55% of people can read this easily. How did you do?*

***David Chinn***



## **SPRING FAYRE**

**Saturday, 27 February 2016**

**10am - 2pm**

**The Abbey Church**

Entry - including refreshments:

Adults £2.00 - Children free (accompanied by an adult)

Soup will be on sale from Noon.

Craft and community stall, home bakes, raffle, tombola.

Come and see the carpet of snowdrops the Children's Ministry are making this year and try your hand at snowdrop craft activities for children and adults, including printing by Press Here.

Stall are welcome. Charity Stalls - £5. Commercial and Craft - £10  
Enquiries to Anne Easson 01828 628001

## ***Abbey Flower Rota***

### ***February***

Co-ordinator: Kathleen Pirie  
Tel: 627754

- 21 Mrs M Pennycook
- 28 Mrs V Grayson

### ***April***

Co-ordinator: Sheila Robertson  
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- 3 Mr & Mrs J Easson
- 10 Mrs M Ferguson
- 17 Mrs S Leggek
- 24 Mr Ian Neill

### ***June***

Co-ordinator: Sheila Robertson  
Tel: 627754

- 5 Dried Arrangements

### ***March***

Co-ordinator: Sheila Robertson  
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- 6 Mrs M Patullo
- 13 Mrs M Matthews
- 20 Miss P Campbell
- 27 Mrs J Haddow

### ***May***

Co-ordinator: Sheila Robertson  
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- 1 Ian Bentley
- 8 Mrs S Jack
- 15 Mrs M Thomson
- 22 Mrs M Patullo
- 29 Mrs H Pithie



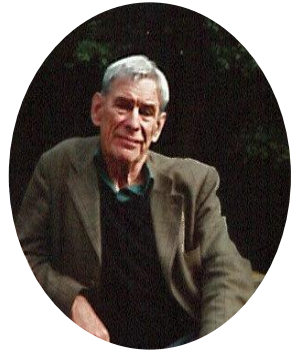
## ***The Abbey Beadle Duty***

	<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Other</i></b>
	<b><i>Services</i></b>	<b><i>Services</i></b>
2016		
February	I Henderson	I Rodger
March	S Robertson	S Robertson
April	W Patullo	H Pithie
May	H Pithie	I Rodger
June	I Rodger	E McGibbon

## ***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.

***Wikje Walker***



***Peter Alan Barker***  
***15.12.33 – 07.01.16***

### ***My Last Words***

This the one hundredth and twentieth article that I have written for the Church Magazine and sadly it must be my last. I started in August 1995 and I marvel that I have not somehow run out of ideas. I think once you start the ideas continue to flow.

I am 82 in December 2015 and I fully understand that life here on earth must eventually come to an end. Fortunately, we don't know when or the circumstances but very often we get a warning when a serious illness is diagnosed. That's what happened to me. I have had a very full, active and enjoyable life and I have loved every minute, or nearly every minute of it. I certainly have no regrets.

I am very glad that I have had a strong faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and it has served me well during difficult times in my life and now it acts as the great Comforter as my days draw to a close.

I suppose my greatest regret, at this point, is that I shall miss so many people that have meant so much to me during my long life.

And now, finally, I ask for God's blessing on you all.

***Peter Barker***

## ***Who's who at the Abbey***

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<b>Gift Aid:</b>	Ellen McGibbon	Tel: 01828 628115
<b>FWO:</b>	Donna Hindmarch	
<b>Fabric:</b>	John Easson	Tel: 01828 628001
<b>Flowers:</b>	Helen Pithie Sheila Robertson	Tel: 01828 627365 Tel: 01828 627375
<b>Life and Work:</b>	Anne Richards	Tel: 01828 628138
<b>EPACTS:</b>	Helen Pithie	Tel: 01828 627365
<b>Presbytery Elder:</b>	Jeff Brewer	Tel: 01828 628126
<b>Organist:</b>	Austin Wilkie	Tel: 01250 876104
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<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Irene Henderson	

<b>Safeguarding Co-ordinator</b>	Mrs Joanne Chinn Bridge Cottage Little Keithick PH13 9NB Tel: 01828 670454
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## ***Who's who at Bendochy***

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<b>Gift Aid:</b>	Graeme McNeill	Tel: 01828 627751
<b>Fabric:</b>	Robert Cormack	Tel: 01250 875449
<b>Presbytery Elder:</b>	Bill Pate	Tel: 01250 874548
<b>Flowers:</b>	Christine Pate Margaret Donaldson	Tel: 01250 874548 Tel: 01828 640017
<b>Bendochy Ladies:</b>	Judy Long	Tel: 01828 632515
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