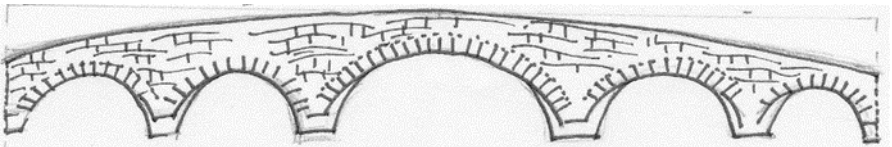
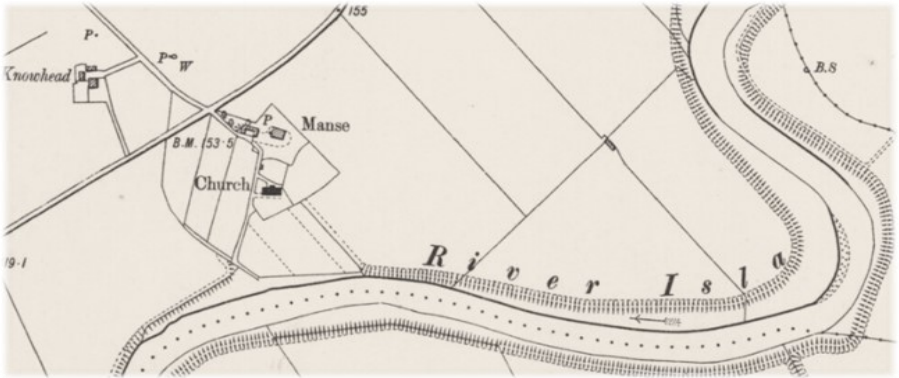


ISLA LINK



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

JUNE 2017

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Bendochy Church

Sunday Service 10.00am

Session Clerk:

Mr Graeme McNeill
Bendochy House

Abbey Church

Sunday Service: 11.15am

Session Clerk:

Mrs Ellen McGibbon
4 Abbey Gardens

June 4

B Crighton
R Ewins
H Pithie

June 11

S Turnbull
D Chinn
J Chinn
I Rodger

June 18

J Brewer
K Godfrey
E Jack
S Robertson

June 25

D Hindmarch
I Jack
M Pattullo
W Pattullo

July 2

A Easson
J Easson
E McGibbon

July 9

S Jack
A Legge
A Richards

July 16

B Anderson
I Henderson
J Rennie

July 23

B Crighton
R Ewins
H Pithie

July 30

S Turnbull
D Chinn
J Chinn
I Rodger

Aug 6

J Brewer
K Godfrey
E Jack
S Robertson

Aug 13

D Hindmarch
I Jack
M Pattullo
W Pattullo

Aug 20

A Easson
J Easson
E McGibbon

Aug 27

S Jack
A Legge
A Richards

Sept 3

B Anderson
I Henderson
J Rennie

Sept 10

B Crighton
R Ewins
H Pithie

Sept 17

S Turnbull
D Chinn
J Chinn
I Rodger

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 4

D Donaldson
S Grant

June 11

B MacKenzie
J Laburn

June 18

J Morison
R Patterson

June 25

R Cormack
W Pate

July 2

C Cochrane
D Patterson

July 9

R Cormack
C Pate

July 16

D Grant
J Morison

July 23

B MacKenzie
J Laburn

July 30

S Grant
W Pate

August 6

D Donaldson
G McNeill

August 13

R Patterson
R Cormack

August 20

C Cochrane
S Grant

August 27

J Laburn
B MacKenzie

September 3

J Morison
D Patterson

September 10

D Grant
G McNeill

September 17

C Pate
R Cormack

Bendochy Cleaning Rota

June

J Laburn and G McNeill

July

R Patterson and S Meldrum

August

J Davidson and M Davidson

September

M Cormack and R Cormack

October

C Pate and W Pate

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.



June

Jean Laburn

Bernice Mackenzie

July

Rosemary Patterson

Susan Meldrum

August

Shona Grant

Marie Cormack

September

Jean Laburn

Jane Davidson

October

Bernice Mackenzie

Margaret Donaldson

Readers in the Abbey and Bendochy

	<i>The Abbey</i>	<i>Bendochy</i>
June		
4	Margaret Pattullo	Steve Cumming
11	Ellen McGibbon	Nick Tulloch
18	Catriona Henderson	Graeme McNeill
25	Ellen McGibbon	Rosemary Patterson
July		
2	Joanne Chinn	Jane Davidson
9	David Chinn	Robert Cromack
16	Irene Henderson	Jean Laburn
23	Robert Farquharson	John Morison
30	Anne Easson	Margaret Davidson
August		
6	John Easson	Steve Cumming
13	Jeff Brewer	Sarah Tulloch
20	Anne Richards	Graeme McNeill
27	Margaret Pattullo	Rosemary Patterson
Sept		
3	Ellen McGibbon	Jane Davidson
10	Catriona Henderson	Robert Cormack
17	Jeff Brewer	Jean Laburn
24	Joanne Chinn	John Morison

Bendochy Flower Rota



June 2017		July	
4	Ann Wilkie	2	Judy Long
11	Jane Davidson	9	Judy Long
18	Jane Davidson	16	Bridget Lithgow
25	Judy Long	23	Bridget Lithgow
		30	Bridget Lithgow
August		September	
6	Bernice Mackenzie	3	Marjorie Scott
13	Bernice Mackenzie	10	Sheila Lindsay
20	Marjorie Scott	17	Sheila Lindsay
27	Marjorie Scott	24	Margaret Donaldson

The Pauses In Between.

There are many instances where we wait for things. The time in between is a pause, a space and we play the waiting game. What is our response to waiting, and how do we deal with the pauses in between?

Recently, I've been involved in a sketch book exchange with a large group of artists throughout Perthshire. We are given two people with whom we link and exchange sketchbooks. One person sends me their visual diary based on something they've observed or recorded, it can be done in any medium, photographs, sketches, words, collage or fabric, there are endless possibilities! There are no page limits on what is sent, it could be one page or ten. As I wait for the arrival of the sketchbook I am both anticipating both what I will receive and how I am going to respond. As I open the packet immediately a dialogue begins. The whole process is not only thought provoking but great fun as I make decisions as to how to respond and what to create in response to what I've received.

The whole process has made me aware of the spaces of time in between the arrival of the sketch pad and sending it off and receiving the response again. It has made me reflect on priorities and what I have considered to be important and how I can link with what is sent, that is relevant for someone else.

I thoroughly recommend the exercise, and you don't have to be artistic to try it out!

The Isla Link magazine is like the sketchbook or diary. We collect items from the past, present and future events to reflect on and maybe as we wait in the gap of time in between the magazine being processed, we can take note of events which are valuable to share with others. Each article is valuable and important in contributing to the whole picture and reflecting life as it is in our parish.

Thank you to all who have contributed for this month's edition.

Roz Arno Button

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Magazine Deadline

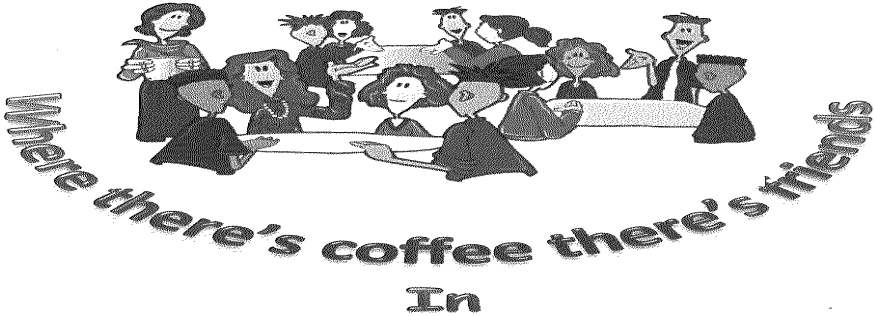
Deadline for the next issue: 13 August 2017.

Please send articles to:-

Roz Arno-Button - 01828 628728 - roz.arno@btinternet.com
Rachel Ewins - 01828 627031 - rachel.ewins@btinternet.com

Friendly Friday

Coffee



In

The Abbey Church

Friday 2 June 1.30- 3.00pm

Friendly Fridays

On the first Friday of each month commencing Friday 2 June, in the Abbey Church, we will be holding a "Friendly Friday" Tea/Coffee drop in session, (no charge) where all in the community will be welcome to come along and enjoy a natter with others. The "Friendly Fridays" will be open from 1.30-3.00pm, where all from the youngest to the oldest will be made most welcome.

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Whats On

- 02.06.17 First Friendly Friday – Abbey Church 1-30–3.00pm
- 17.06.17 Children's Ministry– Summer outing to Active Kids, Stanley
- 22.06.17 Children's Ministry–Last evening for this term.
- 13.08.17 Deadline for next Isla Link.

GCSE answers:!

I recently came across these apparently real GCSE answers. It's an interesting reflection on the state of education these days.

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"The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinessis, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree."

"Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada."

"Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines."

"The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth."

"Eventually the Romans conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long."

"Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and travelled by Camelot."

"Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king."

"William Tell shot an arrow through an apple whilst standing on his son's head."

"Gravity was invented by Issac Newton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when the apples are falling off the trees."

"Johann Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practised on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic."

"Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this."

"The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West."

David Chinn

Childrens Ministry

Stepping Stones and Compass continue to meet on a Thursday evening in the Abbey Church. On Easter Sunday there was a family service in the church when some of the Stepping Stones Children accompanied by Leaders, sang “We have a King who Rides a Donkey”



Compass performed a short sketch based around Jesus’ resurrection when Mary Magdalene found the empty tomb and rushed to tell the good news to the Disciples. They then sang “We wanna see Jesus Lifted High”.

Great fun was had when the children searched the church for hidden eggs. During the sermon the children created Easter Bonnets and Mr Peter McNab was the judge who declared them all very good.

We are planning a summer outing to “Active Kids” in Stanley on 17th June 2017 for both Stepping Stones and Compass. We will then stop for the summer holidays and our last evening will be 22nd June 2017.

We have arranged for “Fischy Music” to come to Coupar Angus in conjunction with the Primary School in September 2017 and further details will follow.

On reconvening the groups after the school holidays, we hope to recommence Crossover on a Monday evening as we should have some children who will move into the age bracket covered by Crossover (P7-S1) and want to attend. Again, further details will follow in due course.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders and helpers involved in Childrens Ministry. It is only with their help and support that we can offer the children of Coupar Angus and surrounding areas the opportunity to be involved in these groups, adding to their learning and development.

I would also like to thank Andy and Margaret Graham for the support and enthusiasm they have shown to Childrens Ministry since their arrival last year - we truly are blessed.

**Irene Henderson
Co-Ordinator**

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Have you ever read a passage from the Bible, been confused over its meaning and wanted to learn more?

In February, Andy, our Minister, began a Bible study on a Wednesday evening at 7.15 in the Abbey. Over about 8 weeks we read passages from Luke's gospel on Jesus' Baptism, His mission in Jerusalem, His crucifixion and ultimate victory over the grave. In attendance, each week, were 12-16 members of the Bendochy and Abbey congregations who enjoyed an informal, relaxed and informative discussion. Andy's knowledge of divinity enriched our understanding of these momentous events that lie at the heart of our faith.

Currently, we are reading Nehemiah which concerns the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem and, again, Andy is able to set the narrative in context from his knowledge of the customs and practices of the time (we're referring to his academic studies and not suggesting he's that old!). Remember, the writers of these books would have been familiar with the customs and practices at the time but we, reading them two thousand years later are not! Hence, it's helpful to have some insight into how life was lived in biblical times to allow us to better understand some of the verses which, quite frankly, can seem a little obscure. However, Andy also 'stretches' us in open discussions by posing questions on, for example, our relationship with God, our faith and how we express it. He also draws parallels between the biblical text with life as we live it today.

It's always interesting to hear the views of others as their statements can test and even challenge our own opinions and beliefs. The discussions are not in any way staid and often involve humorous exchanges! The meetings provide a relaxed opportunity to exchange thoughts with each other from the Abbey and Bendochy congregations, which is not something we often have the chance to do. Please consider joining us each Wednesday as all are welcome to attend and share in such easy-going fellowship (also tea and biscuits).

David and Joanne Chinn

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Food Bank

Once again I write to thank the many who continue to support the Food Bank box in the corner. It is amazing the amount of goods that are donated and I know they are all gratefully received. Having read the paper recently which spoke of the great need, I can only encourage you to continue with your support and hope that others will join with your donations. Again, many thanks.

Helen Pithie

Tribute To Dr. Hamish Jack

James Ford Borrowman Jack was born in Kilmarnock on the 30th of October 1941. But on his birth the GP and family friend said that he should be called Hamish. So Hamish it was that he was fondly known by.

From an early age Hamish was mischievous and enjoyed playing pranks on people. And on one occasion, not having practised much beforehand, Hamish disconnected the doorbell just before his piano teacher arrived. He then watched the poor man leave, before reconnecting the bell and joining his parents in bemusement, wondering why the piano teacher hadn't turned up.

Hamish retained many happy memories of his childhood days in Kilmarnock and it was there he remembered best in his time of illness. His father became the head of the primary school in Kilwinning, but his grandfather had for years been the local doctor and his mum the matron of the nearby maternity hospital.

On leaving school Hamish went to Glasgow University to study medicine and graduated MB CHB in 1965. After spells of being house physician at the Royal Alexandria Hospital in Paisley, House Surgeon at Kilmarnock Infirmary and Torrance house and House Surgeon in Obstetrics at Ayrshire General Hospital, in 1967 Hamish decided that his future lay in General Practice and he became a partner in a busy practice in Irvine, where he worked until 1976.

Hamish and Isobel were married in 1971 and soon after their son was born, the family moved to Coupar Angus where Hamish worked as a GP alongside Dr Frank Milne, father of Dr Alan Milne.

Hamish was dedicated to his work as a doctor and being in a busy small practise of two, worked many hours with only one in two nights and weekends off.

Holiday times were often spent in Italy and on his rounds Hamish taught himself Italian by listening to tapes. In time he became very good at conversing in Italian and this brought about some lasting friendships over the years.

After retiring in 2001 Hamish and Isobel had more time to enjoy their holiday breaks and made frequent journeys by car to Italy, Germany and Austria. Very sadly, however, after only a few years, Isobel began to notice slight memory problems in Hamish and in time he was diagnosed with Alzheimers, which came as an awful blow to Isobel and the family.

Throughout his illness Hamish remained the caring gentleman he had always been - never complaining, never anxious and always devoted to his family, as they were to him. The family have taken comfort from the many tributes made by friends and former patients, who to this day miss Hamish, not only as a compassionate and trusted doctor, but also, in many cases, as a friend.

Hamish was one of the old school, as they say, and although I didn't have the privilege of really knowing him, on those short occasions I spent in his company, even through his illness, it was plain to see all the warm attributes that so many have spoken to me of Hamish. And everyone whom I have spoken to has said the same.

Hamish was a family doctor - but more than this. He was someone who frequently went above and beyond any and all requirements of what it means to be a doctor. He was always willing to give of his time and indeed of himself, not only during a person's illness, but with follow up care afterwards.

A loving husband and much loved father, a good friend and neighbour to many, Hamish will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Andy Graham

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Flower Club

It has been mentioned how lovely the fresh flowers are in church on Sunday morning. The Flower Club Committee are grateful to all who regularly donate flowers, to those who arrange them and others who distribute them to homes in the community. We have a few spaces left in the calendar and would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to give their support to this very worthwhile cause. Please speak to Sheila Robertson or Helen Pithie.

Helen Pithie

Thoughts From The Manse



By the time you read this article I will be at this year's General Assembly. This will be my fourth Assembly in the past eight years and although it can be a tiring week, it is something that I am happy to and feel privileged to attend. Throughout the week we debate, discuss, reflect upon and make decisions for the future of our church and we start every day with prayer and worship - what better a way could we start each day.

In Colossians 4:2 we are told, ***'Devote yourselves to prayer...'***, and in Matthew 21:21 that, ***'...if you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer...'*** Prayer is the most powerful spiritual 'tool' that we have at our disposal as Christians. It is essential in our lives of faith, yet sadly it is so underused and something we often only resort to when all else fails. But just consider for a moment the privilege we have of being able to communicate with our God. Giving Him the praise and adoration He deserves, confessing our sins and seeking His forgiveness, and being able to ask God to work and intervene, not only in our own lives and the lives of others, but also in situations where there is suffering and need. Who else could we bring these things to?

I can think of no better way of beginning each day than in quiet devotion with our Lord, speaking and listening to Him, seeking the guidance of His Spirit for the day ahead.

'... by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, presents your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philp. 4:6-7)

With Every Blessing,

Andy

Prayer Meeting

The prayer meetings continue at 2.00pm in the Abbey Church each week and it is good to see people come along to this, but we would welcome others to come and join us. 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 2pm in the Abbey Church please do so and together we can come before the Lord in prayer.

Bible Study

The Bible Study group continues on a Wednesday evening in the Abbey Church and over the past few months we have had some really interesting and topical discussions based around Scripture. We are currently looking at Nehemiah, although this session will end on the 14th of June. Thereafter, we will stop over July and August and restart again in September. Details of this will of course be intimated beforehand.

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 – Joseph

In his own right, Joseph was essentially one of the patriarchs of Israel as both the tribe of Manasseh and Ephraim were descended from him. His father, Jacob, and all his brothers were shepherds, like Isaac and Abraham before them. At the time Joseph was sold into slavery he was the youngest of all his brothers, although Benjamin was to follow later. His father loved him more than all the rest of his children and gave him a special multi-coloured coat. This led to much jealousy on the part of Joseph's brothers, resulting in Joseph being sold into slavery. The name Joseph means, *God may add*, and as we look at the life of Joseph, we see that God was never far from him.

Joseph is probably most famous for his dreams, both his own and those he interpreted for others. Many then believed that dreams were a means by which God would to 'speak' to people and if we look at Scripture we even see that God uses dreams when speaking to those unfamiliar with His voice (note Gen. 20:3; 40:5; 41:1; Judges 7:13; Mat. 27:19). And it could be argued that it was because of Joseph's dreams and his ability to interpret them, that his life turned out as it did.

Read Genesis 37:1-11

1. What was the essence of Joseph's dream in these verses and why did his brothers react as they did?
2. Was it acceptable for Joseph to share his dreams with his family in this way and how might he have expected them to react?
3. Were Joseph's dreams fulfilled - and would they have been fulfilled if he hadn't shared them with his family?

Read Genesis 39

1. What can we learn from Joseph in these verses?
2. What might the outcome have been had Joseph given in to Potiphar's wife?

Read Genesis 40 and 41

1. Once again Joseph's dreams come to the fore, but are there any differences between these dreams and the ones we thought of earlier in chapter 37?
2. What is the significance of the cupbearer in these verses?

Read Genesis 45

1. What are the significant verses in this chapter and what do we learn of Joseph from them.
2. How significant is this chapter in God's unfolding plan for His people?

Whenever we think of the Patriarchs of the Old Testament we instinctively think of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, however, Joseph holds something of a unique position in the history of Israel and Egypt - not to mention all believers. Had Joseph not ended up in Egypt and acquired the position that he did, much of his family would have died during the famine, as might Joseph himself, and had this happened, what would have become of Israel? So it could be argued that God used Joseph to keep the eventual line of the Messiah alive.

As for Joseph himself, what can we learn from his life? The importance of faithfulness, enabling him to resist temptation and still do the right thing when everything was going against him. The sovereignty of God overall and the importance and need for forgiveness. And finally, the need to take advantage and seize whatever opportunities God puts our way - because He does so for a purpose.

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Help for Haiti

The Bible Society weekend at the beginning of April was blessed with good weather, good company, and a good total of £500 to forward to Bible House in Edinburgh. Thanks to all those who supported the project to provide not only Bibles but practical help for the residents of Haiti who have suffered so much in recent years.

On the Sunday evening in St Anne's, Norman Liddle from the Bible Society encouraged us to try to put ourselves, in our imagination, in their shoes and then pray in earnest for them – so far removed from our own comfortable situation.

Pauline Dolby

Abbey Church Fabric

Just when we thought things were getting calmer in terms of repairs, high winds lifted the felt of one off the flat roofs at the rear of the manse, and we had to call roofers in to make sure it was watertight and quote for repairs: we knew the two small rear flat roofs would need attention this spring, but the weather pre-empted us. The quotation is under consideration, but not yet accepted.

Meanwhile, we are still waiting for word on possible work to correct the church boiler flues, and have just had a church expert in to advise on options. His report is not yet with us, but will indicate how modifications might compare in cost and long-term efficiency with say installing a new boiler, as the current ones, whilst still working well, are now obsolete and relatively elderly, more general advice on the heating system as a whole.

We have also had a fire safety report on the building in the light of increasing use by the public, covering fire exits, signage, emergency lighting and smoke alarms. This may well involve a substantial initial cost, but we have not yet had time to study it fully to make any decisions. Common sense and responsibility for the safety of everyone suggests we should be taking reasonable precautions to avoid and reduce risks.

John Easson

Bendochy Church Ladies Group

At the Business Meeting held on 12 April, 2017, it was agreed that the dates of the meetings for 2017/2018 should be:

2017	2018
11 October	14 February
8 November	14 March
13 December	11 April

These will all be held in the Coach House at 2.15p.m with the exception of the Business Meeting on 11 April 2018 which will be at 10.30a.m.

Coffee Mornings 16 November, 2017 10 May, 2018

The annual subscription will be £6.00 and a charge of £2.00 per meeting being made to cover any costs.

The Ladies would like to thank everyone who gave us such generous support at our Spring Coffee Morning held on 11 May. We raised the magnificent sum of £410.51

Details of our speakers for the next Session will be announced later - do come and join our small group in the Autumn.

Judy Long

Treasurer's Report For The Abbey Church

I have shown the total of the costs and bills paid over the last month up to and including Friday 7th April 2017. The accounts have been submitted to Presbytery and as yet there has been no reply.

To date the following are cheques issued for payment of items and services:

£2,142.40

Bank Statement as of Thursday 13th April 2017 are as follows: -

General Fund	£ 8034.86
Fabric fund	£ 1,336.68
Reserve Fund	£ 2,787.71
Development Fund	£31,030.92
Children's Ministry	£ 3,577.68

A refund has been received from electricity suppliers of £1,327.52. This however has been negated by the bill for gas which is £1,576.77. There are various items that are being looked into at present such as the possibility of having to replace the church boilers, the congregation will be kept informed as to progress of these inspection through session meetings and the link report. I would like to thank all congregation and others who so willingly assist and with help of donations the church, it is very much appreciated.

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Communion Sunday Retiring Collection – The Abbey

The sum of £164.25 was collected at the Communion Service on Sunday 30th April, in aid of PKAVS. This has been forwarded to them. Many thanks to all who donated.

Peter Godfrey
Treasurer

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EPACTS

EPACTS have had a busy session. In August it was agreed to transfer the Songs of Praise from the Wellmeadow to St Catherine's Centre because of bad weather. A good time was had by all.

Ceilidhs were held in three different towns; Blairgowrie, Alyth and Coupar Angus and were all well attended. A successful hunger lunch was held during the week for Prayer for Christian Unity, sending £200 to Scottish Bible Society, and the WPCU collection for open doors was £460.

At the coming session we are looking forward to finding a venue where Trypraying open sessions can be held.

A New Venture For 2018

A 2018 calendar will be on sale later this year. This calendar will contain photos taken by local photographers, linking with text that has already been drawn up.

Annual Songs of Praise

More details of this event, which will be held in St Catherine's Centre, will be provided at a later date

Helen Pithie

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Congregational Roll

New Members—The Abbey

Rev Dr & Mrs J Oswald, Meadowview, Blairgowrie

Certificate of Transfer—The Abbey

Fiona Murray

Deaths 2017 - The Abbey

February Dr Hamish Jack, Beechhill Place, Coupar Angus
April Mrs Annie Burnett, Beech Manor, Golf Course Rd, Rosemount
Rev Dr John Oswald, Meadowview, Blairgowrie
Mrs Nancy Fischer, Apedaile Way, Coupar Angus
Mr George Fergusson, Beechhill Place, Coupar Angus

Deaths 2017 —Bendochy Parish Church

March Mrs Bessie McNab, Beech Manor, Golf Course Rd, Rosemount

News from Pride of Place

We took delivery of the plugs from Pentland Plants for the summer displays. These have now been potted on ready to be planted into the baskets and boxes. The cold spell of weather has slowed their growth which has meant that our baskets will not be planted up until late May. These will then be kept in the polytunnel until they are ready to go out hopefully in the middle of June. Meantime we will start to prepare the boxes ready for summer bedding.



The Community Litter Pick was on Sunday 14th May and we had a good response of people joining us helping to keep our town looking fabulous. Poppers regularly pick up litter seen when walking into town, park or where we may be working. If we all just picked up one or two bits along our way and not just wait for Paul, the street sweeper, to collect it, we really would have a super clean town. BUT even better if we did not drop it!

We, together with the Community Council, have put up signs to encourage dog walkers to remember to collect dog poo bags from Scot-Mid corner shop and to please 'bag it and bin' and not toss over onto the Burnside or peoples' gardens, or just leave on the pavement or park for people to walk in. All bins now take dog poo bags. If you know of an area that needs a poster to help remind dog owners to bag it and bin it, please get in contact.

Wood from the burn is still available for collection for a donation, please contact Joe Richards on 07840794453 or Anne Easson on 07960538728 to arrange this.

A new entrance to the burn has now been completed, with the hard standing ready for the bench. The trees and shrubs along the burn are coming into leaf and the under-storey is springing into life, the pollarded trees are starting to bud. Wild garlic can be seen starting to come into flower. A bench and bat and bird boxes are being built by the Men's Shed, at the moment based in Blairgowrie. Work on the Interpretation Panels is in hand.

**Anne Easson
Chair**

Abbey Church Charity Shop

George Street, Coupar Angus

3rd – 10th July 2017

9.30am to 4.00pm



Our valued friends, Sheila and Allan Legge, are running the charity shop again for us this year. They will be available to receive donations delivered to the shop on Sunday 2 July 2017 from 10.00am. If you require assistance to get your items to the shop, please contact Ellen on 07451009398 and arrangements will be made for collection.

Come along to the shop where there are lots of bargains to be found in furniture, good as new clothes, and lots more beside.

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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.....

Life and Work report for Isla Link

In Life and Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland, there is a section called “The Big Question”. Five people write their responses to whatever the question of the month happens to be. For example the April edition asked “What is the best depiction of the Easter Story that you have seen?” Answers ranged from a simple Good Friday service in a local church to a painting by Caravaggio called “Supper at Emmaus” and even the film “It’s A Wonderful Life”. The latter usually associated with Christmas but the respondent clarifies his reasoning.

The May issue of the magazine asks “What do you like about church?”. The common theme from all five respondents was the warmth of the welcome and the feeling of belonging to a family. What would your response be? I certainly hope that the warmth of the welcome is always evident to anyone coming to our church.

Other highlights in the May issue of Life and Work are:

“Sowing the Seeds of Peace in South Sudan” about the work of the PRDA (Presbyterian Relief and Development Agency), which can be supported via the World Mission Council.

“All are welcome” an introduction to the next Moderator, Rev Dr Derek Browning, whose theme for his year as Moderator will be “Hospitality”.

Anyone who would like a copy of Life and Work please contact me.

Anne Richards

**Wake Up And Enjoy
Your Sunday Mornings**



**Join With Us On Our Journey
In The Abbey Church @ 11.15am**

A Tribute To Bessie McNab

Elizabeth Bryce Taylor was born on the 7th September 1921 in Abernyte to James and Jean Taylor. She was the oldest of six children, Allan, Nan, Doreen, Mac and Ron. Auntie Bessie is survived by her brother Ron, brother in law Tom and her nieces and nephews.

Auntie Bessie went to Meigle and Glamis schools and finished primary school as Dux of her class. She was then offered a scholarship to attend Forfar Academy, however due to her Dad's work place changing and the family moving she was unable to accept the scholarship.

At the outbreak of war she joined the Army and one of her jobs was to be stationed in the pillboxes listening for the Germans coming across with their bombs. On one occasion she was mentioned in despatches for her high observational skills while on duty.

After the war Auntie Bessie was discharged, however she had met her future husband Peter McNab while in the Army and they married on the 4th October 1947. They stayed in Blairgowrie for all 51 years of their married life.

Auntie Bessie worked in Gordon's newsagent in the Wellmeadow and then went on to the Co-op emporium where she worked for many years before her retirement in 1981.

Uncle Peter and Auntie Bessie loved to travel in their caravan all over the UK and Europe. They also enjoyed many family picnics with her sisters Nan and Doreen and their families.

Auntie Bessie enjoyed knitting, making outfits for nieces and nephews and baking. She did many lovely flower arrangements for the church. She was also a very accomplished seamstress and made many beautiful outfits including bridesmaid dresses for family.

Auntie Bessie was a woman who put everyone before herself. Her amazing depth of knowledge, her love and kindness shown to all her family was her passion in life, she loved to hear what everyone was getting up to and always had the time to listen.

Auntie Bessie passed away peacefully on 6th March 2017 in the wonderful care of the staff at Beech Manor care home.

We will all miss Auntie Bessie but she will never be forgotten. In the words of my cousin, Colin; "Her journey is over, but we can look back and smile because it happened."

Shona Grant

Abbey Flower Rota

June 2017

Co-ordinator: I Rodger
627703

4 Mrs A Richards
11 Mrs B Crichton
18 Mrs I Rodger
25 Mrs P Donaldson

July

Co-ordinator: A Richards
628138

2 Mrs K McKinney
9 Mr & Mrs H Walker
16 Mrs S Jack
23 Mrs J Duncan
30 Mrs I Jack

August

Co-ordinator: I Jack
627759

6 Mrs J McNaughton
13 Mrs C Todd
20 Mrs I Jack
27 Mrs I Henderson/
Mrs J Rennie

September

Co-ordinator: H Pithie
627365

3 Mrs R Ewins
10 Miss E Jack
17 Mrs I Rodger
24 Mrs A Farquharson

The Abbey Beadle Duty

	Sunday
2017	Services
June	I Rodger
July	S Jack
August	A Richards
September	K Godfrey
October	E McGibbon

Other
Services
S Robertson
E McGibbon
S Robertson
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.

Harry and Wikje Walker

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