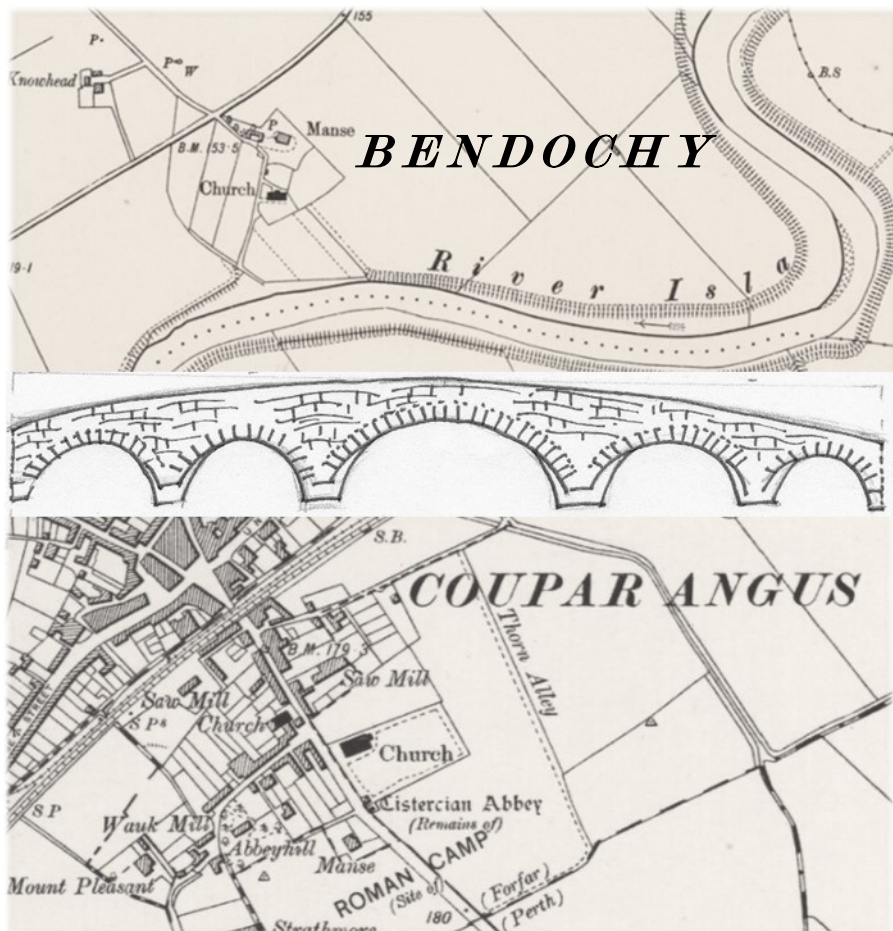


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Sunday Service 10.00am

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Sunday Service: 11.15am

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Welcoming you at The Abbey today

(subject to change)

Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
J Duncan	B Anderson	E Crighton	S Turnbull
S Jack	I Henderson	R Ewins	D Chinn
A Legge	J Rennie	H Pithie	J Chinn
A Richards			I Rodger
Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23
R Ewins	D Hindmarch	A Easson	J Duncan
K Godfrey	I Jack	J Easson	S Jack
E Jack	M Pattullo	E McGibbon	A Legge
S Robertson	W Pattullo		A Richards
Oct 30	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20
	E Crighton	S Turnbull	J Brewer
COMMUNION	R Ewins	D Chinn	K Godfrey
	H Pithie	J Chinn	E Jack
		I Rodger	S Robertson
Nov 27	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18
D Hindmarch	A Easson	J Duncan	B Anderson
I Jack	J Easson	S Jack	I Henderson
M Pattullo	E McGibbon	A Legge	J Rennie
W Pattullo		A Richards	

Welcoming you at Bendochy today

September 4

D Donaldson

C Cochrane

September 11

S Grant

G McNeill

September 18

R Cormack

W Pate

September 25

B Mackenzie

J Laburn

October 2

C Cochrane

D Grant

October 9

C Pate

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October 23

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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

<i>September</i>	R Patterson and S Meldrum
<i>October</i>	J Davidson and M Davidson
<i>November</i>	M Cormack and H Cormack
<i>December</i>	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.

September

Celia Cochrane

Jane Davidson

October

Jean Laburn

Margaret Donaldson

November

Erica Espley

Sheila Lindsay

December

Bernice Mackenzie

Jean Laburn

Readers in the Abbey and Bendochy



	<i>The Abbey</i>	<i>Bendochy</i>
<i>September</i>		
4	Jeff Brewer	Robert Cormack
11	Ellen McGibbon	Jean Laburn
18	Margaret Pattullo	John Morison
25	Anne Richards	Margaret Davidson
<i>October</i>		
2	Catriona Henderson	Steve Cumming
9	Iain Bentley	Nick Tullock
16	Jacqui Duncan	Graeme McNeill
23	Jo Chinn	Communion - R Patterson
30	Communion - David Chinn	Robert Cormack
<i>November</i>		
6	Irene Henderson	Jean Laburn
13	Peter MacNab	John Morison
20	Anne Easson	Margaret Davidson
27	John Easson	Steve Cumming
<i>December</i>		
4	Jeff Brewer	Sarah Tulloch
11	Anne Richards	Graeme McNeill
18	Margaret Pattullo	Jane Davidson
25	Ellen McGibbon	Christmas Service

Bendochy Flower Rota

<i>September</i>		<i>October</i>	
4	Marjorie Scott	2	Margaret Donaldson
11	Sheila Lindsay	9	Margaret Donaldson
18	Harvest Thanksgiving	16	Margaret Donaldson
25	Sheila Lindsay	23	Communion
		30	Christine Pate
<i>November</i>		<i>December</i>	
6	Christine Pate	4	
13	Remembrance	11	
20	Marie Cormack	18	
27	Marie Cormack	25	Ann Wilkie

Trackways & Trails



Summer holidays can mean different things to different people. We can all reflect on different journeys, holidays and adventures over this last summer. Recently I visited the place where I grew up, in the Cotswolds, and met with friends I'd not seen in 20 years down in Wiltshire. Much of the landscape is rural farmland and wide open spaces with hill escarpments similar to the Strathmore valley around Coupar Angus. The area too is famous for fruit growing and sheep farming. I met up with friends and we walked several long distance trackways, some very ancient, all giving a sense of history and conjuring up images of the people who journeyed over many years, trails taken by the sheep and cattle as the farmers led their animals to markets.

It was good to take time out, to reflect, remember, and re connect with the influences that we carry within over years, and which still make up the fabric of our lives and experiences now.

We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful and wonderful area of countryside. We have the freedom to explore the trackways in and around Coupar Angus and Bendochy and to follow some of the new sign posts placed at the start of pathways in and around the town.

Many pathways are very well trodden and familiar. Others are less well known and some have even been forgotten over the years and have become overgrown with bracken and brambles.

As we contemplate the new trackways we will follow over the next few months, it's good to reflect on what these tracks can represent in our lives.

Our lives are very much like these trackways, trails and paths, and although we all have our own individual pathways to follow leading in many directions, it's good to recognize we are all ultimately travelling forward, and there are many times we are able to share and walk the pathways together, sharing our faith and our life's experiences.

Roz Arno-Button

Open Studios And The Community Shop

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One of Perthshire's major art events, the Open Studios week arrives shortly, running from 3rd to 11th September. This attracts many visitors, but for local residents it is a great opportunity for finding out about local arts and crafts, and free. Even if you are not a great art enthusiast, simply going to some of the venues and seeing how some of the artists and craftworkers operate can be fascinating, and there is no compulsion to buy anything, although plenty of places sell small items like cards at prices comparable to conventional shops. Hand-produced work is of course bound to be dearer than mass-produced, but can add a touch of 'specialness' that lifts the item out of the ordinary.

This year, there are only two venues actually in Coupar Angus open, but quite a few in Blairgowrie, and about 100 over Perthshire. Free brochures are in the Town Hall, the Heritage Centre and the church as well as at venues. At The Cross, the community shop has Showcase, the local group of artists shared space, so you can see several different forms and styles in one spot. Featured artists are Maggie Langelaan, Anna Browne, Alison Knight and Sharon Dismore. At Beech Hill, The Quarto Press is open to demonstrate printing, with visiting artist Issy Valentine showing her mixed media dreamy pictures inspired by memories.

If you've not popped in already to see the new community shop, its aim is to promote local produce, particularly arts and crafts, which are one of Perthshire strengths. It also stocks vegetables and fruit from the community garden (fresh, local, and less travelled than supermarket supplies!).

Everyone seems to be pleased at Coupar Angus's revival and upbeat feel these days, and the little shops that are a major part of that atmosphere will only survive if you use them, and encourage others to do the same.



John Easson

Pride of Place

We have been very busy these past few weeks trying to make sure our town was looking its very best for the judges coming to visit Coupar Angus. Judges from Beautiful Scotand (BS), Colin Ainsworth and Jennifer Sibbald, came on the Tuesday afternoon of 2nd August and the Judges from Take a Pride in Perthshire (TaPiP), Ally Bruce and Sylvia Stuart, came on the Wednesday morning of 10th August.

We spend all year doing our best to keep the town looking good, working with the Make a Difference Team, Perth and Kinross and many members from other groups and the community. We are unable to cover the whole of Coupar Angus and would welcome the support of residents helping one another to care for their own areas in town, clearing the weeds from the pavements, picking up litter and tidying their gardens. This would uplift the spirit of the whole town. If you come into the town centre, try to take a look into the Crichton Lang Court Garden. This the residents only started in May and it looks truly fantastic, the result of working together.

We have had many comments saying that the town is looking really good, the Judges seemed happy and relaxed during the tour round the town and we ensured that they visited Crichton Lang Court to see just how great it looks. We will not know the results from TaPiP until the 8th September and BS on 14th September.

Anne Easson, Chair

(Photo to left:-John Palfreyman, Maggie Langelaan, Anne Easson, and Beautiful Scotland Judges, Colin Ainsworth and Jennifer Sibbald in front of the new Community Shop.)



Bendochy Ladies Group

Meeting dates for 2016/17 are as follows:

2016	2017
12 October	15 February
10 November - Autumn Coffee Morning	15 March
16 November	12 April
14 December	11 May - Spring Coffee Morning

Meetings are held in Bendochy Coach House. For further details, please contact Judy Long

Musical Inspiration

When I was a child, my mum let me hear a record that was playing organ music and I said "I would love to do that"! I then learned, at the age of 11, to play the Compton Theatre Organ in The Capitol Theatre in Aberdeen, playing the songs I loved hearing from organists like George Blackmore, John Mann and Brian Sharp.

I also loved hearing Harry Stoneham playing both the Lowrey and Hammond organs.

As time went by on various holiday trips, my mum and I started going to Blackpool, for the illuminations and most importantly the famous Wurlitzer Organ in The Blackpool Tower Ballroom, listening to Phil Kelsall.....rising out of the organ pit.

He played music for the ballroom dancing which some of you have been experiencing in The Abbey lately after my return from that favourite place.

Playing square tango selection and ballroom waltz and also the cha cha cha had fired up my passion for the theatre organ so I decided to do this to hopefully bring back some lovely memories for our congregation. It is such fun playing J S Bach and then switching to Blackpool Wurlitzer favourites (hee hee).

I will be putting a selection box at the back of the church so that members can suggest what they would like to hear before, during eg collection and after the service and hopefully I can put it into practice.

Abbey Church Choir

The Abbey Church Choir meet on Wednesday evenings between 6.00-7.00pm and will be starting up again on 7th September 2016. If you would like to join us you would be made very welcome. For more details, please contact Austin Wilkie.

A Musical Concert

An evening of music and singing for all the family to enjoy will be held in the Abbey Church in November. More details will follow once confirmed

Austin Wilkie, Organist

What They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School

To live our lives looking over our shoulders asking, 'What do others think of me?' is a wearying way to exist. But this trauma does not only affect those who feel inadequate. Many successful men and women live in the prison of other people's opinions of their lives. And it is a prison indeed, for it robs us of freedom in our social and family life, our careers and in our very spirits.

Some people constantly ask themselves, 'Can I go on pleasing you - will you approve of me tomorrow?' 'What do other people think of me?' Failure, or even a little criticism could crush them utterly. The constant need to prove ourselves, to earn acceptance and even love is utterly draining.

It has been said that the greatest freedom is in having nothing to prove, but so often this involves a lesson even harder to learn than being free of proving ourselves to each other. We need to be free of proving ourselves to God. And why? God loves us whatever. It's the next lesson.

Whilst we pray for the success of our Vacancy Committee to secure for us our next Teaching Elder, we should also reflect on what support, help and encouragement we will give to this 'Minister'. They also will have needs.

Here is a poem sent anonymously to Rob Parsons and printed in his book, 'What They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School'.

I want my husband to smile again.

I want to be able to talk to him after dinner.

I want for our family to go out on Saturdays for a walk or a shopping trip.

I want to be me - not 'the minister's wife'.

I want to sit in church, listen to the notices and decide what I would like to go to.

I want my husband to come home at night and relax instead of just recharging the batteries and disappearing out again.

I want to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries always, not just when there are no church meetings.

I want to be able to tell the self-centred and self-righteous folk that they are.

I want him to come in at night and talk to us instead of slumping, silently reliving the awkward visit or difficult meeting he's been at.

I want people to stop telling me how wonderful it must be to be the minister's wife and then complain they've not had a visit for months.

I want people who regularly miss meetings because they've 'had a busy day' to let us miss occasional meetings because we've 'had a busy day'.

I want him to come with me sometimes to see our child swim or play football.

I want him to be my husband instead of their minister.

And I want not to be guilty about these things.

The PS at the bottom stated, "Tonight is one of those nights when it is all too much for me. I hope that you will read this and maybe pray for us even though you don't know us."

Our new 'Minister', whether male or female, will have their own life needs and deserve our support and help. We can start by praying for this unknown leader of our church.

Jeff Brewer

Outlook

Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it.
Forget the praise that falls to you
The moment you have won it.

Forget the slander that you hear
Before you can repeat it.
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer
Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done
To you, whate'er its measure.
Remember praise by others won
And pass it on with pleasure.

Remember every promise made
And keep it to the letter.
Remember those who lend you aid
And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness
That comes your way in living.
Forget each worry and distress;
Be hopeful and forgiving.

Remember good, remember truth,
Remember Heaven's above you,
And you will find, through age and youth,
True joys and hearts to love you.

By Priscilla Leonard

ABBEY CHURCH AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday, 1st October 2016

10am - 2pm

The Abbey Church

Entry - including refreshments:

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

Soup and a roll - £2.50 - on sale from 11.30 am.

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

Come and buy early for Christmas.

Stalls are welcome

Charities and Local Organisations - £5. Commercial and Craft -
£10

Enquiries to Anne Easson:-

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Food Bank

Following on from a letter received from the area organiser of the Blairgowrie Food Bank I would like to express thanks to all who continue to donate to the Food Bank through the Church. It is all very much appreciated by those who make up the parcels and by those who receive them.

The most recent need is for tinned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, tinned puddings, cooking sauces, instant mashed potatoes, coffee, sugar, jam, long life fruit juices and milk (UHT or Long-life).

If anyone feels they can help in way it will much appreciated.

Helen Pithie

Dear Friends,



As I sit at my new 'all singing all dancing new computer', going round and round in my head is the hymn "One more step along the world I go" - and it will be used in a wedding which I will be conducting in a few days. At the same time I was reminded of a well-known bacteriologist who was telling a young assistant that 300 samples of milk had come into his laboratory for testing. He was sorry for her having to face such a task; so he said so to her : "Isn't that just a wee bit too much for you to do?" "Oh no" she said, "I'll just do them one at a time!"

Can you think of a better way?

And perhaps you'll understand that a Chinese saying makes it clear that : "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." There is sound advice here to anyone who has a great deal of work to do, and who doesn't know where to start.

When we have a lot of work to do, the first thing to do is make a start. That sounds as though it was hardly worth saying, but it is. When we have a great deal of work to do, one of the greatest temptations is to sit and look at it. At a time like that, a kind of lethargy seems to descend on us and it doesn't take much to encourage another look at the television set to see how the Olympics are progressing! But the first rule is to make a start somewhere. To start is half the battle.

And remember, it is steady and consistent work - even if slow - that gets things done rather than brilliant spasms of work. That brings to mind the Aesop story of the hare and the tortoise. And a look into the Book of Ecclesiastes chapter 9; 11 indicates "that in this world fast runners do not always win the race, and the brave don't always win the battle." Steady perseverance will, in the end, achieve far more than spasmodic brilliance.

And that is the way your Nomination Committee is progressing in the search for a new minister for this very important charge within the Church of Scotland and with God's blessing we will succeed - "trust me, I'm a Minister".

Your friend and Interim Moderator

Tom Tait

Abbey Church Accounts

Following our last Session meeting it was agreed the following article should be put into the next issue of the Isla Link.

"Our annual audited accounts have been passed by the Kirk Session for presentation to the congregation and onward delivery to Presbytery of Dunkeld & Meigle, Treasurers Department, Church of Scotland Edinburgh and OSCR. There are copies of the accounts at the back of the Church where they can be viewed by members of the congregation.

On behalf of the Session and the congregation of the Abbey Church we would like to thank most sincerely two local firms who put in a great deal of hard work on our behalf in relation to the accounts. J G Middleton, Accounting, Management and Office Services, Coupar Angus Business Centre, 8 Union Street Coupar Angus, who for a very reasonable charge put the Accounts for the year on computer, which was no mean task, and then Gillespie Inverarity & Co Limited 33 Leslie Street Blairgowrie, who also for a reasonable charge, audited the accounts and then presented the accounts duly bound, which met all the many rules and regulations of OSCR which change on a yearly basis

On the retiral of Johann Chinn from the post of Treasurer, we would like to thank her for all her hard work on our behalf, and we would welcome our new Treasurer Peter Godfrey who was co-opted onto the Session at the last meeting. In his role as Treasurer Peter will be assisted by his wife Kathleen."



Ellen McGibbon

Children's Ministry Groups

Crossover	P7-S1 Monday	5 September 2016	7.00-8.30pm	
YF	S2 upwards	Wednesday	7 September 2016	7.00-9.00pm
Stepping Stones	P1-P3	Thursday	8 September 2016	5.30-6.45pm
Compass	P4-P6	Thursday	8 September 2016	7.00-8.30pm

Come along and join in the fun, games, crafts, outings, etc.

Phone 07541009398 for details or come along to the Abbey Church on the.

Ellen McGibbon

Back to school!

Another school year has already begun and no doubt there's many a parent breathing a sigh of relief - and many a teacher reaching for a large gin and tonic.....the joys of education?

For most of us, our school days are a dim and distant memory, for good and bad. Since I spent my entire career and vocation in education, I found it difficult in retirement 5 years ago to let go of a life style based on terms and holidays. Coupar Angus Primary School has made me very welcome in my capacity of Woodland Willie and the Butterybank Community Woodland project under 'Forward Coupar Angus'.

Four years ago, on the invitation of Margaret Cameron, then head teacher, I met the P7 pupils and worked alongside their teacher Helen McCulloch. We started by looking at identifying tree leaves in the classroom and then went walkabout, escaping school and crocodiling with teacher assistants along Bogside to explore Butterybank - to eat my house and home out of biscuits!

At the end of that summer term, the P7's handed over to the P6's, sharing their knowledge and we have done that each year. Margaret has since retired and Helen has moved to Braemar, but the link goes on. The new head, Nikki Drew along with deputy head Melanie Sinclair have continued to support the woodland project, which was launched last December. It was the P7's who stole the show that day, speaking to the STV presenter with remarkable maturity and helping the first planting of fruit trees in the centre of the sloping field.

Since then we have had a further 2 plantings, so we now have over 400 young trees, mainly broad-leaved British native species, and the P5's joined us as well. You are never too young to start, and it is for their benefit and their children that we have converted a disused neglected and abandoned slope into wonderful leisure facility with such great views over Strathmore - ignoring the sewage farm! As you can imagine, there has been a lot of unseen background work during the last 4 years and I have been greatly helped this season by having my assistant and neighbour (herself a CAPS parent) Rona McKinnon aka Tinkerbelle! We are looking to the future now and we shall need an extended steering group to see the project maintained. I have led from the front, as convener, but it's time to hand over to others in the community. Like you perhaps?!



We are indebted to our sponsors, PKC, POP, MAD and others who have been so supportive of the project. It was the highlight of the year (if not my life) to have an early 70th birthday treat by flying in a 2-seater Piper aeroplane from Scone, flying up the strath and flying over from Blair to get a fantastic view of the town. When we flew right over my house and I saw Grampian View, the cemetery (where 5 of my family are sleeping) and 'my' beloved Butterybank, well I nearly fell out of the plane taking photographs!

This may seem self-indulgent, but there's a good twist to this update. The head has agreed to Rona and I also working with a very special group of younger pupils with behavioural problems. They are an inspiration and are making great progress under the sensitive teaching of Leona Robertson. Oscar has already planned a bog garden for dragonflies. We've investigated mini-beasts in school and on Butterybank, and the school is primed to receive a prestigious Patrick Geddes award for its environmental commitment. The school played an important part recently by meeting the horticultural judges who were being shown round the town by our own Anne Easson, Chair of POP. Butterybank intentionally involves several different community groups.

The best news finally is that I've also been invited to take part in assembly presentations, consolidating the curriculum work not just with matters environmental but with the religious and moral dimension, as a minister. It's not about ramming Christianity down throats, it's about encouraging awareness of a deeper spiritual and moral dimension of life. Stewardship of God's resource has been my own focus for over 50 years, so I feel privileged to get this opening. It's a great opportunity. Many of our children who are cared for by our own wonderfully-committed Children's Ministry team are CAPS pupils anyway, so the kirk should now be in a better position to engage the school. It also bodes well for a new minister when we appoint one. That's what I call evangelism and for which I give thanks to God!

Iain Bentley



Magazine Deadline

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

Deadline for the next issue: 20 November 2016.

Please send articles to:-

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As we begin our second year of producing the Isla Link, we hope that you find the contents to be both useful and enjoyable and we would welcome any articles, stories, poems, etc, that you would like included in future editions.

If you feel that you are unable to contribute towards the content of the magazine, but would like to make a donation towards the cost of production, we have enclosed a small envelope that can be returned in the collection plate or through your Church Elder. If you are eligible, and would like the Church to receive Gift Aid on your donation, please note your name or envelope number on the front of the envelope.



Ministries and Mission

A letter has recently been received from the Church of Scotland Stewardship and Finance Department, thanking both Congregations for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through their offerings and explaining how the Ministries and Mission Contribution will be used in 2016.

Contributions made:-

Bendochy £16,381 Coupar Angus Abbey £26,121 Totalling £42,502

Ministries will receive £36,254 (85.5%) towards the provision of Ministers and other parish workers.

Mission will receive £6,248 (14.7%) to resource congregations for Christian education and outreach.

B Mackenzie



Celebrating 30 Years As A Church Elder – Helen Pithie

In September one of our well loved members celebrates 30 years as an Elder of the Abbey Church. Helen was ordained in 1986 when Jim Whyte was our Minister. She was one of the first group of women Elders in the Abbey along with Una McLaren, Christine Forsyth and Lesley Norrie.

Helen was brought up in Coupar Angus and attended Sunday School as a child progressing to be a Sunday School Teacher which, of course, was only one of many roles that she has undertaken during her journey of faith.

For many years she was the Presbytery Elder and would regularly make her way to Dunked for meetings. It was during this time that the Local Partnership Initiative was started to promote co-operation between the different denominations. Helen became Secretary of this group which eventually gave rise to EPACTS where she is still involved today.

During her thirty years as an Elder Helen has been a member of two vacancy committees and Chairperson of the Fundraising committee which was set up when money was a great problem for the Abbey Church. Many events were arranged to even put oil in the tank for heating!!

President and Secretary of the Guild and President of the Presbyterial Council are also past achievements, and now, after celebrating her 80th birthday last year, Helen still manages to organise the flower rota, be part of the cleaning team and crucially look after the pastoral care of the members in her Elder District.

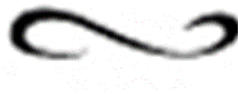
To celebrate this milestone we are holding a soup and sandwich lunch after the morning service on Sunday 9th October 2016 and we hope as many of you as possible will join us.

(Helen has been banned from making the soup!!!)

Anne Richards

Whats On

- 05.09.16 Children's Ministry Groups resume.
- 06.09.16 St Anne's Ecumenical Lunch Club resumes.
- 06.09.16 Abbey Church Session Meeting - 7.30pm in The Abbey
- 07.09.16 Abbey Church Choir resumes 6-7pm in The Abbey
- 03-11.09.16 Perthshire Open Studios
- 24+25.09.16 Doors Open Event
- 01.10.16 Autumn Fair, 10am-2pm in The Abbey
- 02.10.16 Harvest Thanksgiving Services in both churches
- 09.10.16 Celebration Lunch
- 23.10.16 Communion Service - Bendochy Church
- 30.10.16 Communion Service - The Abbey
- 13.11.16 Remembrance Sunday:-
 - 10.00am - Bendochy Church - Laying of Wreath
 - 10.50am - Service at The Abbey
- 20.11.16 Deadline for December Isla Link
- November A Musical Evening - Details on intimation sheets.



Doors Open Days

After Open Studios, there's another free entertainment with Doors Open Days - on Saturday and Sunday 24th & 25th September.

The Abbey Church is taking part again on the Saturday to encourage as many people as possible to come in the door and see a wonderful building - and possibly realise that it's not intimidating, and coming in on other occasions might be worthwhile!

Our grand organ is a special feature, and Austin will be around to demonstrate its possibilities and provide information on it as an instrument of historic significance in its own right. Brochures are due out now, and should be available in the Library and the Heritage Centre, but information is available online at www.doorsopendays.org.uk

John Easson

EPACTS

On Thursday, 4th August, the East Perthshire Action of Churches Together in Scotland held their regular Committee Meeting.

Berry-Pickers' Ceilidhs

This programme of Berry-Pickers' Ceilidhs held annually, particularly for overseas students, is almost finished. It has been very successful in attracting participation from pickers on the farms in the area. Financial support has been appreciated, including a coffee morning in Alyth, and individual contributions from farmers and others. Volunteers have again willingly provided food and organisation for the events.

Annual Retreat

An annual retreat is arranged for the 1st-4th May at the College of the Holy Spirit, attached to the Cathedral of the Isles. Details will be available soon.

Wellmeadow Songs of Praise

Because of anticipated high winds on Saturday, 7th August, the Songs of Praise event, normally taking place in the Wellmeadow, had to be moved indoors. St Catharine's Centre in George Street, Blairgowrie kindly provided an alternative venue. While this lacked the usual interest from passers-by, the group of 50 or so who attended sang along enthusiastically with the soloist, Anne Auchterlonie, accompanied on guitars by Rev Harry Mowbray and Andy Lang with John Wilson on piano. Here also, the works of volunteers was appreciated, especially in the provision of refreshments and food.

The next Committee meeting is planned for Thursday, 15 September.

John Wilson, Secretary EPACTS



Congregational Registers

Samuel Dominic Parys - baptised - 12 June 2016 - The Abbey Church

Volunteers Wanted

The Children's Ministry Groups are starting again in September and they are in urgent need of folks to come along at 9.30am on a Monday morning for half an hour to help set up the church. If you are able to help please speak to Donna Hindmarch or contact Ellen on 07541009398.

We also require folks to come along on a Thursday evening, around 8.30pm, to help set up the Church for Sunday Service.

If you are unable to help at either of these times, perhaps you could come along on a Thursday evening for an hour or so to help with sorting supplies, etc for the Groups for the coming week.

Please remember what a great job the Leaders and Helpers are doing on our behalf and your help and support would be greatly appreciated.



Ellen McGibbon

Fabric Report : Work At The Manse

Refurbishing the downstairs cloakroom continues, with the suite replaced professionally, and the replacement ceiling done by Robert Cormack, Bendochy Fabric Convener whilst I steadied the ladder. Bill Pattullo has generously offered to retile and redecorate it, which will mean he will have redecorated the entire interior during the vacancy: no small task.

Major work replacing external timbers with plastic and the guttering will start shortly. This is being done rather than replacing with timber, in order to reduce future maintenance as these timbers at the eaves would require scaffolding access for future repainting.

Quotations for replacing the hall carpet are in hand, as this can be done once the decorating is complete, and that should finish the series of major refurbishments that have gone on over the vacancy. Although the cost of all this work has been considerable, it is a reflection of the fact that little had been spent over the last decade, and the hope is that future work will be spread more evenly.

John Easson
Fabric Convener

Abbey Flower Rota

September

Co-ordinator: Helen Pithie

- 4 Mrs A Richards
- 11 Esther Jack (R Ewins)
- 18 Mrs I Rodger
- 25 Mrs A Farquharson

October

Co-ordinator: Alison Farquharson

- 2 Mrs H Whittet
- 9 Mrs C McTavish
- 16 Mrs L Norrie
- 23 Mrs R Ewins
- 30 Mrs A Farquharson

November

Co-ordinator: Kathleen Pirie


- 6 Mrs H Pithie
- 13 Jeff Brewer
- 20 Mrs K Pirie
- 27 Dried Flowers

December

- 4
- 11
- 18
- 25

Christmas Decorations

The Abbey Beadle Duty

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Other</i>	
<i>2016</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Services</i>	
September	K Godfrey	H Pithie	
October	E McGibbon	I Rodger	
November	I Rodger/H Pithie	S Robertson	
December	M Pattullo	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



St Anne's Ecumenical Lunch Club

St Anne's Lunch Club will resume on Tuesday, 6th September, where there will be the usual choice of soups, toasties, cheese, savoury and sweet biscuits plus tea and coffee.

Lunch is served from 12 noon onwards and the cost has been kept at last year's price of £2.50.

The Lunch Club is open to everyone, young and old, and a warm welcome awaits all who come along. For more info speak to Helen.

Helen Pithie



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.....

Who's who at the Abbey

Treasurer:	Peter Godfrey	Tel: 01828 627028
Roll Keeper:	Ellen McGibbon	Tel: 07541009398
Gift Aid:	Ellen McGibbon	Tel: 07541009398
FWO:	Donna Hindmarch	
Fabric:	John Easson	Tel: 01828 628001
Flowers:	Helen Pithie	Tel: 01828 627365
	Sheila Robertson	Tel: 01828 627375
Life and Work:	Anne Richards	Tel: 01828 628138
EPACTS:	Helen Pithie	Tel: 01828 627365
Presbytery Elder:	Jeff Brewer	Tel: 01828 628126
Organist:	Austin Wilkie	Tel: 01250 876104
Isla Link Editor:	Roz Arno-Button	Tel: 01828 628728
Children's Ministry	Irene Henderson	

Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Mrs Joanne Chinn Bridge Cottage Little Keithick PH13 9NB
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Who's who at Bendochy

Treasurer:	David Donaldson	Tel: 01828 640017
Gift Aid:	Graeme McNeill	Tel: 01828 627751
Fabric:	Robert Cormack	Tel: 01250 875449
Presbytery Elder:	Bill Pate	Tel: 01250 874548
Flowers:	Christine Pate	Tel: 01250 874548
	Margaret Donaldson	Tel: 01828 640017
Bendochy Ladies:	Judy Long	Tel: 01828 632515
Beadle/EPACTS:	Susan Meldrum	Tel: 01828 628209
Health & Safety:	Robert Cormack	Tel: 01250 875449
Organist:	Austin Wilkie	Tel: 01250 876104

The Abbey Church Organ



A Wadsworth 2 Manual Pipe Organ - installed circa 1897.

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