

ISLA LINK

September 2017



The Magazine of
Bendochy
linked with
Coupar Angus Abbey



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Featuring in this edition of your Isla Link:-

- ◇ Thoughts from the Manse.

- ◇ Europe on our doorstep.

- ◇ From Army Captain to God’s Soldier.

- ◇ What is a “Senior Citizen”?

- ◇ The Clan Hay visit Coupar Angus Abbey.

A Gathering In

Now, this time of year we begin to see the fruits of the forthcoming harvest appearing, both within the rural landscape and from within our own gardens. Some crops have already been harvested, others not far off. Seed heads, fruits apples, pears and rose hips appear in abundance, all revealing the cycle of an amazing process which has been unfolding unnoticed over the year.

So, as fresh articles and events a plenty have been unfolded, and are unfolding amongst us for this new edition, the editors' team met recently with Andy to review the layout of the magazine. A few changes have been implemented, all aimed at improving the format. We hope you like it! Comments are always appreciated!

We hope you enjoy catching up with Andy's news from the Manse. The young people have an exciting programme to look forward to, particularly as they meet the team from Fischy Music. EPACTS had an inspiring speaker share news from the organization "Christians against Poverty" and there are reflections on the Berry Pickers ceilidhs. A visit by members of the Clan Hay was enjoyed and there's a great explanation of what it means to be a "Senior Citizen". Catch up too with the What's On Diary over the coming months.

A rich and diverse gathering in of news and views. Keep them coming for the next edition! Many thanks to all who contributed this time around.

Roz Arno-Button

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Magazine Deadline

Deadline for the next issue: 19 November 2017.

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A Vote Of Thanks

The Kirk Session and the congregation of the Abbey would like to thank all who help in any way with producing, collating, etc. the Isla Link every three months and really appreciate all your hard work on our behalf.

Ellen McGibbon
Session Clerk



Thoughts From The Manse

At the beginning of Summer I was invited to attend and take part in the School end of term service. These services are always very emotional for parents and children alike and it was a privilege to be there on such a joyful day. The P7's in particular were so excited about moving on to the High School and yet at the same time, because of all the happy memories built up over the years, sad to leave Coupar Angus Primary behind.

I often say to the children that their school days are the happiest days of their lives. However, whether or not they were the happiest days of our life, we all remember our school days and I'm sure we can all remember at least one teacher's name, if not all. Teachers have a large and important part to play in our lives and indeed help us to shape our futures. But even when our school, college or university days are over, still there is one Teacher who will continue to shape our lives.

Jesus is our life-long teacher and is always there to guide and lead us through life. Indeed the Bible tells us that all who heard Jesus, '***...were astonished with His teaching, for His word was with authority...***' (Luke 4:32) and that teaching is still available to us today through God's Word. But Jesus didn't merely teach through the words He spoke, He also taught us how to live by the way He lived, and it is this teaching which is so important to us today. Throughout His life Jesus offered kindness, care, compassion and love to others. He was inclusive, not exclusive, welcoming all who would come to Him - a friend to all - and by His Spirit we are called to be likewise today.

And over the past couple of months, with Friendly Friday, throughout the 2 weeks of the charity shop, in a baptismal service at Bendochy, and just in the way we welcome people into our churches, I have seen so much of this kindness, care, friendship and love; evidence of the Fruit of The Spirit, spoken of by Paul, evidence of Christ alive in our church communities.

'...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, understanding, kindness, goodness....since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit...' (Gal. 5:22, 25)

With Every Blessing,

Andy

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

The Bible Study will resume on Wednesday the 13th of September at 7.15pm in the Abbey Church. These meetings are relaxed and informal and everyone is welcome to come and join in our discussions. This session we shall be looking at the Gospel of Luke.

Bible Study – Moses

We all know and love the story of the baby Moses, cast into the river, rescued by Pharaoh's daughter and raised as an Egyptian. Of how, when he had grown into adulthood, he fled to Midian after killing an Egyptian taskmaster, and lived among Jethro and his family, taking Zipporah for his wife. And then of course that fateful day when he came to the burning bush, where he was sent from by God to deliver his people out of the land of Egypt.

And in the book of Exodus we are given a detailed and graphic account of all that happened during this time of deliverance and in the forty years the people spent journeying in the wilderness. Of how Moses received the Commandments from God to give to the people, of how he interceded on their behalf more than once and of how he himself did not get to enter into that Promised Land. But what do we know of Moses himself?

Read Exodus 2:11-25

What do we learn of Moses from this early chapter in his adult life?

- He was distressed at what he had seen and was passionate and concerned with the issue of justice.
- He was perhaps impulsive but calculating.
- He wants to do something - but chooses to do the wrong thing.
- When he realised that he had been seen, he feared for his life and ran away.

Read Exodus 3:1-17 and 4:1-17

What do these well-known passages teach us of Moses?

- Moses was inquisitive and willing to investigate that which he did not understand.
- He is obedient and shows reverence to God when called to do so.
- He felt inadequate to carry out the task that God had in store for him so he tries to think of excuses why he shouldn't go.
- He continues to show reluctance and fear even after God reveals Himself as Yahweh but he also continues to look for excuses not to go. Is this a lack of faith?

And what can these three passages teach us today?

- We need to be more aware of the suffering in the world today and try to play our small part in helping to alleviate that suffering.
- Don't act out of haste or impulsiveness before thinking things through - it may lead to trouble.
- We need to approach God in the right way. He is our Father and our friend - but He is also sovereign Lord over all creation and we need to pay Him the honour He is due.
- Trust in God. We are none of us properly equipped or enabled to do anything for God without his help. However, we all have gifts and talents and if God says to us that He can use us in a particular way, we need to believe and have faith in Him to empower us to do so.

Read Exodus 14:1-22

As we move into the period of the Exodus, what can we learn from Moses in these passages about how we should live our lives of faith today?

- The people are hostile and in despair - but Moses remains positive. *Often when things begin to crumble around us we 'fall apart at the seams'. Moses actions here teach us a valuable lesson.*
- He has faith in abundance now and calls on God to intervene. *Holding on to our faith in some situations is difficult. But consider this - how worse would things be without our faith.*
- He believes fervently in the power of prayer. *Prayer is the most powerful tool we have at our disposal as Christians, but sadly we don't pray enough.*
- And when God answers his prayer, Moses acts immediately in obedience. *There is no point in seeking God's help or advice, then ignoring it when it comes along.*

Read Exodus 18

Some final things for us to consider from the life of Moses

- In telling Jethro of all that God accomplished, Moses becomes the perfect evangelist. *Sometimes the hardest thing for us to do, is to tell others of how God has achieved great things in and with our lives.*
- Moses is willing to take on board the advice given to him by Jethro. *Sometimes God speaks to us through others, but we are too busy to listen or too stubborn to pay heed.*
- Moses learns to delegate. *As Christians sometimes saying no is extremely difficult. But we can't do everything and do need to learn when to delegate.*

Moses was a great leader and will always be remembered as the 'Lawgiver'. And in his life we can clearly see how God prepares and then uses us to complete His will.

Europe on Our Doorstep

Europe on our Doorstep, or more exactly, on the Berry farms around us in Coupar Angus, and around Blairgowrie.

There is Colbeggie Farm, just past Larghan park, East Denhead along the Forfar road, and until last year we always saw the carrot weeders from Keithick farm at the ceilidhs, they came mostly from Latvia and Lithuania. (Now Sidlaw Organics have moved away) Colbeggie is the largest of these farms, having 600 and more pickers, nearly all from Romania and Bulgaria.

On the evening of July 21st, 65 came to the ceilidh at the Town Hall, thanks to Magda, their leader for the way she encourages them so enthusiastically to attend the events.

Daily we pass these folks going to and fro to the Co-op and the Charity shops, but to us they might as well be in Europe! Just how do we connect with them I wonder? The reason for this problem is, as we realized at the ceilidh. They arrive laughing and chatting amongst themselves, but their knowledge of English is very sparse.

Our wonderful caller- so used to using few words and explicit hand signs soon arranges them in two rows, with helpers nudging them into place! The music starts and they try their best with great gusto. Those who sit out, some wearing their typical leather jackets start flashing their cameras, there is much laughing at the frequent muddles on the dance floor.



It was a delight to see them all, now as individuals with different personalities, like the very tall lad who loved jumping high and waving his arm in the air. The many helpers were adept at persuading the reluctant ones out of their seats to join in the dancing.

Then the supper came in - rolls followed by cakes, all had been prepared by the backroom ladies. There was a pause while they finished, we drank our tea and then we heard a strange song with a Greek like rhythm coming from the CD player. One by one folks stood up and joined hands and started dancing a Romanian style dance. A few of our dancers joined the line and tried to follow the steps, it was very good.

Now, as I have got to know one Romanian couple - who have been coming to Colbeggie for 6 years, I would like to add them to the story of pickers. Irena and John (Ionut) have still almost no English, but plenty of personality.

I first met Irena at the erstwhile café at the Y, she was so friendly and good fun. Later when John came on the scene I occasionally visited them at their caravan. One year they were still working over Christmas, and they came to Apedaile Way for a scratch Christmas Eve lunch. So, over the years and with the aid of two dictionaries (and sometimes John's computer) I've gleaned a bit about their life. Saving and saving every pound, they are a great example of the great desire there is in those countries to lead a better life.

First, enough saved to buy a run- down apartment (in Romania). Next time over there, renovating it on their own, John with his building skills and Irena the labourer. Then on each home trip followed the painting, the fittings and furniture, to a very high standard, I am proudly shown an example being a shower in the beautiful bathroom - with music!

I do admire all these young and not so young people from deprived countries who work every hour possible to better themselves.

The question is, will these precious farms still survive after Brexit? And will these keen workers still be able to find work here?

Would we not be worse off, not knowing more about their different lives amongst us?

Jean Napier

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Friendly Fridays

Since beginning in June our Friendly Fridays have proven to be a great time of warm and friendly fellowship with many people coming together for tea / coffee and a chat - and thank you to the ladies to organise and run this afternoon.

It's really good to see new and different people coming each month and so uplifting to hear the buzz around the place as people chat and laugh together. If you've never been then come along and join us one afternoon, you'll be warmly welcomed with a smile.



It's on the first Friday of each month, between 1.30pm and 3.00pm, and everyone is welcome. You can drop in at any time during these times and stay for as long as you wish.

Our next Friendly Friday is on the 1st September - we hope to see you there.

Clan Hay Visit

On the 8th of August members of the Clan Hay came to visit Coupar Angus Abbey Church and were shown round by our minister. The arms of Hay of Erroll sit alongside those of the King of Scots on the Abbey seal which can still be seen today on the wrought iron gates at the entrance to the Abbey Church. Many of the medieval Hays of Erroll are believed to be entombed in the Old Abbey grounds and our visitors found a tombstone of particular interest in the centre of the Church graveyard.

Within the Abbey Church itself can be found the tomb slab of Abbot John Schanwell, the effigy of Sir Thomas Hay of Erroll and the Panel of Weepers, a stone slab carving believed to depict the arms of Hay and belonging to Ann Millar, wife of Charles Hay, writer and an important member of the Clan. During their visit the Clan Hay members asked about the history of the Abbey and in particular were keen to see and photograph all of the aforementioned items of particular relevance to themselves.

Once they had finished seeing round the Abbey our visitors went to the Heritage Centre in town where Jim Thomson and Joe Richards were able to give them more information of the history of the local area.



Members of Clan Hay at the Abbey Church

Ellen McGibbon

If you would like to find out more about Clan Hay you can visit their website

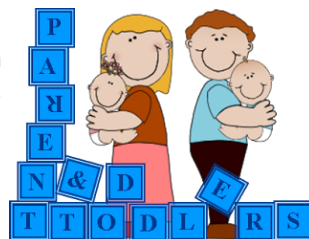
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New Parent & Toddler Group

A Parent and Toddler Group started in St Anne's Hall on Monday, 21st August. This group is open to all and will run 9.30-11.30am each Monday during term time.

For more details:

Contact: Charmain Paterson—Tel: 01828 627229



Life and Work

The month of August brings the Festival and Fringe to Edinburgh. It is a great spectacle which brings people from all over the world to our shores and chaos to the roads around the capital. A pity the new Queensferry Crossing is not opening until the end of the month.

No matter, the International Festival and Fringe celebrate their 70th anniversaries this year and it will be enjoyed by all. Life and Work are also featuring the Kirk's involvement.

In 1947 it was launched on a Sunday with a service at St Giles' Cathedral. The Fringe consisted of eight small theatre companies joining the fun using five venues. This year the Fringe has 2000 companies using 300 venues and the Kirk has provided a fair number of these in church halls and also the outstanding venue that is the Assembly Hall on the Mound. Some congregations even present their own programmes.

Also in the August Life and Work

"Realising Dreams" - Rt Rev Derek Browning (Moderator) encourages us to make a difference.

"My journey has been long and difficult" - Rev Boitumelo Johanna Gaborone describes her long journey to becoming a Pastor in South Africa.

These are a small selection of stories in Life and Work which is the magazine of the National Church. There are many more. If you would like a copy please contact me.

Anne Richards

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The Ten Commandments

- 1 Have thou no other God but me,
- 2 Unto no other bow thou knee.
- 3 Take not the name of God in vain,
- 4 Do not the Sabbath day profain.
- 5 Honour thy father and mother too,
- 6 And see that thou no murder do.
- 7 Abstain from words and deeds unclean,
- 8 And steal although thy state be mean.
- 9 Of thy father's lot take not the blot,
- 10 What is they neighbour's covet not.

Jessie Haddow

From Army Captain to God's Soldier.

Some reading this may well have heard of, or perhaps met, (Capt) Stephen Anderson. I thought it might be of interest to know how a very successful ex Army Officer became the only Official Evangelist within the Church of Scotland for some 30 years or so. (He followed D P Thomson who had his base in Crieff from where he retired.)

The last three years of his Army career were spent as ADC to Gen Sir Brian Robertson in North Africa. During this period he married Joy Dolby and their son George was born. Stephen then decided to leave the Army and return to Scotland, where his father, now ill with cancer, lived in the family home at Straloch in Strathardle. Also, the tenant farming at Straloch at that time wanted to retire. So they came back and started this new life in the Glen. The family increased and Stephen thrived in this farming life.

At this time Joy's brother, George Dolby, was also farming next door to Straloch, at Kindrogan, Enochdhu with his Uncle, Francis Balfour. After being there three years or so he decided that he needed a change and, with much heart-ache both for himself and his Uncle and Aunt, went south to Southampton. While there he went to a large, well attended, Church called "Above Bar". After six months there he became a committed Christian and, after being at a Bible College in Glasgow, became Assistant Pastor to Leith Samuel in Above Bar Church for a year. That's how he came to invite Leith and Mollie Samuel and their two children up to Strathardle to share a week's holiday that he was spending in his parents' house close to Straloch and Kindrogan. (His parents spent the summers in Orkney at this time.)

During this week Leith Samuel agreed to speak at a meeting in Enochdhu Village Hall which was attended by 10-12 people. These few included Stephen and Joy Anderson. After the short meeting we went back to where we were staying and talked over what Leith had shared with us at the meeting from Revelation Chapter 3, the letter to the Church in Laodicea. You may well know that this is a very challenging passage about being a "nominal" Christian, "luke warm". Not realising your real need which is to let Christ into your life as He stands outside the "door" and asks to come in.

As it turns out, this really hit Stephen hard. Later that night he work Joy up and with her encouragement, committed his life to Christ. That next evening he came to our house and told us what he had done. Just to test or confirm his new found faith, Leith Samuel asked Stephen to go upstairs and pray with Leith and Mollie's two children who had just gone to bed. This he did and that first act of real witness to his new faith set him on the road for his future ministry. He never looked back from that day and subsequently sold their home and farms and moved home several times over the next few years, ending up in Kincaig (near Aviemore) where Joy still lives.

Stephen was fearless in his witness for Christ, together with his band called Scotrock, taking meetings all over Scotland, putting on plays in the open air, speaking at schools, universities, anywhere he was asked to go and many, many Churches. He was also a founder member of the Compass Christian Centre in Glenshee. He spent many winter ski-ing holiday trips with a Bible teaching study time after the days ski-ing. It was at the bottom of one of these ski runs that he collapsed and died, in spite of the immediate medical help, in 1998.

His coffin was flown back from France to Glasgow, but this was not taken off the plane and was flown back to France! Having sorted this out, there was a wonderful thanksgiving service in Kincaig where family, colleagues and friends could rejoice over this pretty remarkable life, totally given in the service of his Master and Friend, even Christ his Saviour.

George Dolby

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Food Bank

It is really great how such a marvellous variety of food is donated to the food box sitting in the corner of the church Sunday by Sunday. A very big thank you to all who donate I know it is much appreciated by the helpers who make up the parcels and those who receive them. The need is still very real and your continued support would be much appreciated. For more information speak to

Helen Pithie

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***Eastern Perthshire Action of Churches Together in Scotland
(EPACTS)***

In the afternoon of 6th August members from different churches in this area gathered to worship God together in St Catharine's Centre, George Street. Together we celebrated our diversity and our unity within Christ's family by singing hymns and songs from our different traditions. The team who planned and led the worship included Rev Harry Mowbray, John Wilson, Lis Burke, Andrew Lang and Anna Auchterlonie. Rev Harry Mowbray introduced the hymns and Lis Burke led us in prayer and read a passage from the first letter to the Corinthians, reminding us that despite our differences we are all part of the same body.

We welcomed a guest speaker Angus MacDonald, who explained to us the work that the organisation 'Christians Against Poverty' is doing in Highland Perthshire. He invited us to join in new initiatives to tackle the poverty which exists in our local area, working with individuals to help break the prison of poverty and give them back their self-respect. A free will collection was taken to support this life-changing work which truly demonstrates God's love in action. Refreshments were shared in a time of fellowship before people returned to their homes. The sum of £221.65 2 was raised for Christians Against Poverty.

John Wilson

Treasurer's Report For The Abbey Church

Since last report we have heard from Presbytery and last year's accounts were approved and passed. This means we are on schedule for our report to (OSCAR) Scottish Charity Regulator for accounting period of 2016.

The totals paid out over the period of May, June was £8,231.19 the income over same period was £13,575.81. However it must be noted that £6,977.20 was repaid tax from HMRC and is only a once a year payment. I would like to thank all the people who assisted in the running of the charity shop and all the people who supported it and made it such an overwhelming success. The total raised was £4,955.92 this does not reflect within the May, June income.

As of Tuesday 8th July balances stood at the following:-

General Fund	£ 14,306.04
Fabric fund	£ 1,336.85
Reserve Fund	£ 2788.06
Development Fund	£ 31,774.85
Children's Ministry	£ 3,713.04

The future outgoings are forecasted to be rather large due to the probability of the replacement of the church heating system. Quotes have been received for this and Church Session will be deciding as to when and who will be doing this. More information will be forthcoming.

Once again many thanks to all who so willingly support our church.



Peter Godfrey

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Back to School

Soon it will be back to school
New clothes and shoes will be the rule,
All the babes in Primary One
May be excited and ready for fun.
Some though are not at all keen
And think "This is not for me!
If I'm not allowed to go home soon
I won't come back in the afternoon!"

Margaret Dutch

What is a ‘Senior Citizen’?

A senior citizen is one who was here before the pill, television, frozen foods, contact lenses, credit cards and before man walked on the moon.

For us, “timesharing” meant togetherness, not holiday homes, and a “chip” meant a piece of wood. “Hardware” meant nuts and bolts and “software” wasn’t even a word.

We got married first, then lived together, and thought cleavage was something that butchers did. A “stud” was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and “going all the way” meant staying on a double decker to the depot.

We thought that “fast food” was what you ate in Lent, a “Big Mac” was an oversized raincoat, and “crumpet” was what we had for tea.

In our day “grass” was mown, “pot” was something you cooked in, “coke” was kept in a coalhouse, a “joint” was cooked on Sundays, and being “gay” meant you were happy.

Today’s senior citizens are a hardy bunch when you consider how the world has changed!

***Joanne and David Chinn,
An article we came across recently, Author unknown.***



Thought For The Day

The question is asked: “Is there anything more beautiful in life than a young couple clasping hands and pure hearts in the path of marriage? Can there be anything more beautiful than young love?” And the answer is given: “Yes, there is a more beautiful thing.

“It is the spectacle of an old man and an old woman finishing their journey together on that path. Their hands are gnarled but still clasped; their faces are seamed but still radiant; their hearts are physically bowed and tired but still strong with love and devotion. Yes, there is a more beautiful thing than young love. Old love.”



**John Hawkins
(Author Unknown)**

News from Pride of Place:



Britain in Bloom Judges Rae Beckwith and James Cordingley were quick to put us at our ease and very friendly as they walked round Coupar Angus with Tracy and I when they visited Coupar Angus on Friday 11th August. We visited the school, Blair Bend, the Community Woodland, Margaret Pennycook's beautiful garden, Ellerslie Gardens, Larghan Park, Crichton Lang's Courtyard Garden, into the Cross, the Burn and then along Union Street to the Town Hall. Here we had refreshments, organised for the judges before they left at noon to travel to Northern Ireland for their last judging engagement. In all, during the previous two weeks, they had visited a total of 11 villages, no small task.

We had 3 weeks of intense activity prior to their visit, weeding, sweeping, litter picking, edging and washing down the boxes. Dickie McKay had been a star and repainted all the PoP boxes for us, which really was a great help. He also repainted the benches in town and at the entrance to Buttery Bank. With all the rain, however, to have them looking their best we needed to wash them the day before the judges came. So much has to be redone as the weeds do not stop growing.

The PoP team could not have worked harder and we also had great help from the MaD team, plus many of the community for which we say a huge thank you. The Town was spotless and shining on the day, now, together, we need to try to keep it like this.

***Anne Easson,
Chair***

Whats On

24/08/17	Bendochy and Coupar Angus Children's Groups resume at 5.30pm
01/09/17	"Friendly Friday" 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Abbey - All welcome.
02-10/09/17	Perthshire Open Studios—pick up a programme in local shops or view on www.perthshireopenstudios.com
05/09/17	The Luncheon Club—12.00-1.00pm—St Anne's Hall.
06/09/11	Prayer Group Meeting—2.00pm in the Abbey Church.
06/09/17	Abbey Kirk Session Meeting 7.30pm
13/09/17	The Bible Study Group resumes - 7.15pm in the Abbey Church.
21/09/17	Fischy Music attending Primary School and Children's Groups
01/10/17	Harvest Thanksgiving at Abbey - Food and donations accepted.
06/10/17	"Friendly Friday" 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Abbey - All welcome.
14/10/17	Autumn Fayre at Abbey - more details later
22/10/17	Communion at Bendochy
29/10/17	Communion at Abbey (Retiring offering)
03/11/17	"Friendly Friday" 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Abbey - All welcome.
08/11/17	Abbey Kirk Session Meeting 7.30pm
12/11/17	Remembrance Sunday 10.00am Bendochy Short Act/Service of Remembrance 10.50am Abbey Service of Remembrance
01/12/17	"Friendly Friday" at the Abbey 1.30pm - 3pm - All welcome.
17/12/17	Carol Service in the Evening - more details later.

November Silent Auction Fund Raiser for new heating in the Abbey.
More details later.

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Bendochy Church Ladies Group

The Group will attend a performance at Pitlochry Festival Theatre on 7 October, following a previous visit on 19 August.

The new session begins on 11 October when we are looking forward to welcoming Andy Graham to his first of many visits, we hope, to our meetings.

Dates for the 2017/2018 Meetings are:-

11 October	4 February
8 November 1	4 March
13 December	11 April

The meetings 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 10.30am.

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.

Judy Long

Work In The Church

During a routine inspection of our heating system at the end of last year, the engineer noted that the exhaust flues from our gas boiler were too close to the external wall of the building, in violation of current BS Standards and that this would need to be rectified. Over the first few months of this year we tried to resolve this problem with the company without success and in May of this year, on the advice of The General Trustees, invited the Church’s Heating Consultant to come and survey our heating system. His very thorough report concluded that given the age of our current boiler, almost 20 years old now, it would be unwise to spend any substantial amount of money on alterations and repairs and suggested replacing the two boilers we currently have with a single, more modern and more efficient unit. To that end the Kirk Session sought quotes from various heating consultants and at a meeting on the 13th of August, elected to go ahead with this work at a cost of just under £10,000. A date for this has yet to be confirmed but we are provisionally thinking of during the October break which will mean less disruption for those who use our church - and we will of course keep the congregation up to date with all developments and progress.

In addition to this, in compliance with the Fire Act Scotland law, the Kirk Session had a Fire Safety Officer carry out a Fire Risk Assessment of our Church around the same time. Again a very comprehensive report was produced highlighting certain areas where we need to take action, including the installation of a fire detection system and altering exits from the church to comply with current regulations. There are also other areas where we need to take action and this will be an on-going process, the cost of which is yet to be established. But again, we will keep the congregation up to date as we proceed with this.

Kirk Session

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Getting To Grips With Technology

It’s not easy keeping abreast of all the gadgetry of today. Especially when one is getting on in years! I have half mastered my Ipad but it sometimes does funny things not apparently initiated by me.

I am not able to carry my shopping from the car so I am presently struggling to do my food shopping on-line. This had given rise to some peculiar items being delivered to me, eg one tomato all wrapped up (although I ordered a box). Then came 2 mushrooms in a bag, instead of 2 packs of same. The latest was 9 passion fruits—I wanted 1 pack of 3 but again had not studied the illustrations properly. It makes for good fun when telling friends of my stupid mistakes. However I keep learning with every mistake I make.

Margaret Dutch

Congregational Roll

Bendochy - Baptism

13/08/17 Baptism of Isla Jane Espley, daughter of John and Rosie Espley.

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**Wake Up And Enjoy
Your Sunday Mornings**



Join With Us On Our Journey

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Prayer Group Meetings

The Prayer Group meetings will resume on Wednesday the 6th September at 2.00pm in the Abbey Church. All are welcome to come along and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord.

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.....

Abbey Flower Rota

September

Co-ordinator: H Pithie
627365

- 3** Mrs I Henderson/
Mrs J Rennie
10 Miss E Jack
17 Mrs I Rodger
24 Mrs A Farquharson

November

Co-ordinator: K Pirie
627754

- 5** Mrs H Pithie
12 Jeff Brewer
19 Mrs K Pirie
26 Dried Flowers

October

Co-ordinator: A Farquharson
627251

- 1** Rev Iain Bentley
8 Miss C McTavish
15 Mrs A Richards
22 Mrs Leslie Norrie
29 Mrs A Farquharson

December

Co-ordinator: H Pithie
627365

- 3**
10 *Christmas Decorations*
17
24



Bendochy Flower Rota

September 2017

- 3** Marjorie Scott
10 Sheila Lindsay
17 Sheila Lindsay
24 Margaret Donaldson

November

- 5** Christine Pate
12 Cristine Pate
19 Marie Cormack
26 Marie Cormack

October

- 1** Margaret Donaldson
8 Margaret Donaldson
15 Christine Pate
22 Christine Pate
29 Christine Pate

December

- 3**
10 *Christmas Decorations*
17
24 Ann Wilki

Bendochy Cleaning Rota

<i>September</i>	M Cormack and R Cormack
<i>October</i>	C Pate and W Pate
<i>November</i>	J Laburn and G McNeill
<i>December</i>	R Patterson and S Meldrum

Coach House Hostesses

<i>September</i>	Shona Grant	Jane Davidson
<i>October</i>	Bernice MacKenzie	Margaret Donaldson
<i>November</i>	Erica Espley	Sheila Lindsay
<i>December</i>	Jean Laburn	Bernice MacKenzie

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



Used Stamps

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.

Over the course of the last financial year, £3,528 was raised by the Church of Scotland. This money is used to support a variety of projects, both at home and abroad. The sum of £469 has already been raised since 1st March 2017.

Harry Walker

Readers in the Abbey and Bendochy

	<i>The Abbey</i>	<i>Bendochy</i>
<i>September</i>		
3	Ellen McGibbon	Jane Davidson
10	Catriona Henderson	Robert Cormack
17	Jeff Brewer	Jean Laburn
24	Joanne Chinn	John Morison
<i>October</i>		
1	David Chinn	Margaret Davidson
8	Irene Henderson	Steve Cumming
15	Robert Farquharson	Nick Tulloch
22	Anne Easson	Graeme McNeill
29	COMMUNION—John Easson	Rosemary Patterson
<i>November</i>		
5	Jeff Brewer	Jane Davidson
12	Anne Richards	R Cormack
19	Margaret Pattullo	Jean Laburn
26	Ellen McGibbon	John Morison
<i>December</i>		
3	Catriona Henderson	Margaret Davidson
10	Margaret Pattullo	Steve Cumming
17	Joanne Chinn	Sarah Tulloch
24	David Chinn	Graeme McNeill
31	Irene Henderson	Rosemary Patterson

The Abbey Beadle Duty

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Other</i>
2017	<i>Services</i>	<i>Services</i>
<i>September</i>	K Godfrey	I Rodger
<i>October</i>	E McGibbon	E McGibbon
<i>November</i>	B Anderson	B Andersom
<i>December</i>	M Pattullo	E McGibbon

Welcoming you at Bendochy today

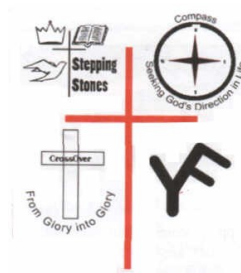
Will elders please note that the first named for each Sunday is responsible for ensuring that there is someone on Door Duty.

<i>September 3</i> J Morison D Patterson	<i>September 10</i> D Grant G McNeill	<i>September 17</i> C Pate R Cormack	<i>September 24</i> C Cochrane R Patterson
<i>October 1</i> D Donaldson S Grant	<i>October 8</i> B MacKenzie J Laburn	<i>October 15</i> D Patterson W Pate	<i>October 22</i> J Morison D Grant
<i>October 29</i> R Cormack C Cochrane	<i>November 5</i> J Laburn B MacKenzie	<i>November 12</i> G McNeill S Grant	<i>November 19</i> C Pate D Donaldson
<i>November 26</i> D Patteson J Morison	<i>December 3</i> C Cochrane W Pate	<i>December 10</i> D Grant R Cormack	<i>December 17</i> B MacKenzie J Laburn

Welcoming you at The Abbey today (subject to change)

<i>September 3</i> B Anderson I Henderson J Rennie	<i>September 10</i> B Crighton R Ewins H Pithie	<i>September 17</i> S Turnbull D Chinn J Chinn I Rodger	<i>September 24</i> J Brewer K Godfrey E Jack S Robertson
<i>October 1</i> D Hindmarch I Jack M Pattullo W Pattullo	<i>October 8</i> A Easson J Easson E McGibbon	<i>October 15</i> S Jack A Legge A Richards	<i>October 22</i> B Anderson I Henderson J Rennie
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COUPAR ANGUS AND BENDOCHY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Starts again on Thursday 24 August 2017.

Please note the slight change to the starting and finishing times of the Groups, which is to enable all the Groups; Stepping Stones, Compass and Crossover to be held on the same night, (Thursday) in the Abbey Church.



The Groups are as follows:

Group	Start	Age Group
Stepping Stones	5.30pm to 6.30pm	P1 to P3
Compass	6.45pm to 7.45pm	P4 to P6
Crossover	8.00pm to 9.00pm	P7-S1

In September Fischy Music are to be coming to the Children's Groups. This has been arranged in conjunction with Coupar Angus Primary School and more details will be given nearer the time.

Depending on the number of children available to attend, this will be arranged for Saturday, 7 October 2017.

Coupar Angus and Bendochy Children's Ministry Groups are great fun, painting, stories, games, crafts, planting seeds etc. all with a bible based theme running through the Session

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN

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