

# ISLA LINK



**September  
2018**

Bendochy Parish  
linked with  
Coupar Angus Abbey  
*Church*



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## ***Featuring in this edition of your Isla Link:-***

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- ◇ New Website
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- ◇ Life and Work— Marking The 70th Anniversary Of The NHS and The World Council of Churches
- ◇ Doors Open Days 2018—15-16 September 2018

## ***Being Stretched To Our Limits***

When the deadline for the Isla Link is looming, or indeed has been reached, there is a limited time available to compile the magazine and get it printed and collated for distribution on the promised date. It is often a stretch of time, energy and patience to get it completed as delays can be caused by any number of things.

I am often asked what my “absolute deadline is” and what that person is really asking is, can my limits be stretched a bit more to accommodate their own needs. Where possible I will always try to work around these requests as, without articles there would be no magazine, and there is usually a valid reason for the request. On these occasions I put things together, leaving space for the expected article, but it does increase my stress levels as I never know exactly how much space will be required.

For many people being stretched to their limit is a daily occurrence. They may be stretched for time, money or other resources which makes it difficult for them to look after their family, do their job or to just exist. Each day is a continuation of the previous day’s struggle, with little hope of an improvement in view.

We each have our own limits, and they will differ from those around us as we all have different demands being made of us, but that limit may be getting stretched all the same. Each time we ask something of another person; be they family, friend or service provider, we should keep in mind that we may be stretching them beyond their limits. Is there really a valid reason for our request?

It is often said “that you can always ask a busy person to do more” as these people will be well organised and rarely say no, but does that mean that we have the right to ask. Perhaps there are times when we should be offering to reduce their load rather than stretching their limits further.

***Rachel Ewins***

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## ***Magazine Deadline***

***Deadline for the next issue: 18 November 2018.***

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## ***Thoughts From The Manse***

During our break at the beginning of June, Margaret and I journeyed from the Borders to the Highlands of Scotland and enjoyed our time immensely. In the Borders we visited the ruins of the great Abbeys at Melrose, Kelso, Jedburgh and Dryburgh and we walked along some of the Abbot's Way. In the Highlands we walked around Loch an Eilein, alongside Loch Morlich and even ventured up the Cairngorms.

All different settings and surroundings, all different experiences. However, in all of these there was one common factor - a real sense of peace. Walking through the ruins of the Abbeys it was hard not to pause from time to time and just visualise the Abbots and Monks at work and prayer, and to imagine the sense of peace they would have felt. Similarly, walking through the majestic scenery of the Highlands, with the warm sun in your face and a gentle wind behind you, you are suddenly aware of a sense of God's presence and the peace that this brings to you.

The Apostle Paul said in his letter to Romans, ***'having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.'*** (Rom.5:1) but of course this is a peace that we can all know at all times. It is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit spoken of in Galatians 5:22. Our summer holiday time may be coming to an end and our leisurely peace may have given way once again to the hustle and bustle of everyday life. However, wherever we are and whatever we are doing, God has promised that through His Son and by His Spirit He will always be with us - all we have to do is to allow Him into our hearts and know His peace.

With Every Blessing,

***Andy***

### ***Prayer Meeting***

The prayer meetings will begin again in the Abbey Church on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 2.00pm. Prayer is essential in our faith lives as we seek to serve our Lord, so if you can join us please do so and together we can come before the Lord in prayer.

### ***Bible Study***

The Bible Study group will restart on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 7.15pm in the Abbey Church. More details will be available in the intimation sheets and on the website in the coming weeks, but all are welcome to come to these informal and friendly meetings where together we look at the Word of God.

## ***Bible Study – Hannah from 1 Samuel Chapter 1***

### **Background Information :**

In the 11<sup>th</sup> century BC the centre for worship for the people of Israel was at a place called Shiloh, which was about twenty miles north of Jerusalem. It was here that the Tabernacle had been erected and here that we would find the Ark of the Covenant. The law stated that every male should come to worship and make sacrifices to God at each of the great feasts, which would have been three times a year, although here we are told that Elkanah made this visit annually. When he did this his family would go with him.

Hannah had not given birth to any children and in those days, not only would she have been considered a failure, but also an embarrassment to her husband. Because of this the custom was that Hannah was obligated to give one of her serving girls to Elkanah to bear him children and it may well be that this is who the second wife Peninnah was. Indeed the law stated that Elkanah was quite within his rights to divorce Hannah because of her barren-ness, but not only did he not do so, we are told that such was his love for her that he gave her a 'double portion' at each offering. Despite his rights and the obvious social criticism that he would have received, still Elkanah remained devoted to Hannah.

The chapter itself is nicely split up into three sections, verses 1-7, 8-18 and 19-28 and in each section there are many lessons for us to learn.

### **1 Samuel 1:1-7**

***Given her own and her home circumstances, how do you think Hannah herself might have felt?***

- That perhaps God had forgotten about her - was it punishment for some sin?
- That perhaps her husband might love Peninnah more than her - after all, she could give him children and in that culture this was very important.
- A failure as a woman - especially so when taunted by Peninnah.
- Bitter and twisted - perhaps, but there is no evidence of that here as of yet.
- Grieved within her heart - we are told that she wept each year at the sacrifice.

## 1 Samuel 1:8-18

***How do these verses give us a greater insight of Hannah, what do we learn of her here?***

- Hannah knew her husband loved her, but still that brought her no comfort or consolation.
- In her eyes she had failed him - a fact she would have been continually reminded of by Peninnah.
- Hannah had perhaps had good reason to feel discouraged and bitter. She 'shared' her husband with a woman who could give him children and who ridiculed her.
- But instead of retaliating or giving up hope, she takes her problem honestly and openly to God.
- Despite all that she had endured, still she had enough faith to come before God.
- And once she had done so, notice how she at once felt better within herself.

## 1 Samuel 1:19-28

***What do we discover about Hannah in these verses?***

- Despite the joy that must have been hers in having a son, Hannah remains faithful to her promise to God.
- She keeps him at home until she has weaned him and then gave him up in dedication to the service of God.
- She gave up what she wanted most - because she knew that God had listened to and answered her prayer.

***What can we learn from this story of Hannah?***

- In the first section, although we might not be able to keep others from unjustly criticizing us or mocking us, we can choose how we react to their hurtful words.
- Rather on dwelling on self-pity and despondency, we can look forward in hope in God.
- In the second section we are reminded that no matter how discouraged or embittered we might feel, if we take things honestly and openly to God, He will listen to us.
- And in the third section, remember the promises that we make to God in response to His goodness.

# Hospital Visits

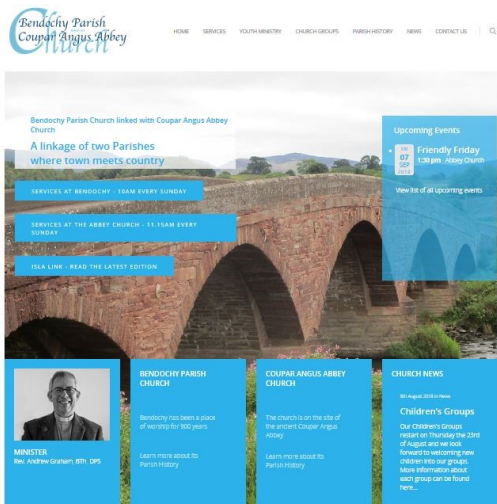
If you are going into hospital or know of someone in hospital who would like a visit, please let the Minister know.

## Friendly Fridays

Our Friendly Friday afternoons continue to take place on the first Friday of each month and it is so good to see and hear so many enjoying the fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee. If you haven't come along yet, why not come and join us at our next one on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of October, anytime between 1.30 - 3.00pm. A warm, friendly welcome awaits all

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## The New Website



Andy had been keen from the start to have more people able to contribute material to our website, and after investigation of this, it was found that the original system for running the site really didn't provide for this option, so alternatives were sought. A professional service Paradigm IT has come up with a new design that allows for multiple contributors, and at the same time has revamped the look of the whole site, as well as a logo for our two linked parishes (seen on the cover).

The website address remains as [www.bandcachurch.org.uk](http://www.bandcachurch.org.uk) and is now up and running, so do go and have a look, and if you're adept, add it to your bookmarks for handy reference as it should give you much more up-to-date information than before with news of future events, services, etc. It also adapts better to being viewed on different gadgets.

The home page uses a picture of the Couttie Bridge as a symbol of our linkage, but with a rolling set of images of both churches as well. More are being added as we get the hang of how to use the new style of interacting with it.

**John Easson**



## ***Perthshire Open Studios***

The annual arts week is coming round again: if you haven't come across this, it's a fascinating way to get a look at a huge variety of creative art and craft activities in Perthshire, in many cases seeing the artists in their own studios and at work, and it's all free. You can of course buy things (from very expensive striking artworks down to small jewellery and greetings cards at a pound or two), but there's no obligation, lots of visitors just pop in to chat and view, and some venues even offer refreshments. Free brochures listing venues are available at the Abbey Church and in the Library, or there is an online version at [www.perthshireopenstudios.com](http://www.perthshireopenstudios.com) . The Abbey has two participants, Isla Link editor Roz Arno-button and John Easson, and locally there is a new artist Ann Napier Marchburn just out on the Dundee Road.

***John Easson***

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## ***EPACTS Songs of Praise – St Catherines Church Centre***

This yearly event seemed, on Sunday 12 August, to be extra special! The hall almost full, with people coming from several different Churches.

Songs of Praise started some years ago in The Wellmeadow, but wind and rain were frequent hazards. Moving indoors removed this obstacle to the heartfelt Praise, but also removed the opportunity to involve passers-by .

Lis Burke, new Chair of EPACTS, began the afternoon by thanking Harry Mowbray for all his past work in guiding EPACTS and for starting this special yearly event.

She then turned to Phil Theaker to lead us through the afternoon. The musicians were from the Wednesday Group; Andy Long, Donald Bailey and Phil on guitars, all blended together by Roz on keyboards. The songs were linked together (by Phil) with interesting comments, about the writers or the music, and flowed in such a way that the Gospel was clearly proclaimed. We all felt free to stand or sit, lift hands, clap or not! There were descants, repeats of lines or songs, so that we truly felt as one.

After prayer, one more song, and a Thankyou from the floor. There was a great time of fellowship. People weaving through the chairs to speak to people and enjoy the refreshments. These appeared due to the always faithful few who gravitate to the kitchen!

Praise the Lord for this special time.

***Jean Napier***

(This article, submitted by Jean, shows the pleasure she took in her participation in this, and other Church events.)

***The Abbey Fabric Report—Under Gallery Development***



The development of the church takes another major step forward with the start of work on turning the space under the gallery into a much more useful multi-purpose area, providing a café-style room for use on Friendly Fridays and other occasions, as well as a meeting room. There will

be a small sink and hot water facility for this, and the area will be divided in half (crosswise) by a partition to screen off the back half which will still be used for chair storage. Built-in cupboards and shelves will provide better, tidy storage than the present shelving. A glass screen will replace the present red curtain, and should make both the new room and the church lighter.

At the moment the Architect is drawing up final plans which will be submitted to Perth and Kinross Council along with our application for a building warrant, which might take some time. Once this has been received we can start putting the work out to tender. However, all of this will cost a considerable amount - a Quantity Surveyor known to the Architect has estimated between £25,000 - £30,000. Yes, we have some funds available and we will be applying for grants, nevertheless, we will also have to do some fundraising and will be looking for support from the congregation as we do so. More will follow in the coming weeks and months and we will, of course, keep the congregation updated every step of the way. Sketch plans of the work are on show on the noticeboard at the rear of the church.

***John Easson***

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***Jars of Grace***

Jars of Grace is still ongoing, so if you have any spare change ; coppers, silver or whatever, pop it into a jam jar and when full, pass to Ellen who will count and bank it into the ACR Fund. The money from the Jars of Grace will go to help fund the Under Gallery Development in the Abbey. Many thanks to those who continue to give regularly to the Jars of Grace.

***Ellen McGibbon***

***A View From The Pew***

Sunday by Sunday we are rightly urged from the pulpit to share our faith with those around us, as we get opportunity. But, do we know what to say about our faith which we hope will challenge them? What is our personal faith based on? Church membership, attending Holy Communion, celebrating Jesus’ birthday at Christmas time or His death on the Cross? See what Paul says in Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, it is the gift of God.”

So this gift of faith enables us to believe in His Word (our Bible) and when we ask Him into our lives then our faith grows as we get to know Him better. It’s when we share this faith with others, it always deepens our own lives in Christ as well.  
Of course, to share it you need to have it.  
The following was on a cutting I found recently from long ago (Newspaper cutting dated 17 September 1949 .

***“Where there is danger going to Church.”***  
When the Canon is in the pulpit and the Bishop is charging the clergy, the choir is murdering the Anthem and the Organist is trying to drown them.

***Author’s Name Withheld***


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***Bendochy Church Ladies Group***

The first meeting of the 2018/19 Session will take place in the Coach House on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15p.m. It is hoped that there will be a full turnout of members at that meeting. Numbers have dropped and there will be a discussion about the future of the Group.


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| Dates for the 2018/19 Session:- | 14 November 2018 | 13 February 2019 |
|                                 | 12 December 2018 | 13 March 2019    |
|                                 |                  | 17 April 2019    |

Contact Judy Long, Tel No. 01828632515 for further information.



**Autumn Coffee Morning**  
10.00 am on Thursday, 8 November 2018  
Bendochy Coach House  
Tickets: £3.00 Available from members  
or pay at the door.

Donations of baking for tables and stalls  
will be much appreciated.



***Life And Work —The Magazine Of The Church of Scotland***

The number 70 seems to have been cropping up in Life & Work over the summer. In July the focus was on the 70th anniversary of the NHS much lauded in the media. This concept of free healthcare at the point of delivery was absolutely revolutionary after the 2nd World War and did such a lot of good for the health of the nation. Today, there are often negative headlines about our NHS. It is true that it is overstretched and underfunded but it works for the majority. Some of those people share their stories in Life & Work.

The NHS relies on its dedicated workforce of health professionals and many other workers who help to keep the hospitals and clinics running smoothly. One of the allied professions is the Hospital Chaplain who continues to offer care to individuals in their hour of need. This role is explored in Life & Work by Chaplains in post.

In the August issue another, much less covered 70th anniversary is celebrated. The World Council of Churches was founded in 1948 when 147 churches from across the globe met in Amsterdam. Their aim was to unite the life of the Church in shared witness in a world still scarred by war. The quote in the magazine is quite stirring. “We are divided from one another not only in matters of faith, order and tradition, but also by pride of nation, class and race. But Christ has made us His own, and He is not divided. In seeking Him we find one another”. The 147 churches has now grown to 350 representing over 550million people in the world.

There are many interesting articles in the magazine of the Church of Scotland. If, like me, you enjoy reading about people’s lives, some famous and others quietly doing so much good in a world constantly changing, then order a copy of Life & Work for £2.50 per month.

***Anne Richards***

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***Abbey Church Choir***

Choir practice resumes in September and takes place from 6-7pm at the Abbey on Wednesday evenings. New members would be made very welcome.

***Austin Wilkie***

## ***How The EPACTS Calendar Project Began***

Sitting at our lounge window, sipping coffee, my husband John and I were discussing in what ways the gospel of Jesus Christ could be promoted in our area.

Suddenly we were both saying at once. “What about a Christian calendar?” We looked at each other in surprise. Was that a coincidence or an inspiration?

Soon we were exploring the idea of an EPACTS (East Perthshire Action of Churches Together in Scotland) committee meeting, suggesting that the local church congregations might use the calendar to send greetings to their friends, relatives and neighbours, and that it would contain Bible texts which would set out the gospel.

The EPACTs folk were cautious, but asked us to form a committee to see how we might take the suggestion further. It was not all plain sailing.

### **Negatives and positives:-**

- Aren’t there too many calendars already?
- Calendar sales would never cover the costs!
- Postage is too expensive for sending abroad.
- Non-Christians would not appreciate a Christian calendar.

### **The Theme**

Our prayers resulted in an emerging theme. The Word of God must be shared with everyone the Church can reach. The Bible says Jesus Himself is “the Word”, so Jesus as God’s Word became the central theme. He took the penalty for our follies and misdeed by His death, and then, as the risen Christ He offers eternal life to those who accept Him. The calendar should commend Him and His words to everyone who reads it.

### **Photographs**

The EPACTS committee took the project to their hearts, and photographs began to arrive. Beautiful pictures really thrilled us, especially when we saw how some could be applied to the appropriate Bible verse and month. Our small calendar committee were helpful in editing and arranging the whole thing, but we were still praying about how it was to be printed, when John Thompson, the new EPACTS representative for St Stephen’s Church said that his son, James, worked for a printing firm and could help.

It was mid-October 2017, and I was in Ninewells Hospital recovering from a hip replacement, when the printed calendars arrived, and John brought

some in to me. I was delighted! I offered calendars to fellow patients and to staff members who were looking after me, and all were graciously accepted, and it became a way of talking about faith with a few.

### **500 Copies**

Of the 500 copies printed, only six were spare. We had never intended to make a profit, but because of the Thompsons' generous deal, there was a surplus which will fund the launch of the 2019 Calendar, and perhaps any other evangelistic effort in which EPACTS may be involved. Some used the calendar instead of Christmas cards, some as gifts to other church members; some went inside Christmas hampers to families via the Social Work Department, while others were given to neighbours. We prayed, and still do, that they prove to be an encouragement to Christians, and a challenge to those who have not yet put their faith in Jesus Christ.

### **2019 Calendar**

There were times during 2017 when John and I thought we would never attempt anything like this again, but here we are, planning a 2019 EPACTS calendar. Many good photos have been donated, but we are still not satisfied that we have the right picture for March. The Bible verses are about the Samaritan woman who met Jesus one day when she made her usual journey to the well. (John 4.) I had hoped for a spring-time view of the well site in the Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie. Or are there any other picturesque wells in East Perthshire?

I firmly believe that if God wants something to happen, it will, and I am praying!

***Rose Wilson***

### ***Doors Open Days 2018 — Saturday, 15 September 2018***

This year Doors Open Days are on the 15 & 16 September in this area, and the Abbey Church will be open on the Saturday between 10am and 4pm. Visitors will be given a welcome and can view the interior of the church which was built in the 1860s and has a striking hammer beam roof constructed by workmen from the Dundee Shipyards. Organist Austin Wilkie will be musical entertainment on the historic Wadsworth organ.

Full details of this and other places to visit can be found at [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk). Venues in Strathearn and Kinross are open on the 22nd/23rd, and in Perth the following weekend (29th/30th).

***Irene Henderson***

## ***Coupar Angus Abbey Treasurer's Report***

Once again time for a report of our church finances.

The last few months have proved to be somewhat beneficial having received a tax recovery of £7,969.03. This is through good will offering and plate collections from our congregation who pay tax, and the work of Ellen our Church Clerk, who does all the tax returns to ensure we get this return. Also, through the work and efforts of Alan & Sheila Legge and all their helpers, who raised a fantastic sum of £4,610.00 in the charity shop. Many thanks to them and, also to all who donated articles and donations for the rental of the shop.

The general account at present looks quite healthy, however the cost of maintaining the church and manse continues on and soon uses the funds available.

There are plans afoot for the continued development of our church and those will be explained as they develop by our Session.

The accounts at present stand at the following:

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| General account    | £22,148.09 |
| Fabric             | £1,369.71  |
| Reserve            | £2,789.45  |
| Development        | £24,909.35 |
| Childrens Ministry | £2,543.43  |

Many thanks to all who help and support our church.

***Peter Godfrey. Treasurer***

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## ***Bendochy Church Ladies Group Spring Coffee Morning***

A successful morning of fundraising and fellowship was enjoyed at the Spring Coffee Morning in May.



## ***Heaven's Grocery Store***

I was walking down life's highway a long, long time ago.  
I came upon a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store".  
I got a little closer, the door opened wide  
and soon I found myself, standing there inside.  
I saw a host of Angels, they were standing everywhere.  
One handed me a basket and said, "my child, please shop with care".  
Everything a Christian needs is in the Grocery Store,  
and all you cannot carry, just come back next day for more.  
First, I got some **PATIENCE**, with **LOVE** beside it in the row.  
Further down was **UNDERSTANDING**, you'll need that everywhere you go.  
I got a box or two of **WISDOM**, a bag or two of **FAITH**.  
I couldn't miss the **HOLY GHOST**, it was found in every place.  
I stopped to get some **STRENGTH** and **COURAGE** to help me run the race.  
My basket now was getting full, but I remembered to pick up **GRACE**.  
I didn't forget **SALVATION** for **SALVATION** is free.  
So, I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.  
Then I went to the counter to pay my grocery bill  
for I thought I had everything, according to my **MASTER'S WILL**.  
As I passed an aisle I saw **PRAYER** and I just had to put that in  
For I knew when I stepped outside I would run right into sin.  
**PEACE** and **JOY** were plentiful, sitting there upon the shelf,  
**SONGS OF PRAISES** hanging near, so I simply helped myself.  
Then I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe?"  
He smiled and said, "Just take them, wherever you may go."  
Again, I said, "Please tell me, how much do I really owe?"  
He smiled again and said,  
"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL, A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!"

*From Joanne Chinn  
Author Unknown)*

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## ***Congregational Rolls***

### ***Deaths***

Hamish Rodger—Coupar Angus Abbey Church  
Murray Gray—Coupar Angus Abbey Church  
Alexander Gatt—Coupar Angus Abbey Church



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

The Children's Ministry groups resumed on the evening of Thursday, 23 August. (Times detailed on back cover.) The Group Leaders would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning children from Coupar Angus and the surrounding area.

***Irene Henderson, Coordinator***

## ***Food Bank***

Once again I write to thank everyone who has continued to supported the church food bank over this past few months. The volume and variety of food that we take up to Blairgowrie, and hence help to fill the shelves in the Perth Food Bank depot, is just amazing.

There is often an article in the Courier requesting more supplies, and it is great to know that in our own small way we help to fill the parcels. It seems that the demand is ever increasing and of course, it is the children we think about. So please continue to support this very worthwhile project. I know it is all appreciated.

***Helen Pithie***

## ***Whats On***

|          |                           |            |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 1-9/9/18 | Perthshire Open Studios   |            | perthshireopenstudios.com |
| 5/9/18   | Session Meeting           | 7.30pm     | Coupar Angus Abbey Church |
| 7/9/18   | Friendly Friday           | 1.30-3pm   | Coupar Angus Abbey Church |
| 25/9/18  | Session Meeting           | 7.30pm     | Bendochy Parish Church    |
| 30/9/18  | Harvest Service           | 10.00am    | Bendochy Parish Church    |
|          |                           | 11.15am    | Coupar Angus Abbey Church |
| 5/10/18  | Friendly Friday           | 1.30-3pm   | Coupar Angus Abbey Church |
| 6/10/18  | Autumn Fayre              | 10am-2pm   | Coupar Angus Abbey Church |
| 15/10/18 | Open Doors                | 10am-4pm   | Coupar Angus Abbey Church |
| 17/10/18 | Bendochy Ladies Group     | 2.15pm     | Bendochy Coach House      |
| 21/10/18 | Communion Service         | 10.00am    | Bendochy Parish Church    |
| 28/10/18 | Communion Service         | 11.15am    | Coupar Angus Abbey Church |
| 28/10/18 | End of British Summertime |            | Clocks go back one hour.  |
| 8/11/18  | Autumn Coffee Morning     | 10-11.30am | Bendochy Coach House      |
| 14/11/18 | Bendochy Ladies Group     | 2.15pm     | Bendochy Coach House      |
| 12/12/18 | Bendochy Ladies Group     | 2.15pm     | Bendochy Coash House      |

## ***Pride of Place***

The Judges, Adrian Miles and Sandy Scott, from Beautiful Scotland came to visit Coupar Angus on the afternoon of Monday 30th July, and Judges, Ally Bruce and Kathy Millar, from Take a Pride in Perthshire came on Thursday, 9th August, also in the afternoon. Our aim, always, is to have our town sparkling, a great place in which to live and work. Our displays this year are to celebrate 100 years since the end of the first world war, with white baskets and boxes at the eastern end of town and colourful baskets with purple remembering the animals that died in the war, in the centre of town. At the entrance to Larghan Park there is a bed of poppies in remembrance of the soldiers who fought and died for their countries. The Yarn Stormers have a wonderful display in the Cross in David, the Upholsterer's window of red, white and purple poppies, not to be missed.

All seemed to go well and they seemed suitably impressed, especially the fact that it is so clean and that our baskets have really filled out and grown so big. Well our baskets and boxes are fed with Bill Ronald's secret formula as they are watered which equals beautiful displays. We are also very fortunate in being able to use Ken MacGregor's polytunnel as well as that shared with the school to give the baskets plenty of room to grow before they are ready to be put up. Ian Rodger and his son very kindly gave their time to put the baskets up. We pay to have our baskets and displays watered, as this is very time consuming, by Tom Caldow from Rattray, who does an excellent job and keeps them looking wonderful for the town. That is why it is important that we are able to raise our own funds to add to those we receive from PKC, and are very grateful for the great support we receive from the community in doing this.

PoP does now have its own water bowser but this is very small compared with Tom's. It does mean we no longer have to drive around with containers of water in spring to water the spring displays but we still need a tap to fill it. Saranne Davies has helped us out on a number of times, thank you.

There is a map on the PoP notice board which shows the places we take the Judges. We have only one and a half hours in which to whizz round, but our Judges did spend a lot of time chatting to folk we met which made us late but they were not worried on both occasions.

We were very lucky with the weather, again on both occasions, the sun shone, the bees were buzzing, butterflies flitting, especially in the Pollinator's Bed. We are still working hard to get our wildflower bed at Blair Bend to improve but the weather has not helped this year and trying to water is almost impossible. The Judges gave us some useful tips which of course we will put into practice. Our aim is to get it sustainable, perennials to attract insects and provide colour and interest. We wait now to hear in September how the town has done.

***Anne Easson***

## ***My Daily Prayer***

Dear God, as I begin this day let me turn my thoughts to You,  
And ask Your help in guiding me in everything I say and do.

Give me the patience that I need to keep my peace of mind,  
And with life's cares, I hope, Dear God, some happiness to find.

Let me live but for today, not worry what's ahead,  
For I have trust that You will see I get my "Daily Bread".

Give me the courage to face life's trials, and not from troubles run,  
Let me keep this thought in mind, "Thy Will", not "Mine", be done.

And if some wish I do not get though I have prayed to Thee,  
Help me believe and understand You know what's best for me.

I've failed You many times, I know, but when tonight I rest,  
I hope that I can kneel and say, "Dear God, I've tried my best".

Amen

***Kathleen Godfrey***

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## ***Prayer Group Meetings***

The Prayer Group meetings take place on Wednesdays 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 2018***

***Co-ordinator: H Pithie***  
***627365***

***2*** Mrs R Ewins  
***9*** Miss E Jack  
***16*** Mrs I Rodger  
***23*** Mrs A Farquharson  
***30*** Rev I Bentley

### ***November***

***Co-ordinator: K Pirie***  
***627754***

***4*** Mrs V Bruce-Rowlands  
***11*** Mr J Brewer  
***18*** Mrs K Pirie  
***25*** Mrs M Coull

### ***October***

***Co-ordinator: A Farquharson***  
***627251***

***7*** Miss C McTavish  
***14*** Mrs A Richards  
***21*** Mrs L Norrie  
***28*** Mrs A Farquharson

### ***December***

***2***  
***9***  
***16***  
***23***  
***30***

***Christmas  
Decorations***

## ***Bendochy Flower Rota***

### ***September 2018***

***2*** M Scott  
***9*** M Scott  
***16*** S Lindsay  
***23*** S Lindsay  
***30*** M Donaldson

### ***November***

***4*** C Pate  
***11*** C Pate  
***18*** C Pate  
***25*** M Cormack

### ***October***

***7*** M Donaldson  
***14*** M Donaldson  
***21*** C Pate  
***28*** C Pate



### ***December***

***2***  
***9***  
***16***  
***23***  
***30*** A Wilkie

***Christmas  
Decorations***

## ***Bendochy Cleaning Rota***

|                         |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b><i>September</i></b> | Miss J Laburn and Dr G McNeill     |
| <b><i>October</i></b>   | Mrs R Patterson and Miss S Meldrum |
| <b><i>November</i></b>  | Mrs J Davidson and Mr M Davidson   |
| <b><i>December</i></b>  | Mrs M Cormack and Ms B MacKenzie   |

## ***Coach House Hostesses***

|                         |                   |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b><i>September</i></b> | Jean Laburn       | Jane Davidson     |
| <b><i>October</i></b>   | Bernice MacKenzie | Margaret Davidson |
| <b><i>November</i></b>  | Erica Espley      | Sheila Lindsay    |
| <b><i>December</i></b>  | 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. Last year's total for the Stamp Appeal was £2,194.

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 Walker***

## ***Readers in the Abbey and Bendochy***

|                         | <b><i>The Abbey</i></b> | <b><i>Bendochy</i></b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b><i>September</i></b> |                         |                        |
| <b>2</b>                | David Chinn             | M Davidson             |
| <b>9</b>                | Irene Henderson         | S Cumming              |
| <b>16</b>               | Robert Farquharson      | R Patterson            |
| <b>23</b>               | Anne Easson             | J Davidson             |
| <b>30</b>               | John Easson             | J Davidson             |
| <b><i>October</i></b>   |                         |                        |
| <b>7</b>                | Rev. Andrew Graham      | J Laburn               |
| <b>14</b>               | Jeff Brewer             | J Morison              |
| <b>21</b>               | Anne Richards           | M Davidson             |
| <b>28</b>               | Communion—M Pattullo    | S Cumming              |
| <b><i>November</i></b>  |                         |                        |
| <b>4</b>                | Ellen McGibbon          | R Patterson            |
| <b>11</b>               | Catriona Henderson      | G McNeill              |
| <b>18</b>               | Joanne Chinn            | J Davidson             |
| <b>25</b>               | David Chinn             | J Laburn               |
| <b><i>December</i></b>  |                         |                        |
| <b>2</b>                | Irene Henderson         | J Morison              |
| <b>9</b>                | Robert Farquharson      | M Davidson             |
| <b>16</b>               | Anne Easson             | S Cumming              |
| <b>23</b>               | John Easson             | R Patterson            |
| <b>30</b>               | Rev. Andrew Graham      | G McNeill              |

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

|                         | <b><i>Sunday<br/>Services</i></b> | <b><i>Other<br/>Services</i></b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b><i>September</i></b> | K Godfrey                         | K Godfrey                        |
| <b><i>October</i></b>   | E McGibbon                        | E McGibbon                       |
| <b><i>November</i></b>  | B Anderson                        | B Anderson                       |
| <b><i>December</i></b>  | M Pattullo                        | 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.

|                                                         |                                                      |                                                        |                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>September 2</i></b><br>D Donaldson<br>D Patterson | <b><i>September 9</i></b><br>D Grant<br>C Cochrane   | <b><i>September 16</i></b><br>C Pate<br>J Morison      | <b><i>September 23</i></b><br>B MacKenzie<br>J Laburn |
| <b><i>September 30</i></b><br>R Patterson<br>G McNeill  | <b><i>October 7</i></b><br>S Grant<br>D Donaldson    | <b><i>October 14</i></b><br>C Cochrane<br>W Pate       | <b><i>October 21</i></b><br>D Patterson<br>G McNeill  |
| <b><i>October 28</i></b><br>J Morison<br>D Grant        | <b><i>November 4</i></b><br>J Laburn<br>B MacKenzie  | <b><i>November 11</i></b><br>D Donaldson<br>C Cochrane | <b><i>November 18</i></b><br>R Patterson<br>S Grant   |
| <b><i>November 25</i></b><br>G McNeill<br>C Pate        | <b><i>December 2</i></b><br>D Patterson<br>J Morison | <b><i>December 9</i></b><br>D Donaldson<br>W Pate      | <b><i>December 16</i></b><br>B MacKenzie<br>J Laburn  |

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

It is the responsibility of the people on Welcome Team rota to request assistance to ensure that there are 4 people for the Collection.

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|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>September 2</i></b><br>S Jack<br>ALegge         | <b><i>September 9</i></b><br>I Henderson<br>J Rennie | <b><i>September 16</i></b><br>B Crighton<br>R Ewins    | <b><i>September 23</i></b><br>D Chinn<br>J Chinn   |
| <b><i>September 30</i></b><br>K Godfrey<br>P Godfrey  | <b><i>October 7</i></b><br>J Easson<br>A Easson      | <b><i>October 14</i></b><br>B Anderson<br>A Richards   | <b><i>October 21</i></b><br>E McGibbon<br>I Rodger |
| <b><i>October 28</i></b><br>S Turnbull<br>J Brewer    | <b><i>November 4</i></b><br>H Pithie<br>E Jack       | <b><i>November 11</i></b><br>S Robertson<br>E McGibbon | <b><i>November 18</i></b><br>D Hindmarch<br>I Jack |
| <b><i>November 25</i></b><br>M Pattullo<br>W Pattullo | <b><i>December 2</i></b><br>S Jack<br>ALegge         | <b><i>December 9</i></b><br>I Henderson<br>J Rennie    | <b><i>December 16</i></b><br>B Crighton<br>R Ewins |

COUPAR ANGUS AND  
BENDOCHY CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEW TERM STARTS  
THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST 2018



Groups meet on Thursdays during school term time:

| 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     |



COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN

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*The Gift That Keeps On Giving.*

Jenny White created this beautiful watercolour painting of the flowers she received for playing the Abbey Church organ one Sunday. The painting has since been framed and was included as a raffle prize for the Charity Shop in July. We hope the lucky winner enjoys this gift that keeps on giving.



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).