



Point to Ponder

On 15th September 1997 in a church packed with family, friends and members of this congregation I was ordained as an Auxiliary Minister in Word and Sacrament in Gordon Presbytery. Luckily for me Ellon Parish Church required extra assistance and I was assigned here to my home church.

I have had wonderful support from this congregation and I have had an amazing ministry, something I never imagined doing. I have decided to withdraw from the Ministry Team here in Ellon as I feel God is calling me to continue my ministry serving other congregations going through difficult times.

I will miss serving you all but look forward to still sharing in worship as a choir member when I am not covering other churches.

I know God will bless this congregation as it goes forward and Alastair in his ministry.

Thank you for making my ministry so special and I will treasure all my memories for years to come.

Sheila



NEXT SERMON SERIES:

## ADVENT CONSPIRACY



### REMEMBRANCE SERVICES:

Slains: Friday 11th November 10.50am

Short Act of Remembrance

Ellon: Sunday 13th November

9:15am Family Worship

10.50am Ecumenical Remembrance Service



## CHURCH SERVICES



Ellon - 10.00am every Sunday

Worship continues in the Social area of the sanctuary with Fair-trade tea, coffee and a buttry.

Ellon - "Connect" 7pm 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

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**SLAINS KIRK of Ellon Parish Church, Collieston**

Services are on the first and third Sunday of the month in

**Collieston Community Centre at 11.15am**

Please come early to enjoy tea and coffee before worship.

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL**

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**Twinkle Stars (crèche facility)** in the vestry at Ellon This is unstaffed during the first part of worship, but you are very welcome to use it. After this, activities will be provided.

**Star Squad** for P1 - P7 meets in the Wee Chapel, Ellon during the second part of worship.

**GsundaY** (S1-S6) Youth Group meets in the Kirk Centre at 7.00pm

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7.15pm-8.15pm Ellon Parish Church  
Alternate Wednesdays

**Friday Morning Prayer**

Alternate Fridays at 7.15a.m.

Ellon Parish Church.

Next is on 4th November



## Ongoing Monthly Events

**Cardboard Café** - Every Friday in the Kirk Centre from 9.30-11.30am for parents, carers, babies and toddlers....snacks: story time: crafts and messy time: playtime! Call 01358 725690 for more information

**Coffee & Craft** - 1st Thursday of the month from 2-3.30pm in the Wee Chapel, Ellon Parish Church

**Coffee & Chat** - 4th Friday of the month from 2-3.30pm in Ellon Parish Church

**Nearly New Sales** - 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month from 10am-12noon in the Kirk Centre

**Ministry Team:** Rev Alastair Bruce (Parish Minister) Pam Adam (Parish Worker: Children and Families) Alison Young (Director of Music)

**Current Vacancies** Associate Minister; Parish Worker

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**Ellon Parish Church  
Walking Group**



The group has had a very successful year enjoying weekly walks around Ellon. On one occasion we had a special visit to Ellon Castle gardens when Alan Cameron was kind enough to show us round. The last walk was 28th September and the final get-together was for a meal in the Cornkist which was very much enjoyed by all. Walks will restart again in the spring of next year.

**OVER 60s  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
2pm,  
Friday 9th Dec  
Ellon Parish Church.



**A REQUEST FROM OUR MISSION  
GROUP KNITTING CO-  
ORDINATORS:** Aberdeen Mater-  
nity Hospital would be very grate-  
ful for blankets in PASTEL colours.  
Thank you.

**Celebration of Life**

Deaths:

Jean Philip

John (Jock) Ross

Graham Singer

Andrew (Andy) Keith



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Rev Rosemary Legge  
(Gordon Presbytery)

**CARDBOARD CAFÉ**



We are delighted that this is proving very popular - we are averaging 80 attendees every week! This is great but we really need more helpers. If you are interested, please contact Pam Adam our Parish Worker: Children and Families via the Kirk Centre. Perhaps you can help by adding some £1 shop craft items to your shopping basket for us. Please leave them at the Kirk Centre Office. Thanks!

**An Appeal from the Communications Core Group**



We are considering changes to some of our publicity material and Visual Identity. However, we need your help....on Sunday 20th November we plan to have a 'stock photo' session of people in various scenarios beginning immediately after morning worship. This will take place in the church at Ellon and the Kirk Centre and will take approximately 2 hours - we need about 30 people of ALL ages. Please put this date in your diary if you are interested in helping out. Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. More details to follow. Look forward to seeing you there!

**This month's flower donations**

Many thanks to Mrs T Moir, Mrs L Paterson, Mrs E Gollan, Mrs R Duncan, Mrs E McKay, Mrs E Henderson, Mrs R Mackie and Miss A Stephen for their kind donations of flowers this month.

Ellon Parish Church Presents  
**NOVEMBERRRRRRR!**  
"in-SERVICE day" fun days  
14th & 15th NOVEMBER | ELLON PARISH CHURCH | 10AM - 3PM | P1 - P7 | £2/DAY  
See "children and youth / activity days" at [www.ellonparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.ellonparishchurch.co.uk) for more info and booking

**KNITTING FOR NKHOMA, MALAWI**

David and Rebecca have just visited Gordon Presbytery. They spoke of the value of our knitting and sewing to the people in Nkhoma. Not only are we helping people who come to the hospital but also the ten rural clinics which they support. Rebecca told us that another 20 boxes of knitting have recently arrived. Another 23 boxes were taken to Dundee which were sent out with the Raven Trust at the beginning of September.



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Ellon Parish Church Drama Group  
Proudly Presents...



at the Ellon Kirk Centre, Station Road, Ellon

**Saturday 3rd December - 4pm**  
**Sunday 4th December - 2.30pm & 6pm**  
**Monday 5th December - 7pm**  
**Tuesday 6th December - 7pm**

**Tickets**

**Adults - £6**  
**Children (Up to P7) - £4**

Tickets are on sale now at the Ellon Kirk Centre Coffee Shop or alternatively on Wednesdays 7.45pm to 8.15pm in the Slains Hall, Ellon Kirk Centre  
For group bookings call Shona (07866067736)  
All other enquiries call Ann (07851720203)

No refunds or discounts will be given

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