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Magazine of Ellon Parish Church



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Our Vision

Vision

In response to the love of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) we seek to be a people of meaningful faith, meaningful community and meaningful witness. *Matthew 22:34-40*

What it means

Meaningful Faith



Recognising our **identity** as the **family of God**, we worship God with **all** our heart, **all** our soul, **all** our mind and **all** our strength.

Meaningful Community



Managing our **resources**, using our **gifts in service** and **nurturing** our **relationship** with God and each other in **love** and **humility**.

Meaningful Witness



Teaching what **Jesus** commanded, **going** where **Jesus** tells us to go and **loving all our neighbours** in our church, parish, country and world.



ELLON PARISH
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

meaningful faith | meaningful community | meaningful witness

WORSHIP @ ELLON PARISH CHURCH

ELLON PARISH CHURCH

Family Worship | 10am | Sunday | Fellowship afterwards including Fairtrade Tea & Coffee and butteries. (**Remembrance Services 9:15am (family) 10:50am**)

SLAINS KIRK OF ELLON PARISH CHURCH

Family Worship | 11:15am | 1st & 3rd Sunday | Fellowship before including Fairtrade Tea & Coffee and home bakes. | Collieston Community Centre

CONNECT

Contemporary Worship | 7pm | 1st & 3rd Sunday | video | discussion | praise band | Fairtrade filter coffee, tea and home bakes throughout.

CHILDREN @ ELLON PARISH CHURCH

TWINKLE STARS

0 years – pre-school children | 10am | Sunday | games | songs | free play | snack

STAR SQUAD (SUNDAY EDITION)

Primary School aged children | 10am | Sunday | games | songs | crafts | puzzles | story | fun | friendship

STAR SQUAD (WEDNESDAY EDITION) (TERM TIME)

Primary School aged children | 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Wednesday | games | songs | craft | Bible story | snack | fun | friendship | Kirk Centre

CARDBOARD CAFÉ

Babies, toddlers, parents, carers | 9:30am – 11:30am | Friday | snacks | story | crafts | messy play | Kirk Centre

Call 01358 725690 for more info.

All leaders and helpers for our children's work have been approved by the Kirk Session and are PVG checked.

YOUTH @ ELLON PARISH CHURCH

GSUNDAY

S1 – S6 | 7pm | Sunday | Kirk Centre | games | chat | friendship | fun

Call 01358 725690 for more info.

All leaders and helpers for our youth work have been approved by the Kirk Session and are PVG checked.

PRAYER @ ELLON PARISH CHURCH

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

Alternate Fridays | 7:15am | Ellon Parish Church | worship | liturgy | prayer
| all welcome | Fairtrade tea & coffee

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

Sunday | 9:45am | Ellon Parish Church | prayer for those leading the service
| all welcome to join in this prayer time

PRAYER BOX

Always available | Under the sign outside Ellon Parish Church building | drop a note in the box for someone or something you'd like the church to pray for | confidentiality is always respected

PERSONAL & PASTORAL PRAYER

If you or a loved one, or someone you know, would like pastoral or prayer support we will be delighted to offer this either through prayer on a Sunday morning, or by visiting your or their home to offer support. Please speak to Alastair, your elder or Edith in the Kirk Centre Office. Confidentiality is always respected.

CHURCH TRANSPORT

If you cannot get to church because of lack of transport, the BB CHURCH BUS could take you there and back.

For more details contact **Anne Milne** (01358 720040)

Please don't forget to let Anne know if you are NOT requiring transport on any one or more Sundays. Thank you.



MUSINGS FROM THE MINISTER

Ellon Parish Church minister Rev Alastair Bruce muses about the things we remember.



An elderly couple were getting to the stage where they were having problems remembering things.

During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" his wife replies.

"Sure.."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it." he says tersely.

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?"

He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!"

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment and asks,

"Where's my toast?"

I do hope this isn't something that you can relate too specifically to. Over the next few months we'll spend a bit of time remembering. In November we'll remember Jesus through celebrating Holy Communion together as a church and we'll remember those who have given their lives in the highest way. In December we'll remember those for whom Christmas is a difficult time of year during our Christmas Lights service. But we'll also remember with great excitement and joy the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

A couple of years ago I was asked to write an article for the Ellon Times about remembrance. The following is what I wrote:

My Grandfather was in his early nineties when he passed away a few years ago. He was in the signals and had experienced the Second World War. I say experienced because I know very little about what actually happened to him in the war. He'd tell us of the funny things that happened to him, and he spoke of being in Algeria and Italy and going to the Opera. But he didn't speak of the horrific things he may or may not have seen. I have a vague memory of my Grandmother saying they had met an apparent stranger many years after the end of the War who randomly rushed up to my Grandfather surprised and delighted he was still alive. The implication being that my Grandfather had seen or been involved

in some serious fighting. But I don't know because he didn't talk about it, and we're not the kind of family to force the issue.

However, what I do know from my relationship with my Grandfather (he lived next door as I was growing up, so was as close as my parents were to me) is that he kept his faith. He continued to attend church, and brought his family up in the faith, and he is part of the reason why I am a Minister now.

Something in his life was stronger than whatever he saw or experienced in the war.



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Something must have gripped him and buried itself deep into his soul.

Something never let him go.

And that something was love.

Love that was stronger than the death that was most certainly around him.

And it is that love that sustained him through the rest of his earthly life. And it is that love, the love of God, the originator of his faith, that sustained his family.

And at his funeral I echoed the words of love he had read at my wedding a few years before, that were written by a man

named Paul to a church in Corinth two thousand years ago that "...faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

Over this season we have much to remember and much to be thankful for. In a new regular feature, called **Where are they now? (p18-20)** we remember and catch up with some old friends, starting with Rev Alison Mehigan.

It's always a joy to remember some of our past adventures and the people we share them with but we also celebrate the new things in their lives. We remember with love, and over this season as we share with friends and family we remember too that it was because of God's love that Jesus came to earth. Wherever and how ever you remember I wish you and those whom you love every blessing.

ELDERS' AND STAR SQUAD LEADER'S LONG SERVICE PRESENTATION

At the Harvest Thanksgiving service we were delighted to present some long service certificates to our elders and a Star Squad leader.



Pictured are: Back Row: Dennis Chalmers; Leonard Garland; Christine Hamilton (Star Squad); Anne Wilson; Maureen Moir; Anne Milne; Rev Alastair Bruce. Front Row: Valerie Campbell; Alison Young. All 30 years except Leonard who has served as an elder for 53 years.



STUFF FROM THE SESSION

*Ellon Parish Church's Session Clerk **Sandra Beaton** gives a brief overview of the work of the Core Groups and the kinds of things discussed and considered in the Kirk Session.*

Summer has come and gone and the nights are drawing in already as I bring you an update from the Kirk Session, who met after the summer break, for business in September. Alastair constituted the meeting reading from Genesis 4:1-5; Exodus 35:30-34 37:1-9; Acts 6:1-7 followed by prayer.

Sadly, our meeting began with two tributes, one to fellow Elder Morag Doak who passed away in May and the other to Rev Jim Davies who had been our Interim Minister in 2013-14 who passed away in July.

Within the meeting the Conveners of the Core Groups updated Session on their meetings and brought proposals for Session's approval, but the main part of the meeting had been set aside for the discussion on how best to implement Unitary Constitution and to

look at revision of the current core group structure. As the new structure discussion paper had been previously made available to Session, and following a robust discussion in small groups, there was a consensus by Session to trial the new structure from November. This meant there would be more fellowship, an opportunity for greater devotional/discussion element at Session meetings.

As regards the structure there will be ten teams as opposed to the five core groups currently which will allow an opportunity for many more church members to get

involved and to ensure things work as efficiently as possible ensuring that the time and energy each elder and member puts into their service to Ellon Parish Church is productively used and focussed on meaningful outcomes.



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Should you have a burning desire to get involved, this is your opportunity to join a Team, speak to Alastair who will be delighted to have that conversation with you. After all it is your Church and you may be just the person we are looking for to ably assist in some way, your talent is invaluable.

So, as we move forward and develop may we continue to act on the vision for Ellon Parish Church that “in response to the love of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) we seek to be a people of meaningful faith, meaningful community and meaningful witness.”

I WISH

Eileen M Davidson

FOR ONE DAY?

All the rush

Planning,

Months ahead

Lists to be made up

Shopping, Shopping

More shopping

WHY DO WE DO IT?

Is it necessary?

OF COURSE!

Well, but is it?

Must stop and think about it

BUT EVERYBODY DOES IT!

It's fun really

Different

Only once a year

Everybody in a good mood,

USUALLY

Lots of happy greetings

All smiles, even to strangers

A handshake, a hug

PERFECT, on best behaviour

SINCERE? Hm! Hm!

But it doesn't last for ever

Wish it could be every day

BUT IT SHOULD BE EVERY DAY

HOPE , PEACE, JOY, LOVE

If we are truly Christian

CHRISTMAS SHOULD BE EVERY DAY





ON THE SQUARE

ELLON PARISH CHURCH COFFEE SHOP

Set "On the Square" in the gorgeous Aberdeenshire town of Ellon, the Kirk Centre Coffee Shop is a friendly, modern coffee shop serving delicious hot & cold drinks from Lattes to Irn-Bru, lunches of soup, paninis, salads and more plus delicious homebakes not to be missed. All amidst inspiring local art and craft work.

Opening times:
Tuesday – Saturday | 10am – 4pm
Sunday & Monday | closed
For info or bookings call: 01358 723517

*Tables with access to play materials can now be booked in the
St Ternan's Hall.*



LIFE GROUPS

Nicola Bruce our Parish Assistant (Mission Development) writes about folks have been finding being part of “Life Groups” and what they’re all about.

Folks have come out of previous Alpha Courses, and I suspect the current participants will be no different, having valued a space to meet others and explore our Christian faith together and wondering where to go next.

So we have recently launched three Life Groups to further these discussions and continue to build meaningful faith, meaningful community and opportunity for meaningful witness.

Each Life Groups is unique: **Friday afternoon** group is studying the book of Acts and sampling some of Eileen’s delicious baking; **Wednesday evening** group at Andy Bruce’s house is reading through and discussing “If you want to walk on water you’ve got to get out of the boat”, a book by John Ortberg; Neil and Elaine Henderson are hosting **another Wednesday evening** group which is

video based watching and discussing together “Jesus the Game Changer”.

Although each is different, the Life Groups have elements of commonality: They all have a cuppa and a fine piece; they each are for exploring, discussing and getting to know each other; they are open to anyone; they are Biblically based and

after a time they each consider an outward looking element to what they’ve discovered together (now that we’ve discovered this, what are we going to do with it? And agree together what to do.)



Currently we have around 35 people involved in Life Groups and another 12 involved in Alpha so it’s likely a fourth Life Group will be launched some time in the new year.

If you’d like to get involved speak to any of the Life Group hosts, Nicola or Alastair.



Life Group Details

Daytime Bible Study

Leader: Alison / Nicola
When: Friday fortnightly (to coincide with Friday Prayers) 1pm - 3pm
Venue: Eileen Davidson's house,
The Haven, Station Road

Evening Video & Discussion

Leaders: Neil and Elaine Henderson
When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday
7 for 7:30pm
Venue: Henderson's @ 7 Davan Place

Evening Book Group

Leader: Andy Bruce
When: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm
Venue: Andy Bruce's house,
Strathnavar, Station Road

Christmas Quiz & Acoustic Cafe

On The Square (Kirk Centre Coffee Shop)

Friday 8th December
7:30pm

Entry by donation
(tickets from Ellon Parish Church or
the Kirk Centre)

music | quiz | refreshments

POINT TO PONDER

Leader of the Communications Core Group Lynn Paterson ponders the busyness of our lives and God's journey with us.



Most authors of *Point To Ponder* ponder on several points before settling on their theme. I know that on previous occasions I have tumbled many ideas around my brain, filing possibilities in there until they finally reach print.

This time round I found my subject in an unexpected way.

Recently, Sheila Craggs, Margaret Cantlay, Morag Paton and I were entertaining some members of Peterhead Pensioners Club. Four years ago we had visited to do likewise, Alison Young was our accompanist on that occasion (we're loyal like that!) and we were met by a hall jam-packed full of an intrepid audience! Not so this time – only five ladies were

present. The poor secretary was in an awful state; full of apologies and embarrassed. She offered several possible reasons for the poor turnout but mainly folk have passed away and new members haven't come along. Isn't this a familiar story?

The evening was a great success (if I say so myself) we joked that the crème de la crème were in the audience – quality, not quantity!

It didn't matter one little bit that the hall wasn't packed.

We get hung up by numbers – bottoms on seats. At the end of the day, those present were there because they wanted to be and they had a whale of a time, as did the 'entertainers'.

We need to change and adapt to attract people to these long established clubs, groups and organisations and it's the same with church. We all, regardless of age lead pretty busy lives. The groups I'm involved with are no exception.

One can look at the church nationally and think it's not as well attended on a Sunday as in the days where going to church was just something everyone did. But we must also look at where the church is growing and remember we aren't meant to be Christians only one day a week.

In our own church we have Star Squad Wednesday Edition (basically Sunday School on a Wednesday); Holiday Clubs and activity days on In-Service days; so much mission and service in the community through Alpha, food

trolleys, Fairtrade, Panto, work of the core groups; warm drinks at Ellon Christmas Lights; involvement with Ellon's Syrian New Scots, the list is long and sometimes feels endless!

At the end of the day God is still with us on the journey – supporting, encouraging, guiding and helping us through whatever and whenever. Let us value our history whilst also embracing new developments, let us not look at the numbers. Instead, let us look at our hearts and encourage those around us in faith, in love and in community and show God's love all week long.

May God Bless us all in this busy run up to Christmas. May the Christ Light be seen along with fabulous food, new toys, games and frantic shopping, let us love others and remember, "It's Somebody's Birthday".



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Ellon Parish Church Drama Group proudly presents....



At the Ellon Kirk Centre, Station Road, Ellon

Saturday 2nd December – 4pm

Sunday 3rd December – 2.30pm & 6pm

Monday 4th December – 7pm

Tuesday 5th December – 7pm

Adults - £6 Children (up to P7) - £4

**Tickets will be on sale at the Ellon Kirk Centre Coffee Shop from
Tuesday 31st October and at Wednesday rehearsals (7.45 – 8.30pm)
at Slains Hall, Kirk Centre from 1st November**



For group bookings call Shona 07866 067736

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STAR SQUAD & TWINKLE STARS UPDATE

Nicola Bruce our Parish Assistant (Mission Development) gives an update on the goings on in Star Squad and Twinkle Stars.

It's 3.30pm on a Wednesday. The Kirk Centre door is open and the familiar sight of a bike helmet with huge green spikes is on approach. "Hi Flora! Am I the first one here?". Ryan is old enough now to cycle from school down to Star Squad: Wednesday Edition on his own. He usually is the first one in.

From upstairs Pam and I are gathering the last few bits and pieces to bring through to the upper room and we hear the stomping of excited footsteps coming down the path. Breathless, a dozen p1-p7's come in chattering with their news and asking "what are we making today?", "are we singing 'God Knows Everything'?", "guess what happened to me today!"...meanwhile parents are ushered through to the calmness of the Tipperty room where tea, cake, chat and wifi are available as a small haven in the day.

Star Squad on Wednesdays are an hour of news, laughs, snack, energy,

friendships and Bible stories. This term we have explored the story of Jeremiah the prophet – people really didn't listen to him and they really should have! But God got the message through and keeps getting His message of love through today.

We've also explored prayer and will read some more stories about prayer and try out praying between now and Christmas. Word is spreading and we have new



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members from the Holiday Club at Kirk Fest this summer and new children joining after the October break having heard good things. We also have a few pre-schoolers waiting in the wings until they are old

enough to join the fun.

Star Squad and Twinkle Stars on a Sunday is a similar tale with story, snack, crafts, songs and friends. We are enjoying the first part of Worship all together in church, helping tell the stories and sharing songs with signs.

The children have mentioned recently the “beautiful, cool singing” of the choir as well as enjoying the song after the story and picking out some of the words in the prayers...and that’s all before we go through to the wee chapel!

There we find out “what’s in the box?” (a clue to that day’s activities), we take an offering of pennies which go towards Oxfam or Christian Aid gifts for children and their communities in other parts of the world, we pray and we explore the story that we’ve heard in the first part of the service. We then have a time of arts & crafts, play and snack.

We’ve had some new toys given recently which the children have loved exploring as well as enjoying getting to know each other as we’ve had some new folks along since the summer.

Sandra pops her head through to let us know when the last hymn is on and we gather in our circle (or around wherever the younger Twinkle Stars have decided to play!) to share what we can all thank God for from that week and finish singing “City on a Hill” – a reminder that “we are a light in the darkness, Jesus living in us can change the world”. We then show whoever will look at us what we’ve made that week! And can play until our grown ups are ready to go.

All in all we have around **26 children regularly involved** and will need to re-start our Helper Rota as we continue to grow together in meaningful community with meaningful faith.

Star Squad & Twinkle Stars

0-P7

Sundays at the service at 10am. | Feel free to come early to play.

Star Squad: Wednesday Edition

P1-P7

Parents chill out room available

Wednesdays in term time | 3.30pm-4.30pm

Upper Room in our Kirk Centre.

Where are they now? Rev Alison Mehigan

In a new series we catch up with some well loved folks who have been involved in the life of Ellon Parish Church and have now moved away... but are remembered fondly.

It is hard to believe that it is now more than 14 years since I left the care of Ellon Parish Church.

I arrived in July 2002 as the new Trainee Minister eager to get on with my 15 month Probationary period but in truth exhausted from my balancing act of fulltime university student, student church placements and fulltime wife and mother.

So what a blessing to find myself in a place that not only allowed me space

to learn about ministry and ministering but which also ministered to me.

Rev Eleanor Macalister regularly reminded me that our faith can bring us joy and laughter as we learn.

I certainly did laugh a lot working with 'The Team' at EPC, and all that I learned during that time has

helped me along life's way.



**Mehigan's when they arrived
in 2002**

I remember the night that I was ordained and inducted to the charge of Bellie linked with Speymouth on 31st October 2003 – it was bucketing rain, but the folks just kept packing into the church. I was very grateful to see so many familiar faces from EPC among my new flock. The singing almost lifted the roof! Well the next day arrived and the reality kicked in – like arriving home with your first new baby – you realise you are in charge and people expect you to know what you are doing!

I had the most wonderful 12 years at Bellie and Speymouth – we had quite a journey. We had a major re-order of the Bellie Church and the addition of modern halls and kitchen facilities at Speymouth Church. We changed our constitution to a Unitary one and moved from Linkage to Union. We implemented a new Team structure which reaped huge benefits and allowed many gifted people to remove their lights from under the bushel. Most importantly the ministry and mission extended, and I was proud to be ministering alongside some wonderful, gifted and faithful people.



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I had had such a strong and clear calling to Bellie and Speymouth that I didn't look to move on – I had no big game plan. I guess that means I was not expecting God to move me on to pastures new. But God has a way of making things happen when he wants them to.

In October 2015 I was called from the now very comfortable village of Fochabers to the Highland town charge of Nairn Old Parish Church. Nairn has a whole lot different set of challenges, but people are just people and they inevitably want the simple things.... of

hearing the Gospel faithfully preached and those in pastoral need cared for.

My calling to Nairn has been a blessing to me for I feel the challenges have re-inspired me to find new ways of doing things. The Church at Nairn is thankfully in good order but we still have building challenges. We have already moved to a Unitary constitution and we are finding the best way forward to ensure the gifts of the people are used for the best, in order that all the people of God are helping to play their part in building God's Kingdom.

We are all in Mission Mode – seeking to connect with the community and the wider world in order to fulfil our commission to ‘go make disciples’. Who knows what exciting things we will get up to?

On the home front there have been many changes too. John has finally agreed that his life is way too busy for him to continue in paid employment and so he has finally retired. Kiera graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Masters in Chemistry and is now a Management Consultant with PwC based ‘down south’. Liam has also

graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Bachelor of Laws and is now on a graduate management training programme in Edinburgh. The nest is empty – just John and I, content with where we are now.

So there you have it! But if you should find yourself passing through or wanting to spend some time in a lovely sunny seaside town, then please don’t pass us by – we would love to catch up with old friends and reminisce about happy times in Ellon.

Mehigans..... as time goes by!



CANDLELIT SUPPER

*Organiser of the Candlelit Supper, **Stephen Burnett** gives an overview of last year's event and looks forward to what's in store in 2018.*



On the 11th February this year this very successful social occasion took place made special as it is organised jointly between Ellon Rotary and the Church. We decided to give the whole evening a French theme this year and as it is close to valentine's night all the waiters and helpers were in berets and other appropriate dress and the hall was beautifully decorated and subtly lit to add to the atmosphere.

108 attended and with the extra money raised through the raffle being very generously supported £2100 was raised. £500 was used by the Church to support the Syrian families coming to our parish and the balance went towards a Rotary project building two classrooms at Ryankana School in Rwanda.

Representatives from Kintore, Kemnay and District Rotary Club made a

presentation on the work already done by at the Ryankana school which convinced us all that our funds were going to be wisely and well spent by an Aberdeen controlled charity with people on the ground.

This event has taken place for many years and would not have happened without the hard work and dedication of Iris Murray and her team on the night who again produced a beautiful two course meal with coffee and chocolates to follow.

Tickets will be on sale shortly for next year's Supper which is to held on Saturday 10th February.

If you have not been before make sure you book your tickets early and come and enjoy and excellent night out in aid of worthwhile causes.

HARVEST FLOWERS







NEW TEAMS

Rev Alastair Bruce gives a brief update and taster of what's in store under Unitary Constitution.



Over the last few months we've been exploring some potential structural changes to the organisation of our church here in the parish of Ellon.

The first stage of this was the move to Unitary Constitution. The most visible evidence of this is that we will no longer have a Congregational Board. Those who have served on the board over the years have worked hard to make sure the physical aspects of Ellon Parish Church were maintained and developed. As with all organisations it's not been perfect or plain sailing, but there would be no On the Square Coffee Shop, Kirk Centre or refurbished Ellon Parish Church building if it were not for the work of the Congregational Board.

The second stage of this is an adaption of the current core group structure. At its most recent meeting the Kirk Session agreed a new structure that it is felt would enhance and solidify the work currently being carried out, and attempt to fill some gaps in our current practice, most noticeably our financial situation, our work with young people and the 'missing

generation' of those aged between 25 and 45. All this discussion resulted in a structure of ten new teams, which is a slight increase on the eight we currently have.

Over the next month the eldership will consider which of the new teams they'd like to be part of, then the members of the Congregational Board will do the same. Then probably in January or February the congregation will be given the opportunity to join the new teams and you'll get more information about this early in the New Year. In the meantime, the new teams are outlined below.

- Pastoral Care
- Mission and Discipleship
- Communications
- Young People
- Finance
- Worship Co-Ordination and Support
- Fundraising and Fellowship
- Welcome and Hospitality
- Estates Management
- Equity and Justice

Ellon Parish Church at Christmas

Friday 1st December

Cardboard Café “Nativity” , 9:30am – 11:30am, Nativity will be at 10am

Sunday 3rd December

Worship Service, Advent: Mountain, 10am, Ellon Parish Church

Worship Service, Advent: Mountain, 11:15am, Slains Kirk (Collieston Community Centre)

Worship Service, Connect: Prayer, Warfare, 7pm, Ellon Parish Church

Friday 8th December

Over 60s Party, 2pm, Ellon Parish Church.

Quiz and Acoustic Café, 7:30pm, On The Square (Kirk Centre Coffee Shop)

Saturday 9th December

Boy’s Brigade Coffee Morning, 10am, Ellon Parish Kirk Centre

Sunday 10th December

Worship Service, Advent: Road, 10am, Ellon Parish Church

Wednesday 13th December

Ecumenical Carol Singing, meet at 6:30pm at Ellon Parish Church before heading round the Care Homes to sing carols. Tea, Coffee, home bakes in Ellon Parish Church afterwards.

Friday 15th December

Family Film Night, 6pm – 8pm, Ellon Parish Kirk Centre. Open to anyone of any age as we watch a Christmassy Family film together. *There might even be a special guest appearance.*

Saturday 16th December

Coffee and Carols, An evening of carols and Christmas songs to enjoy and join in , all led by the Ellon Parish Church choir. 7:30pm, Ellon Parish Kirk Centre.



Ellon Parish Church at Christmas

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Lights Service, 7pm, Ellon Parish Church. A reflective, responsive service for those who find Christmas difficult for any reason.

Thursday 21st December

Beer and Carols, 7:30pm, Tollbooth, Station Road. An evening of drinking beer and singing Christmas carols led by musicians from Ellon Parish Church.

Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th December)

Worship Service, Nativity Service, 10am, Ellon Parish Church

All Age Christmas Service, 6:30pm, Ellon Parish Church. *Come dressed in your PJs or a Onesie (or a Christmas jumper)*

Watchnight Service, 11:30pm, Ellon Parish Church

Watchnight Service, 11:30pm, Slains Kirk (Collieston Community Centre)

Christmas Day (Monday 25th December)

Family Worship Service, 10:30am, Ellon Parish Church. *Bring one of your presents with you to show.*

Hogmanay (Sunday 31st December)

Songs of the Faith, 10am, Ellon Parish Church. A service of the meaning behind songs and hymns that have a special meaning to people.

Sunday 7th January 2018

Worship Service, 'Souper Sunday' 10am, Ellon Parish Church

Worship Service, 'Souper Sunday' 11:15am, Collieston Community Centre

A service to raise funds and awareness of a wide range of HIV initiatives at home and abroad. Each service will be followed by a light lunch of soup and bread.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION - DARWIN

Member of the Education Core Group, Marion Thomson reports on the third in the recent Science and Religion evenings held in Ellon Parish Church.



In 1859 Charles Darwin's 'The Origin of Species' was published. He claimed that all species evolved from primitive organisms, adapting according to the environment. The Church of England accepted the hypothesis of natural selection – the survival of the fittest. The debate was whether this proved that there was no need for God or whether it was a result of intelligent design and not simply a random process. Various high-profile scientists claim that it is possible to accept Darwin's theories and also be a Christian. At the time Christians could not accept that human beings had a common ancestor with the apes – having no special relationship with God.

Since the 19th century developments in carbon dating of fossils, the discovery of DNA and the science of genetics, scientists now believe that the genes which determine every individual are subject to random design, despite

being the product of two parents and sharing their genes– all of life is driven by random chance.

Summary of the arguments:

1. Atheistic evolution – natural selection – no need for a God
2. Theistic evolution – agrees with the scientific theory but does not exclude a Creator
3. Evolution a result of intelligent design, not a random process
4. Young earth creations – don't believe in the age of the earth – believe it was formed less than 10,000 years ago, created in 6 days as in Genesis.

Possible conclusion:

All species evolve and change – natural selection is a struggle for existence, but the very complexity of life shows a design and purpose which presupposes intelligent activity – God's creation?

COFFEE AND CRAFT

1st Thursday of the Month | 2pm – 3:30pm

Coffee and craft takes place in the Wee Chapel once a month on a Thursday at 2pm. It's an opportunity to get together to share what's been happening in the week and to do some craft work together. It's open to anyone who happens to like crafting projects whether they are young or just young at heart.

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COFFEE AND CHAT

Last Friday of the Month | 2pm – 3:30pm

Coffee and chat takes place in the Gathering Area at the back of the Ellon Parish Church building once a month on a Friday at 2pm. It's open to anyone who is in need of a bit of company and a cuppa.

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ELLON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

For the last couple of years we've provided free teas, coffees, hot choc, juice and baking outside the church for a cracking view of the parade and fireworks. Folks have appreciated the smaller crowd, the great view, the heat from the stall, the chat with volunteers and the church being warm and open for those who just need to go indoors for a wee bit.

We're going to do the same this year, we might even have a stall in Neil Ross Square during the day. From about 4pm until the fireworks finish. Come along and join us, we'd love to see you.

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NEARLY NEW SALE ROUP

Nearly New Sales are to hold a Roup/Auction on **Saturday 25th November** from **10.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.** within the Kirk Centre. Viewing of goods will take place on **Friday 24th November from 7.00-9.00 p.m.**

We are looking for large pieces of furniture of any description in order to raise funds for Ellon Parish Church.

If people can let Ann Gammack (01358) 720606 know whether they have any items for sale. If they could keep them until the 24th that would be great.

We are also looking for storage space meantime to accommodate items people are donating but need taken away from their homes sooner than 24th November.

AN INTERVIEW WITH NEIL HENDERSON

*Our new Presbytery elder, member of the Education Core Group and the sound team **Neil Henderson** discusses his faith and relationship with Ellon Parish Church.*



What's your full name?

Neil Henderson

Where were you born?

Wimbledon, London

What family do you have?

My wife Elaine and daughters Katie and Kirsty.

How long have you lived in Ellon and what brought you here?

We have lived in Ellon for 24 years having come to the North East for work in 1993 and settling in Ellon.

How did you get involved in Ellon Parish Church?

Elaine was a regular attender and so I began attending the family service held

in the Kirk Centre as well as other services.

What keeps you coming to church?

Following coming back to Church after many years I realised what had been missing in my life. My faith, the feeling of a sense of belonging, the fellowship, the sense of peace and the people are just some of the things that keep me coming back.

How has your faith developed / grown over the last few years?

Ellon Parish Church has and does provide a safe place to explore your faith. A place where you are encouraged to openly discuss faith and what it means to each of us as individuals.

My involvement in church life, participating in the Alpha Course, the Prayer Course and Connect services have provided me with the opportunity to wrestle with many issues and have enabled me to grow and deepen my faith.

These seeds have inspired me to explore the Bible further, read a variety of books and have challenged me to consider the relevance and impact on my life.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

Spending time with my family, sailing, kayaking and walking.

Do you have plans for Christmas and New Year?

Enjoying a time with the family and friends.

What are you most looking forward to about being Presbytery Elder?

I am looking forward to meeting people from other churches and learning about life in their church. I hope to gain a fuller understanding of Presbytery's role and how they support Ellon Parish Church and how Ellon Parish Church can support Presbytery.

What's the best thing for you about Ellon Parish Church?

I think the best thing for me is Ellon Parish Church gives me a safe place to explore and develop my faith.

EXPLORE

life | faith | meaning

Alpha Course

Begins
16th January
6:30pm

The Manse
12 Union Street

info:
nbruce@churchofscotland.org.uk



CARDBOARD CAFÉ TEAMS

We are delighted that there are now 4 teams to help with Cardboard Café.

Each team has a Team Leader who is responsible for making sure things run smoothly on the day and for arranging to have enough helpers for the sessions they are on. The Team Leaders are **Pam Adam, Nicola Bruce, Ros Mackie and Sandra Beaton.**

The teams are on once every four weeks and if you'd like to help out on one of the new teams the Team Leaders would be delighted to chat with you about it. This can be everything from helping set up and clear up, to welcoming on the door, getting down to play with the kids or just chatting with the parents.

If you think you could give a bit of time on a Friday morning then either ring Edith in the office or email info@ellonparishchurch.co.uk

NEARLY NEW SALE

The Nearly New Sale takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 10am – 12noon.

The next is **25th November.** This will be an auction and rroup.

Donations of **nearly new** goods can be dropped off anytime before.

KIRK CENTRE & COFFEE SHOP CHRISTMAS OPENING

The Kirk Centre Office will be closed on **Monday 25th December – Thursday 4th January** (inclusive). Open normal hours from 5th January 2018.

On The Square Coffee Shop will be closed **Monday 25th December & Tuesday 26th December.** Then closed **Monday 1st January – Thursday 4th January.** Open normal hours Friday 5th January 2018

WALKING GROUP

The EPC Walking Group has had a very successful year enjoying weekly walks around Ellon.

There has only been about two Wednesdays when inclement weather prevented us from having our weekly walk.

The last walk was 27 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 2018.

THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

If you'd like to contribute to the Bridge Magazine we'd love to hear from you. We're looking for people to write articles about faith and books and what's going on in the church community as well as in Ellon. Contact Edith in the Kirk Centre Office, Lynn Paterson on ianlynnpat@aol.com or Rev Alastair.

A 10-Minute Tour Of

St Nicholas

In this edition Nicola Bruce explores the enigmatic figure known as St Nicholas



The decorations are already on sale and the Chocolate Oranges already on 3 for 2 so Christmas must be on approach! But who is this Santa who features so highly in song, decoration and story? Well if you ask our 4yr old James he will tell you that Santa

is Rudolph the Reindeer's driver. Rudolph is the real star and, much like Thomas the Tank Engine, he needs a driver. James will tell you that Rudolph brings children presents at Christmas and Santa just helps drive the sleigh.

In 2009 I led an Activity Day near Christmas and we decided with the children who came to find out a bit more about Santa. We used the Veggie Tales DVD "St Nicholas: A Story of Joyful Giving" and what a

tale it is!!! Most folks know of Santa as owner of a magic flying reindeer herd, toy maker and deliverer and driver of a pretty special sleigh.



Rarely seen, he seems to live either in the North Pole or Lapland... theories abound. A mysterious but generous fellow with boots, a suit, a hat, a beard and a chuckle who seems to know that children are

amazing and worth giving gifts to....some say he has a "naughty or nice" list with presents for the nice and coal for the naughty...but rarely have I heard of coal alone being delivered! So surely he's a bit of a softy under that threat!

Our research found that Santa is actually a Christian! In fact he is seen to be such a grand guy that he has been given the title of Saint. His name is Nicholas but is known now as Saint Nicholas. There are many stories about his awesomeness, but they all point to one thing: kindness.

Nicholas' parents unfortunately succumbed to an epidemic and passed away while he was just a boy. They were wealthy, kind and Christian and lived out their faith by helping those around them who had need. Nicholas follows their example. A humble man so a lot of his kind actions we will never know of, however, some slip through.

It seems he started utilizing chimneys a very long time ago in order to help a family with 3 girls. The girls found themselves in a bit of bother, some say they didn't have enough money to be married, others say they were going to be thrown in jail for giving gifts which was prohibited by a cruel leader at the time.

Whatever the trouble, they were in trouble and the future looked bleak. The dad didn't have the means to provide a future for them and didn't

know what would become of them all.

Nicholas heard of their plight and under cover of darkness with, I'm assuming, cat-like ninja skills he got up on to their roof and threw a purse of gold coins down their chimney.

Now, I'm assuming the fire had gone out or this would not have been the best of plans! But the story goes that socks had been hung on the hearth to dry and the purse landed in one. He did this for all 3 girls. The father was desperate to thank this mysterious saviour and so he hid by

the hearth every night until the 3rd purse arrived. He then surprised Nicholas and found his identity. Nicholas told him not to tell, but rather to thank his real saviour: God. "I can love because God loves me, I can give because he gives".

Nicholas said he was grateful to God for what he had and because he had it he was able to give. Of course the dad over the years did tell this story and I'm glad he did.

Whatever you make of it the point is this: St Nicholas is a story of joyful giving. A Christian who has his fair share of sorrow and challenge but remains thankful for what he has and



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lives out his faith by caring for others and through acts of joyful giving, with a special place in his heart for children.

May we be thankful, may we be joyful in giving, may we value children, may we be on the look out for folks who need a hand and as we see bags of chocolate coins may we remember the kindness of St Nicholas and share with others.

If you would like to see the DVD mentioned then look out for our family film night on Friday 15th December, 6-8pm in our Kirk Centre.

We have a few films in the running and the final decision hasn't been made, but I'm voting for this one!

IN-SERVICE ACTIVITY DAYS

We had a great time in the land of Ancora with our trainee Guardians this summer. Well we are revving up the theme song and charging the Spire of Light to get into some more adventures over two days in November:

Guardians of Ancora In-Service Activity Days

13th & 14th November, 10-3pm each day.

P1-P7 Games | Songs | Bible Stories | crafts | friends | fun!

Register free online at ellonparishchurch.co.uk/activity-days or contact the Kirk Centre Office



Faith Formation

How do we help children, young people and families develop deep and lasting faith?

KEYNOTE SPEAKER SUZI FARRANT

Church of Scotland Young People and
Young Adult's Development Worker

ELLON PARISH CHURCH

18TH NOVEMBER 2017
10AM-4PM

TICKETS £6 INCLUDING LUNCH

EMAIL
VSTIGANT@CHURCHOFSCOTLAND.
ORG.UK FOR BOOKING INFO

IN CONVERSATION WITH... REV SHUNA DICKS

*The Leader of the Fair Trade Team, **Ann Wilson**, writes about the recent “In Conversation with Rev Shuna Dicks and her insights into the recent and on-going refugee crisis.*



As we now have a vested interest in learning all we can with regard to helping refugees in our community, it was particularly interesting to attend this illustrated talk by the Rev. Shuna Dicks, Church of Scotland minister at Aberlour.

Having already been involved with refugees for several years by establishing “Moray Supports Refugees”, she decided to go with a friend from another Moray church in June 2016 under the Norwegian Refugee Council to experience the situation on the ground in Greece and help where they could.

It was clear through her talk that she is a very “hands-on” person and not afraid to tackle the most unglamorous jobs. They worked mainly in the “hellish” camp on the holiday island of Chios in the Aegean Sea.

The refugees who arrive here have fled countries such as Syria, Iraq and Palestine and have taken the shortest crossing to Turkey – just a few miles away - where they are assessed and either returned to their own country or moved on to other parts of Europe.

They are, as Shuna says, “People who not so long ago had homes to call their own and jobs or businesses. People, just like you and me”. She was asked why there are so many young men among the refugees and her disturbing answer was that they are the prime targets of ISIS. If they refuse to join them, the consequences are most likely torture and death.

Even in the short time Shuna and Kate were there they became close to some of the families and listened to their harrowing stories. The two

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...they are...people who ... had homes ... and jobs and businesses. People, just like you and me.

women prepared and served meals and were overwhelmed by the hospitality offered to them. Those of us involved with our own Syrian New Scots refugees have experienced the same kindness from them.

Shuna is now giving talks in the north-east to raise awareness of the horrendous situation of the people she met and many thousands more. It was certainly a very inspiring talk and gave us much to think about.

Watch out for more “A Conversation with...” events coming up in 2018.

Remembrance Services

Saturday 11th November - Slains War Memorial 10.50am

Saturday 11th November - Royal British Legion Ellon 10.55am

Sunday 12th November - Ellon Parish Church 9.15am

Sunday 12th November Ellon Parish Church 10.50am

We Will Remember Them



BLETHERS FROM THE BOARD

*Ellon Parish Church's Clerk to the Congregational Board **Mary Paterson** gives a brief overview of the work of the "temporal" side of the church's work.*

The most recent meeting of the Congregational Board was held on 10th October and we got through a fair bit of work.

From the 'Matters Arising' alone, there were five items to be considered, ranging from a simple report that the new storage in the Slains Hall has been finished to a discussion on water and sewerage charges. Thanks have to go to the members of **Ellon Fire Brigade** for their work on creating storage for Cardboard Café items in the hall where Cardboard Café is actually held, making tidying-up a much easier task for the volunteers. Thanks are also due to

Mike Annand for his work on fashioning the new handrail at the entrance to the Coffee Shop, thereby making the entrance much safer.

On the subject of entrances, the board has been tasked with finding some way of advertising events which are taking place in the Kirk Centre at the entrance to the Kirk Centre. We're looking for something similar to, but possibly slightly bigger than, the chalkboard which sits at the kirk doors on a Sunday, but maybe with one side available for posters. Suggestions on a postcard, please.

The Communion table has returned from being stripped down and re-waxed and it's a pity that you can't really appreciate the work that has been done on it unless you're up close, so please do saunter up some Sunday and have a look. If you're impressed enough to want to ensure that it stays looking as good as it does now, we're looking for a volunteer to polish it properly twice a year. We'll supply the wax if you're keen to supply the elbow grease. Speak to me, Mary Burnett or Edith Walker if you'd like to help.

The subject of waste water seems to come up at every Board meeting although the issue is more to do with how and when we receive the bills rather than the actual waste water itself. Alex Gray has done sterling work on this and is now looking deeper into the matter – the billing, not the waste water - for the next meeting in December.

The next section of the meeting was concerned with property reports and a few items were brought to the Board's attention. PAT testing is due to be carried out soon, although a date has yet to be confirmed. PAT testing ensures that electrical items owned by, and used in, the kirk and Kirk Centre are safe. Quotes have also been obtained for boxes to hold the free-standing fire extinguishers. We have

been advised to invest in these as it should prevent the extinguishers being moved to act as temporary door stops and the like and ensures that they are in their proper place if a fire should occur.

Still in the Kirk Centre, we need to consider the replacement of the plastic chairs which are used for seating there. Some are getting to be really quite shabby but we have also been advised that they can be dangerous if a fire were to start as the plastic will give off fumes. Their replacement will be expensive and is consequently likely to happen over a long period of time.

Moving over to the kirk, some of you may have noticed that the bell has not been rung for a couple of Sundays now. This is because the tower in which

the bell is housed is in need of a bit of repair. It was examined with the use of a cherry picker as part of the latest 'Health and Safety' review but – and never let it be said that Ellon Parish Church doesn't move with the times – a drone will be sent up to investigate it from all angles before quotes for the work are sought to ensure that we know exactly how much work needs to be done.

Finally, the Board members were also shown the diagram of the new structure under which Ellon Parish Church will work when the Unitary



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Constitution comes completely into force.

The December meeting will be the last of the Congregational Board, and so Reverend Alastair Bruce emphasised strongly that he would be very keen to see all the congregational members of the Board at that meeting so that they have the chance to sign up to one of the new teams, whichever they think will be most relevant to their interests and abilities.

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...these [new] teams are ... for every member of the congregation ... to be involved...

I would emphasise, of course, that these teams are not just for Elders or former Board members, they are for any and every member of the congregation who wants to be involved in the work that we as a kirk do.

If you'd like to find out more about any of them, please do speak to, email or call Alastair – and I have his permission to say that.



Saturday 16th Dec
7:30pm
Ellon Kirk Centre
Tickets £5 from the Kirk
Centre Office

Coffee & Carols

A relaxed festive evening led by the Ellon Parish Church Choir.

THE ALPHA COURSE

Ellon Parish Church Mission Development Worker **Nicola Bruce** tells all about the latest Alpha Course that began in September.



“If I’d known there was food I’d have been there!”, “Wow when you said dinner I didn’t realise it would be amazing dinner!”, “I wasn’t sure what to expect but I really look forward to it every week!”, “I didn’t know some folks, but I knew others or I thought I did, now I really feel like we’re getting to know each other”, “This is really making me think!”.

These are just a few of the comments I’ve heard recently about the Alpha Course. Ellon Parish Church is currently approaching halfway on our third Alpha Course.

Alpha is a 10 week series where folks can come to the Manse for a delicious dinner (made by volunteers), engaging video and honest discussion about life, faith and God. It’s a place for questions, for exploring and for getting to know each other.

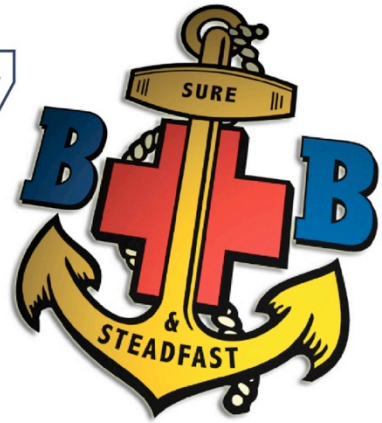
Ellon Parish Church has a tagline of: Meaningful Faith, Meaningful Community, Meaningful Witness and I can honestly say all three are found at each Alpha Course.

Some folks come keen to explore and discuss, some come reticent but curious. Some talk more than others as they feel comfortable but all are exploring deeper into what meaningful faith is, are getting to know each other and sharing a journey together in meaningful community and now folks who have done the Alpha Course are inviting friends to come and explore it; they are being a meaningful witness.

If you are interested in giving Alpha a go our next course will begin on **Wednesday 16th January at 6.30pm at The Manse, 12 Union Street.** We may only run one course next year so if you’re interested or know of others who you’d like to invite then do speak to Alastair or Nicola and come on the adventure!

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

in SCOTLAND



>the adventure begins here

1ST ELLON BOYS' BRIGADE

Christmas Card Delivery Dates

Saturday 9th December
Sunday 10th December
Saturday 16th December
Sunday 17th December

Cards can be dropped off between
10am & 12noon

Coffee morning
10-12noon
Saturday 9th December

SYRIAN NEW SCOTS UPDATE

Leaders of Ellon Parish Church's Syrian New Scots Steering Group, Alison Young and Ann Bruce tell us all that's been going on with the Syrian New Scots.



The families are now having their English lessons at the Academy. The three older children are attending Ellon Primary School and seem to be settling in, two children are attending EPC nursery which leaves the two babies to be looked after. They are in the crèche at the Academy.

So, thank you to all of you who helped in whatever way, especially those who looked after the children throughout the summer holiday. It

was interesting, challenging and when you remember what these children have been through, very rewarding.

We don't want to lose touch with the families so this gives us an opportunity to develop our relationship in other ways. Alison and Ann met Biff, from the AMAL project in Inverurie to have a discussion about this.



We now have a drop in day on a Wednesday in the Kirk Centre after lessons. Twice a month we have a planned activity, the in between weeks are free and we're hoping that these will become opportunities for everyone to meet and chat. If you need an incentive, the women bring the most delicious cakes to these meetings!

Our first meeting was a Scottish themed afternoon. Allan and Ian came in their kilts, looking very smart. We also had some extra kilts which the men were keen to try on and the kilts suited them too! We

looked at pictures of Scotland, ate shortbread and cake, talked about history and geography and played some Scottish music.

The next Wednesday we made neep (pumpkin) lanterns and spoke about Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night. Edith judged the lanterns and Mohammed Al Heso was the winner, much to his delight.

Our next meeting will be a visit from Colin Taylor of Grampian Police. Other ideas are maybe a St Andrews Night party and possibly a Christmas Party.



We hope the families will come up with some ideas too of things they would like to do.

We'd always planned to have a Coffee Morning so we are hoping the families might organise a Pop Up Coffee Shop soon which would be a good way for others to meet them.

Some of you will know that three of the men are now helping out at the Kirk Centre Coffee Shop. Abdul is in on a Friday morning, Amin on Friday afternoon and Mohammed on a Saturday afternoon.

Please say hello and have a chat when you see them.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Jesus says: "I am the way and the truth and the life"

Funerals

Philip Westerman
Jean Christie
George Gall

Dorothy Gillan
(Laura) Suzanne Roberts
Catherine (Cathy) Anderson

Baptisms

Alexander Moir William Reid (Son of Calaidh & Craig Reid)
Nathan Robb (son of Kylie and Douglas Robb and wee brother of April)
Eden Sheila Leask (daughter of Isla and Martin Leask)

FLOWER MINISTRY

Many thanks to the following for providing flowers in July and August to enhance our worship and to bring the comfort of the light of Christ to those in our parish in need of support.

Mrs M Ritchie, Mrs A Fraser, Mrs F Fenty, Mrs I Murray, Mrs D Norrie, Mrs E Christie, Mrs S Paterson, Mrs S Fergusson, Mrs A Simpson, Mrs E Cameron, Mrs E Gibb, Mrs J Drybrugh, Mrs S Fraser & Mrs M Moir.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES



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