

# New Horizons



## Summer 2015

The Magazine of Fowlis and Liff linked with  
Lundie and Muirhead Parish Churches

**Lundie & Muirhead  
Church Fete**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm  
Muirhead Church Garden**

Cake  
Stall

Bric-a-brac

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and Toys

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Something for everyone**

**All welcome**

From the Minister...

In May of this year a new publication was produced by the Church of Scotland named simply *GOOD NEWS*.

As the Very Reverend David Arnott said in the first edition: *Good News* is the job of the Church. We hear it; we tell it; we share it and in doing so the story of Jesus Christ continues. Every congregation in the land has a good news story to tell. For some it is a spectacular community-affirming project. For others it is just the daily on-going routine of church life which should never be overlooked.

'Good News' is being published monthly on the Church's website and as many of our members don't access the internet, we will include some in each of our magazines.

Another new regular feature we will include is a report from our newly-formed *Green Team*. It is vital, as God's people, that we actively care for the creation that God gave us dominion over. (Genesis 1:28)

One of our own 'Good News' stories must surely be that of *Messy Church*. Started back in November, we have had four *Messy Church* events - *The Good Shepherd*, *Good Neighbours*, *Messy Easter* and *Happy Birthday* when there was a celebration for Pentecost and we now look forward to *Messy Church - By the Seaside!* Attendances have been wonderful with a wide range of ages represented.

Jesus came to bring us *Good News!* "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16) Let us be the sharers of *Good News* in all that we say and do

*Donna*

## THE GREEN TEAM

Eco-Congregation Scotland is an ecumenical environmental movement made up of over 300 local Christian congregations whose vision is "a Scotland that cares for God's creation, now and forever".

Fowlis, Liff, Lundie and Muirhead Parish Churches, after Session approval, have set up a combined 'Green Team' to link environmental issues to our Christian faith and to take practical action in our churches and hopefully involving the local communities.

The Green Team comprises of Jim Moir who is convening the group, Walker and Rhoda Hodgson, Robert McVean, Morag Jones and Donna Hays. Registration of our congregations has already been completed and work is now underway to map the carbon footprints of our churches and manse for previous years.

The next steps are to request our Fabric Convenors to arrange energy audits of our premises through organisations such as the Energy Savings Trust, be involved with Scotland's 'Baton Relay' from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 and engage with our local community and arrange dedicated services and spiritual development regarding these climate change issues and focussing on caring for God's creation.

We will provide our congregations with regular updates and progress with this initiative.

Jim Moir  
The Green Team





# HOLIDAY CLUB

**Millennium Hall, Birkhill**

**Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>  
10 am - 12 noon**

**Stories, Songs, Drama, Craft, Games, Snack  
(£1.50 per day)**

## **Registration:-**

Download registration form from the church website

With the help of Sir Random Finds and Bare Feet, the children are explorers who go on a mini-expedition each day and learn about a New Testament character. Through the lives of these people, they learn that no one is too anything to be part of God's big expedition, that is, to be a friend of Jesus and go out and help other people be friends of Jesus too.

**Please support this venture with your prayers!**

## **VISITORS!**

Delighted to let you know that Stefanie, Christian, Johannes and Margarete are spending a few days in Muirhead in August. Stefanie was the Associating Minister from the Lutheran Church of Bavaria who spent a year with us in 2005/6. To give you an opportunity to meet with her, we are holding a Coffee (or tea!) and Cake Get-Together on Saturday 22 August from 10am – 12noon in Muirhead Church. As their visit is so short this will be the only chance to meet with them. Look forward to seeing you there!

## **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GOOD NEWS**



*The Toilet Twinning project provides clean water, sanitation and hygiene education in some of the world's most deprived regions*

Broom Parish Church in Newton Mearns, Glasgow has now raised more than £860 for the Toilet Twinning project.

Church members of all ages have been raising funds through donating their small change to a special talking toilet.

The Toilet Twinning project provides clean water, sanitation and hygiene education in some of the world's most deprived regions.

So far, the congregation has helped build six toilet blocks serving schools in Uganda, Philippines, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Chad and Nepal. And they show no signs of stopping. Church members plan to continue fundraising to support further twinning partnerships.

## **QUEENS AWARD**

The Havilah Project is one of two Church of Scotland congregation projects to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the highest accolade for local volunteer groups recognising their outstanding work in their communities.

Based at St. Andrew's Church of Scotland in Arbroath, the project runs a drop in centre for people struggling with addiction. Operating five days a week for three hours a day, the centre offers simple food in a safe, welcoming environment to some of Arbroath's most vulnerable people.

Some centre users are homeless; some are struggling with drug dependency and others are trying to get their lives back on track. A listening ear, a bowl of soup and a bit of encouragement can help people start out on or stick with the path to recovery.

The congregation launched Havilah in 2006, within a year it was serving around 25 people each session. The service has helped more than 30 people into rehabilitation care and has followed 17 people through recovery into stable and productive lives.

## LUNDIE & MUIRHEAD KIRK SESSION UPDATE

Back in 2010 the Kirk Session agreed that the post of Session Clerk should be held for a five year term of office. At the same time the post of Assistant Session Clerk was also created. From that time Robert McVean was Session Clerk and Morag Jones the Assistant – both taking the oath *de fidei administratione* which means that either may carry out the duties of Session Clerk.

In March of this year Robert's term came to an end and his service was marked at the Stated Annual meeting of the congregation.

Morag then became Session Clerk and Mairi McAra was appointed as Assistant Session Clerk.

## TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, aged 8 and 10, who were extremely mischievous.

The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if there was mischief in the town that their two boys were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what they could do about their sons' behaviour. The mother had heard that a clergy man in the town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if they should send their children to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well as I am really losing my temper with the boys. The clergyman agreed to speak to the boys, but asked to speak to them individually. The 8 year went to meet him first. The clergyman sat him down and asked him, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no reply so the minister repeated the question in an even sterner tone 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home and hid in hi bedroom. His elder brother followed him into his room and asked him what had happened. The younger brother replied 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it!'

## Colour Me





*Fun for all  
the family*

## By the Seaside!

**FOWLIS VILLAGE HALL  
SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10am**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult**

This is a great way for families to do church together.

It may not quite look like we expect church to....

lots more paints and glue and yep.....

It might get MESSY – so no dressing up!

There will be activities, games, puzzles,  
music, singing, stories,  
and some refreshments to keep you going!

It's a church for people of any age and it doesn't  
matter if you've had a church connection or not –  
everyone's welcome!

**Traditional worship service for all congregations  
will take place in Muirhead Church at 11am**

### The St Kilda Communion Plate

The story of the 1930 evacuation of the remaining thirty six St Kildans, at their own request, is well known. They left behind a way of life unique to the people of this island group, that had known human activity for close on 5000 years. So much has been written about these islands and the St Kildans, over the years, it might be supposed the topic is fully covered, but as more travellers are put ashore, weather permitting, on this unique archipelago, fresh experiences are recorded.

In 1934 the McLeods, who had owned St Kilda for centuries, sold the island group to the 5<sup>th</sup> Marquis of Bute who was a keen ornithologist. He in turn bequeathed the islands to the National Trust for Scotland. When the Trust took over St Kilda in 1957, the Communion Plate from the Church, which looks across Village Bay to the jagged ridge of Dun, was taken into safe keeping by the Trust.

These iconic elements are brought out of safe keeping once a year, taken on the NTS Cruise and used in the celebration of Communion, for the passengers on the Cruise ship, or, on a rare occasion, in the little Church on Hirta (main island of the group).

For several years now, I have been part of a small group of elders, serving Communion at the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, in the Cruise Ship Lounge. This poem is an attempt to put into words the thoughts that arise as the historic St Kilda Communion Vessels are passed from hand to hand.

## Shared Elements

*(on handling the St Kilda Communion Plate)*

Good again to grasp the cup,  
Take it traveller, it's for you!  
Hands around the silver circle  
Warmed by rub of work-worn touch,  
Shadows of the islands, cast across the sea.

Focus on the sacrament,  
Pass the cup from hand to hand.  
Dimly on the cloudy pewter  
See the folk of Village Bay,  
Share their journey, clasp their hand.

Wonder at the sacred vessels  
Kept safe in darkness all the year,  
Gift from distant city merchant  
That fishers, fowlers, crofters  
Fill the beaker, break the bread.

Firm your fingers round the cup,  
Move your thoughts across the waves.  
Time and circumstance divide us,  
Laughter, love and tears unite us.  
Taste their peace, share their fear.

Travel on now over waters  
Lit by sparkle, gurlled by grief.  
Know that you are One in time.  
Greet your fellow traveller surely,  
Another port along our common way.

Isobel Brown 2015

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my Shepherd –

*That's RELATIONSHIP!*

I shall not want –

*That's SUPPLY!*

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures –

*That's REST!*

He leadeth me beside still waters –

*That's REFRESHMENT!*

He restoreth my soul –

*That's HEALING!*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness –

*That's GUIDANCE!*

For His name sake –

*That's PURPOSE!*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil –

*That's PROTECTION!*

For thou art with me –

*That's FAITHFULNESS!*

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me –

*That's COMFORT!*

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies –

*That's HOPE!*

Thou anointest my head with oil –

*That's CONSECRATION!*

My cup runneth over –

*That's ABUNDANCE!*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life –

*That's BLESSING!*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord –

*That's SECURITY!*

Forever – *That's ETERNITY!*

## THE FOWLIS AND LIFF PARISH COFFEE MORNING

1st Friday in the month, 10:30am to noon.

They began in 2003 and are held in Fowlis Easter Hall. The Coffee Mornings are always a friendly affair and we welcome anyone who lives in the area, along with friends and family, who would like to get to know the “new” folk and also meet those with the real feel of the place.

We hope you will come along and join us. This is a non-profit making morning and any profit is divided between Hall Funds and The MacMillan Cancer Charity.

The contact is Marion Jackson, Tel: 581968

.Dates to put in your diary are **Fridays**,

7 August 4 September 2 October 6 November 4 December



## COLLECTIONS IN LUNDIE AND MUIRHEAD

Retiring Offerings:

£175 HIV Souper Sunday

£148 WaterAid (February Communion)

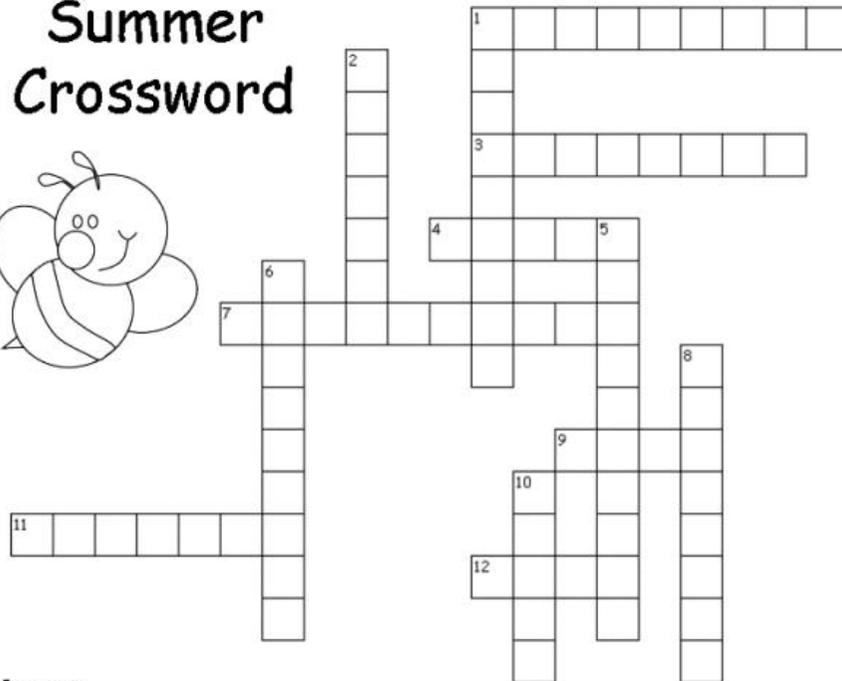
£114 Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (June Communion)

Plant Sale: £964

Silent Auction: £1,321

Messy Church Donation to Christian Aid: £107

## Summer Crossword



### Across

1. From caterpillar to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. dad's grill
4. A gardener's worst enemy.
7. pink juicy fruit
9. In the summer, the weather is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. I have a rod and reel. Let's go \_\_\_\_\_.
12. A long walk.

### Down

1. Insect with yellow and black stripes.
2. Healthy summertime transportation.
5. Protective eyewear.
6. A patty and a bun. Yum!
8. Favorite drink of young salespeople.
10. Playground toy you swoosh down.

**Word List:** barbeque, bicycle, bumblebee, butterfly, fishing, hamburgers, hike, lemonade, slide, sunglasses, warm, watermelon, weeds

# THE GUILD

Fowlis & Liff linked with Lundie & Muirhead  
“Whose I am, and whom I serve”  
Session 2015-2016



Theme: **“Be Bold Be Strong”**

The summer days are passing too quickly and already it is time to look ahead to the new session of the Guild.

**The Re-dedication service is in Muirhead Church, at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September and the first meeting is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.00 p.m. in the Session House at Fowlis.**

The syllabus for the first part of the year is as follows:

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015**, Street Pastors (Ascension Trust)

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**, A Visit to Dundee Congregational Guild 2 p.m. in Nicoll Street, Dundee

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**. Soup Lunch in Fowlis Village Hall and afterwards in the Session House, David Kelly

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**, Business Meeting also Holidays in 2015

**We would like to have your support so do come along and bring new members if you can: everyone is most welcome.**

## MUIRHEAD AND DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We meet at 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month in the Millennium Hall. A warm welcome awaits you. See below for our activities this session.

### Session 2015 – 2016

2 September 2015  
Laughter and humour  
David Kelly

7 October 2015  
Bothy Ballads  
Joe Aitken

4 November 2015  
Dichtie Dwellers  
Irene Haggart

2 December 2015  
Choir – Marie McAra

6 January 2016  
1pm Soup Lunch  
Quiz

3 February 2016  
Pam Lundie Dancers

2 March 2016  
Hedgehogs  
Ben Herschel

6 April 2016  
AGM  
Alister Fiddes

4 May 2016  
Angelica Laird

1 June 2016  
Outing

6 July 2016  
Strawberry Tea

## CHURCH REGISTER

### BAPTISM



### MUIRHEAD CHURCH

**5 JULY 2015**

Sophie Amelia daughter of Corinna and Graham Forrest. Aberdeen

**If you want to keep up with our events and activities, please use the web site**



**[www.churches-flandim.co.uk](http://www.churches-flandim.co.uk)**

or our Facebook Page

**Rev Donna at flandim**

## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

Joint worship services **all starting at 11am.**

2 August St Marnock's Fowlis 11am

9 August St Marnock's Fowlis 11am

16 August Millennium Hall 11am

(Worship at end of Holiday Club)

**23 + 30 August, September, October,**

**9am** - Lundie

**10am** - Fowlis in Aug & Sept – Liff in Oct

**11.30am** - Muirhead

**EXCEPT ON 20 SEPTEMBER -**

10am Messy Church in Fowlis Hall

11am Traditional Service in Muirhead

**HARVEST CELEBRATION** – 20<sup>th</sup> October

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – 8<sup>th</sup> November

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Lundie & Muirhead 13 September

Fowlis & Liff (Liff Church) 25 October

### STUDY LEAVE

The Church of Scotland encourages each of its ministers to take some time for professional development. Donna therefore will be on Study Leave for the period from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Isobel Brown will provide pastoral cover during this time

Donna will be attending Summer School 2015, 'Participating in the Ministry of Christ' organised by the Centre for Ministry Studies at Aberdeen University.

During the week-long School the main focus to be explored will be the implications of participating in Christ's ministry and what it means practically to learn of him as we serve in the church today.

## CHURCH GROUPS FOR ALL AGES

*FUN FOR THE YOUNGER ONES!*

*Sunday School*

*Fowlis Church at 10a.m*

*Muirhead Church at 11.15*

*Not Sunday Not School Club*

*Millennium Hall Birkhill*

*Mondays during term time*

*3.30 - 4.45pm*

### WORSHIP and FELLOWSHIP

Caledonian Housing Complex  
(Formerly Servite)

Last Thursday of month  
2pm

### SOCIAL GROUPS

**Soup Lunches**

3rd Thursday of the month 12.30pm  
Millennium Hall Birkhill

**Monthly Coffee Morning**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 10.30 – 12 noon  
Fowlis Village Hall

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 2.00pm  
Millennium Hall Birkhill

**THE GUILD**

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 2pm  
Session House, Fowlis



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