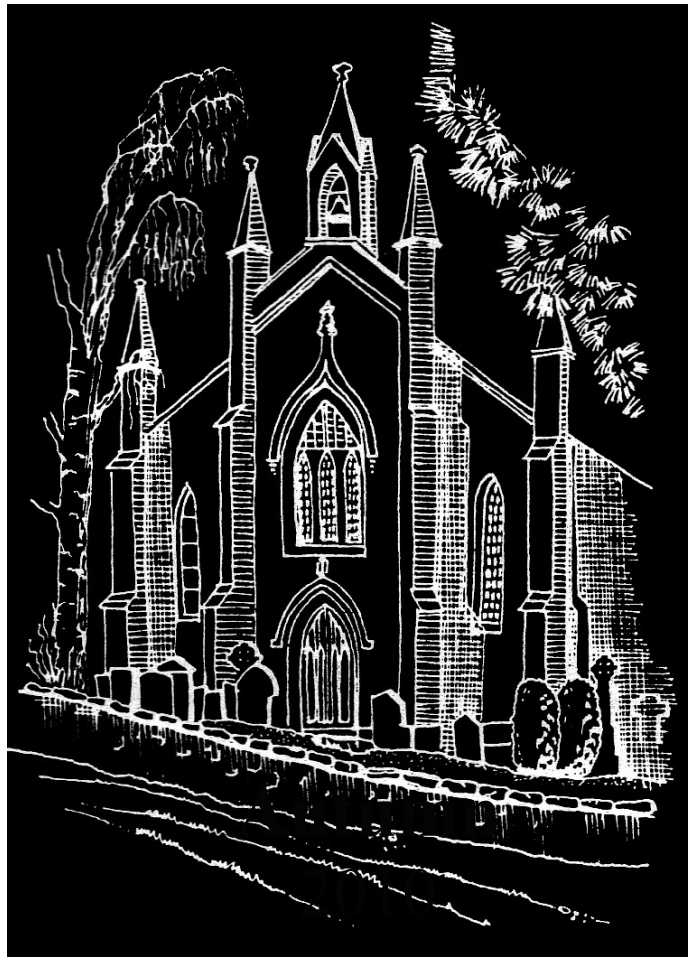


# ABOYNE-DINNET CHURCH

Aboyne-Dinnet Church exists to glorify God  
Tell of salvation in Christ  
Share the fellowship of the Holy Spirit



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| Life and Work Magazine               | Vi Dinnie      | 86517       |
| NOW-Christian news worldwide         | Lindsay Watt   | 83621       |
| Scripture Union – Daily Bible Guides | Lynne Johnson  | 86747       |

A **big** THANK YOU goes once again to everyone who has made it possible to publish this edition of our Church magazine: All contributors, the Production Team and the Visitors who delivered this issue. Your help is very much appreciated!

The next magazine will come out early in the New Year. Please make sure that your contributions for the next issue are submitted not later than **05-Jan-11** as all late submissions will have to be carried forward towards the following edition.

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## **A Letter From Your Session Clerk**

We are now well into the last quarter of the year of our Lord 2010. This is 450 years from one of the most momentous years in the history of our nation.

Why has our Nation, our media and even our national Church appeared to be so half-hearted, muted and spineless in its approach to celebrating the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scottish Reformation? In stark contrast, it was hard to suppress some slight envy and resentment towards the level of attention devoted to the visit to Scotland of the world leader of Scotland's other main Christian denomination (while agreeing with some of his main pronouncements on most moral issues and on aggressive secularism).

“The Reformation was not only a spiritual force, but also a far-reaching social and political element in the history of the world. Although it came late to Scotland, somewhat later than to Germany, Switzerland and England, in no other country was it so thorough. All Europe realised the tremendous need for reform in the Church, but not all nations became Protestant, and of those which did, not one established such a radical reformation as the little Kingdom of Scotland.”

The aim of the Reformation leaders in Scotland, from the beginning, was to set up a Church system founded directly on the New Testament and apostolic teaching.

There is so much of this period of Scottish history that is so very worthy of being loudly trumpeted; so many reasons to be justly proud of this aspect of our nationhood and the spin-offs of positive influences, some far beyond our own shores to this day. All I can aspire to achieve by this letter is, perhaps, to inspire some of those reading it to seek more knowledge of this neglected part of our heritage.

With this aspiration in mind, I would recommend to you all, a small paperback “THE STORY OF THE SCOTTISH REFORMATION” by Dr A M Renwick.

According to Douglas F Kelly, a leading theologian from North Carolina and frequent visitor to Scotland, “It is written with the two qualities Calvin desired for his own literary productions: Clarity and brevity. It holds one's attention from beginning to end”. It tells of people who were transformed as they became convicted of the Gospel truth which in turn led them to serve God, even if it meant forsaking everything including their lives. It covers such topics as:

- The old Celtic Church which revered the Bible as the supreme standard.
- The character and experiences of the leader, John Knox (sorely misjudged by our contemporary society).
- The protagonists of the Reformation.
- How the Reformation was to have an influence on the Scottish Parliament.

David Robertson, the well-known writer and Dundee minister comments, “The story of how the preaching of God's Word changed a whole society, with an impact which

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## Laughter, the Best Medicine

Rev John Andrew invites us to laugh more

Extensive research and numerous studies over recent years have proved the Editors of the Reader's Digest to be correct—laughter is therapeutic, it helps in the healing process and it does so by affecting almost every system in the body.

It improves our circulation by its affect on the heart rate as well as lowering our blood pressure. Engaging in hearty laughter provides splendid cardiac exercise, giving rise to the claim that laughter is “internal jogging”.

Laughter is also beneficial to the respiratory system. When we take part in hearty laughter we expel carbon dioxide from our bodies and replace this with fresh energy giving oxygen drawn in from the air around us.

Laughter also serves to exercise certain muscles, notably in the neck, face and abdomen, as well as relaxing muscles throughout our body. A young woman who was invited to assist an American academic who is an acknowledged “Laughter Therapist”, was to discover that laughter can relax muscles so effectively, that during a time of hearty belly laughter, incontinence can set in!

It has also been clinically demonstrated that stress hormones, which compress our blood vessels, decrease in number during a period of hearty laughter. Daily doses of such laughter would certainly help us cope with the stresses of modern living.

One man who was to experience the healing power of laughter in his own life was to say that the significance of laughter is that “it creates a mood in which the other positive emotions can be put to work”. Norman Cousins—who wrote these words—was an American writer who has the distinction of being the first person to call the attention of the medical community to the potential therapeutic effects of humour and laughter when he describes his use of laughter during his treatment for a particularly painful form of arthritis.

Cousins believes that negative emotions—such as fear, anger, depression, envy and the like—had a negative impact on his health and he theorised that the opposite would also be true—that positive emotions would have positive effect on his health. They provided, as Cousins was to say, “an auspicious environment for medical care, a method of optimising prospects of recovery”.

Cousins never turned his back on traditional medicine or kept from his family doctor the ideas he had about the place of laughter in the healing process. Indeed, he was

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fortunate that his doctor (also a friend) totally supported him in this. Cousins was to discover that in his pain, laughter gave him a measure of relief. He watched old movies of Laurel & Hardy and Abbot & Costello and was to say that ten minutes of hearty belly laughter gave him two hours of pain-free sleep.

It must, however, be noted that there is no evidence that laughter is capable of reversing any disease, but there is overwhelming evidence that it does help our body's natural health and healing systems to be fully engaged in the battle. Laughter is, unquestionably, therapeutically beneficial to our physical and mental health. The research undertaken over recent years serves to confirm the belief expressed in the Scriptures centuries ago: "A merry heart does good, like medicine" (Proverbs 17:22). We are, as the Psalmist assures us "wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

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ripples down still today, is a thrilling and moving one."

Our local Presbytery of Kincardine and Deeside is to be commended for being one of the very few of about 46 Presbyteries in Scotland to honour the Anniversary with a special day of celebration. Thanks to a great deal of well-considered preparation and as much publicity as we could muster, and despite near gale-force winds that day, the two outdoor Services attracted attendances of about 70 each. Achenblae Church was nearly full for the final, evening Service, with about 200 attending a rousing occasion and a Sermon preached by ex-Moderator, Very Rev. Sandy McDonald.

Key principles of the Scottish Reformation were and are

- To God alone belongs the glory.
- Christ alone – through whom alone worship and prayers are offered.
- By faith alone – by God's grace in Christ and our response in faith are we saved/justified.
- By Scripture alone – the Church derives its authority from the Word of God.
- The priesthood of all believers – we are all equal before God and collectively we represent Christ to the world.
- The Church reformed but always being reformed.

The Church is defined by:

- True preaching of the Word of God.
- The right administration of the sacraments of Jesus Christ.
- Ecclesiastical discipline uprightly ministered.

May we strive, as today's Church, to conduct our affairs in ways that are pleasing and honouring to Him and to the 26 martyrs of the Scottish Reformation.

In Christ alone.....

Lindsay Watt

## Fund Raising Convenor

I wish to stand down as convenor to enable someone else to take over, someone with fresh ideas to continue the fund raising.

I will give initial help if required.

Many thanks to all who have given their support and encouragement. Special thanks to Peter Nicol for being an ace printer of posters and tickets.

Helen M

Editor's Note: Many thanks go also from us to Helen. Helen, you have done a splendid job!

## Fund Raising Events (for your diary)

| <u>Date</u>            | <u>Time</u>   | <u>Description</u>  |
|------------------------|---------------|---|
| 11-Nov to<br>13-Nov-10 | 10:00 - 12:00 | Book Sale, a 3-day event - a chance to buy books, DVDs and CDs      |
| 11-Dec-10              | 18:30         | Christmas Carols in the Church - with refreshments (donation plate) |

Many thanks to all who support and come to our events. Many thanks also for the encouragement and feed back we receive. It all means a lot as much effort goes into the planning and arrangements.

***Fund Raising Team***



## Aboyne-Dinnet Church Guild



What does the Lord Require of You?  
**Called to Love Mercy**

Aboyne-Dinnet Guild looks forward to their first meeting of the new season on 13 October 2010. The Committee have worked very hard to prepare an interesting and varied programme and a warm invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to join the Guild at any time.

We look forward to having the Rev. Bill Wallace as our speaker at our first meeting. Bill will be speaking on this year's theme.

**Evening meetings start at 7.30 pm – transport is available.**

### Wednesday Evening Meetings

#### 2010

- 13 Oct **Rev Bill Wallace**  
**The Guild Theme**  
Leader - Anne Day
- 10 Nov **Open Meeting with Sales**  
**Tables**  
Leader—Sheila Kinniburgh
- 08 Dec **Carols and Mince Pies**  
Leader - Anne Day  
With Sarah McKay

#### 2011

- 12 Jan **Mario Di Maio**  
**Mountain Rescue**  
Leader - Helen Nicol
- 08 Feb **Claudia Leith**  
**Children's Panel**  
Leader - Liz Rowley
- 08 Mar **A.G.M and Beetle Drive**  
Leader - Anne Day

### More Dates For Your Diary

#### 2010

- 10 Oct **Guild Dedication Service**  
Aboyne-Dinnet Church  
11.30am
- 21 - 28 Nov **Guild Week**  
Soup, Bread & Coffee Lunch  
in Church Hall after the  
Service on 21st
- 04 Dec **Christmas Bazaar**  
10 - 12 noon in Church Hall

#### 2011

- 04 Mar **World Day of Prayer**  
Aboyne Dinnet Church
- 09 Apr **Daffodil & Battery**  
**Morning - Baking Stall**  
10 - 12 noon

**The Guild Committee**

## **Closing Down Sale(s)**

Just over twenty years ago I was apprenticed to Murray-Smyth who was then the Convener of the Church Sale of Work Committee, a position that he held for many years.

My apprenticeship duty completed and graduating with a first, Murray recognised talent, wasted no time, stepped down and passed the baton to me.

Disregarding the enthusiastic approbation brought about by my rise to prominence, it was not long before I realised that I was just another cog in the wheel and that the real work was done by the ladies in preparation for and during the sale.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success of these events which I now believe are no longer the best way to raise funds. Alternative methods have to be found and implemented!

At a Board Meeting on Monday 20th September I tendered my resignation for the above reasons and the Board agreed with my findings.

**C Hugh Moffat**

Editor's Note: On behalf of Board and Session and probably many others we would like to say a big THANK YOU to Hugh for doing this important fundraising work for such a long time. It is very much appreciated!

## **The Ten Commandments**

During my recent summer holidays my sister noticed that I was reading the Bible. Later on she asked me if I know all of the ten commandments. Together we started to recite them during a boring car journey. To my total amazement I was only remembering nine out of ten!

I wonder how many of you might also struggle to list all ten.

Have a go, try it yourselves and then, when you have finished, go to page 23 to check your "score". It is well worth having another look at them and to remember that these were given to Moses by God.

Christa Markham

## Aboyne-Dinnet Sunday Worship

All Sunday services start at 11:30 hours on Sunday mornings.

31-Oct-10      Communion Service

07-Nov-10      Remembrance Sunday

Alternatively you might want to worship at our linked Church in Tarland where the morning service starts at 10:00 hours.



### Welcome

A warm welcome is always guaranteed to anyone who comes to our Worship. A rota is in place for a team of greeters who make sure that on arrival one gets a smile, a friendly word and the order of service leaflet.

Just recently these volunteers have also started once more to wear a name badge in order that everyone will see who they are. The people on the rota have made the commitment to be at Church extra early in order that they can be at the door when the first worshippers arrive. Those on the rota are also responsible for swapping their day on duty if they can not be there on one of their allocated Sundays.

Visitors to our Church often comment on the warm welcome they were given in our Church and we are grateful to those who have made this commitment.

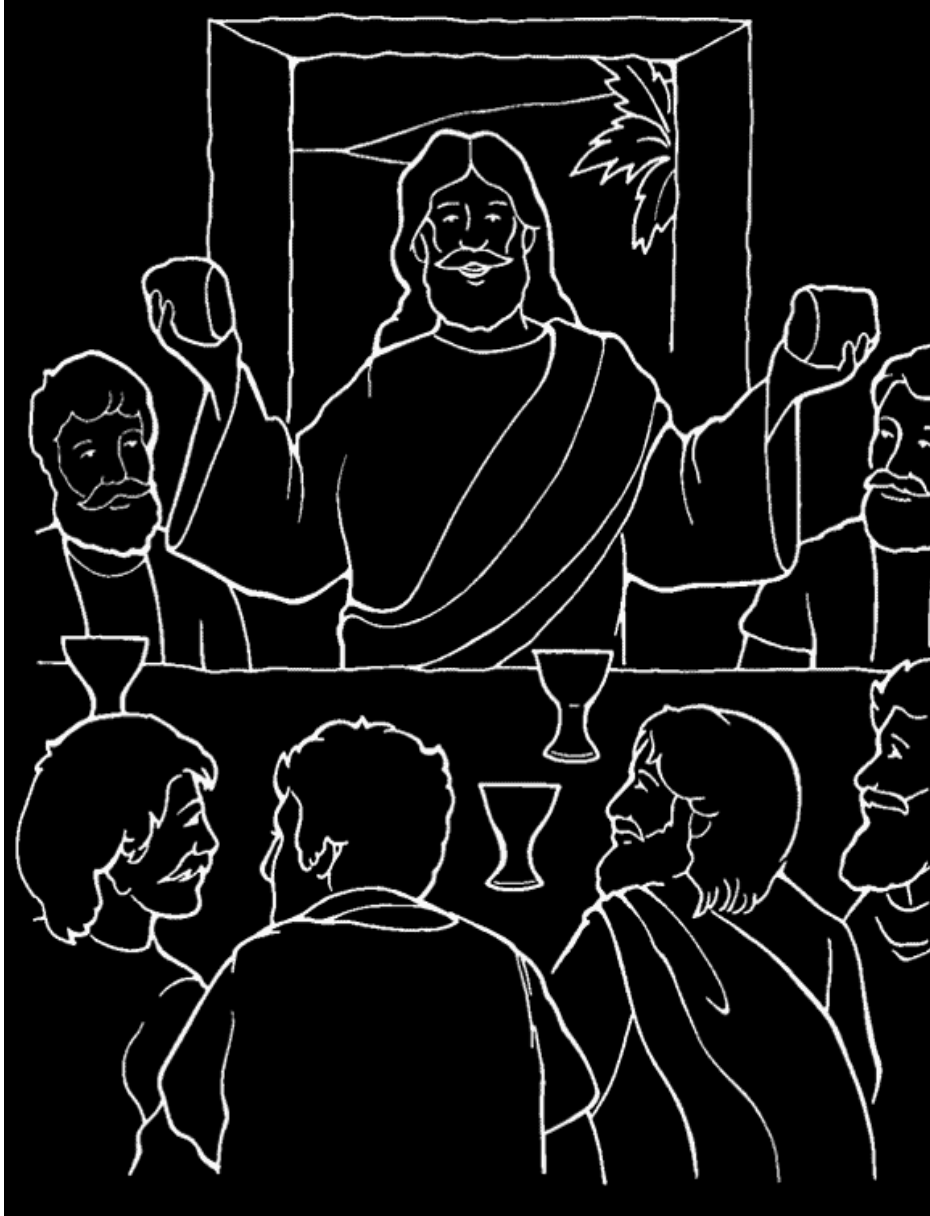
If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Christa Markham or Sarah Wright - contact details are on the back of the magazine.

## Diary of a Bible

*"I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me." Psalm 119:93*

- January:** A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.
- February:** Clean-up time. I was dusted yesterday and put back in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references to prove he was right.
- March:** Had a busy day first of the month. My owner was elected president of the PTA and used me to prepare for a speech.
- April:** Grandpa visited us this month. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading 1 Cor. 13. He seems to think more of me than do some people in my own household.
- May:** I have a few green stains on my pages. Some spring flowers were pressed in my pages.
- June:** I look like a scrapbook. They have stuffed me full of newspaper clippings - one of the girls was married.
- July:** They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off on vacation. I wish I could stay home; I know I'll be closed up in this thing for at least two weeks.
- August:** Still in the suitcase.
- September:** Back home at last and in my old familiar place. I have a lot of company. Two women's magazines and four comic books are stacked on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.
- October:** They read me a little bit today. One of them is sick. Right now I am sitting in the centre of the coffee table. I think that the Minister is coming by for a visit.
- November:** Back in my old place. Somebody asked today if I were a scrapbook.
- December:** The family is busy getting ready for the holidays. I guess I'll be covered up under wrapping paper and packages again.... just as I am every Christmas.

**Colouring-In Page**



**The Last Supper**

# Word Search

Can you find the following words from John 22:7-30?

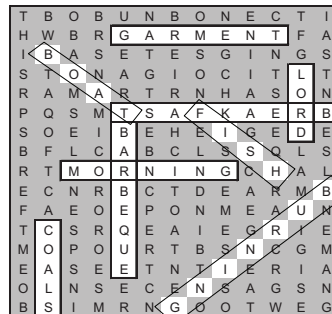
**BREAD**  
**PASSOVER**  
**KINGDOM**

**REMEMBERANCE**  
**COVENANT**  
**CUP**

**TABLE**  
**SUFFER**  
**VINE**



... and here is the solution of our last word search:



# The Last Supper

Luke 22: 7–30

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples? He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there." They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him." They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.



Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

## Church Roof Repairs

Northern Steeplejacks carried out a thorough survey on the roof of the church in May 2010 and from this survey the following points were noted -

- Lead flashings need repair (holed and leaking in a number of places)
- Cement skews down edge of roof need renewed
- A lot of granite stones need pointing
- Bell needs maintenance
- Lightning conductor needs maintenance
- Generally slates do not need major maintenance at the moment although they will need significant work in the next 10 to 15 years

The cost of this work is about £10,000. This was discussed at the Aboyne-Dinnet Church Board meeting on 19 July and it was agreed that the work should be done as soon as possible so that the building would be water tight prior to the winter. As of the beginning of October the work is largely complete with only minor works outstanding. The Board noted that the Treasurer pointed out that we are spending more than is coming in and that “we are always needing money”.

When internal works were done in the church in 2007, they were funded from the reserves in the fabric fund. We need to preserve our reserves as far as possible and for this recent work the Board are asking members and friends to contribute. Our reserves came from the givings of our previous generations and it is important that we try to provide for the following generation.

The Board has agreed that a “Church Roof Appeal” be launched to try and raise the £10,000 needed for these repairs. We hope very much that you will be able to support this appeal and your donation, whether small or large will be very gratefully received.

Donations can be made –

- On Sunday 24 October, Communion Sunday 31 October, Sunday 7 November and Sunday 14 November using the plate in the church vestibule.
- On Saturday 30 October between 1000 hours and 1400 hours when the church will be open to receive donations and there will also be an opportunity to view the church and the hall. Photographs of the church roof will also be on display as will a video showing the steeplejacks survey.

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- By post to Aboyne-Dinnet Parish Church, c/o Adrian Sims, 5 Kinord Drive, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, AB34 5JZ.

An envelope is enclosed for donations which are intended for this appeal. Aboyne-Dinnet Church will recover income tax on any donation made by any member of the congregation who has signed a Gift Aid Declaration. If you are a member of the congregation but have not signed a declaration and would like to do so, please call our Gift Aid Co-ordinator, Ray Markham (Tel 86562) who will handle the tax recovery and all Gift Aid related matters connected with this appeal. Your donation will then be even more effective.

If you (or someone you know) are not a member of the congregation, and are willing to help us on this occasion, there are other envelopes which will allow these donations to also count for a Gift Aid recovery, if the declaration on the envelope is completed. These envelopes are available in the church vestibule or by contacting Adrian Sims (Tel 86393). We hope that you will feel able to support this appeal and thank you for any contribution you are able to make.

## **Pastoral Care**

### **John Wesley's Rule**

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

It is very worthwhile visiting members of the congregation in their homes with always a friendly welcome. Please let me know of anyone who would benefit from a visit.

**Helen M.  
Pastoral Care**

## **“Let the little children come to me”**

This is what Jesus said directly to his disciples! We allow a situation in which the children of our congregation do not have Sunday School. A Church without a Sunday School is like a village without a shop - nowhere to get your bread of life! Since our appeal in August only one person has come forward and showed some interest to help.

A Sunday School teacher does not have to be a teacher as such - a love for children and of course a strong desire to spread God's Word - are enough to do this. There is plenty of help available: Scripture Union for instance have got a wide range of material available for any age. Aboyne-Dinnet Church will provide the necessary teaching material. This help equips adults for the task ahead, and children will get to know Jesus Christ better and learn from God through the bible in an easy to understand manner. The adults might even be amazed of how much they learn through teaching the young ones!

While this “job” would be suitable for a parent with a young child, a grand-parent would equally do or someone whose children have grown up and who wants to show their gratitude to God in this way.

For each Sunday two “teachers” would conduct the class jointly. It would be wonderful to find four adults to come forward. This would mean that they could work to a rota - such as one month on and one month off - or whatever they wanted to work out between themselves.



## **Pakistan Floods Appeal**

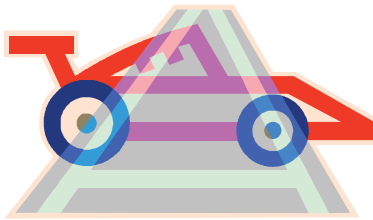
On two consecutive Sundays we invited the Congregation to leave a retiring offering for the Pakistan Floods Appeal. Special Tearfund Gift Aid envelopes were ordered and provided.

The total funds raised were £218.65 and our treasurer will send this amount to Tearfund. Many thanks to everyone who participated.



## Car Transport Scheme

It's probably the best kept secret in Aboyne-Dinnet Church that we actually still do have a transport scheme in place. Whoever has criticised us in the past for not communicating well enough is absolutely right on this point and we apologise if there is someone who might have benefited from a pick-up scheme and did not know about it.



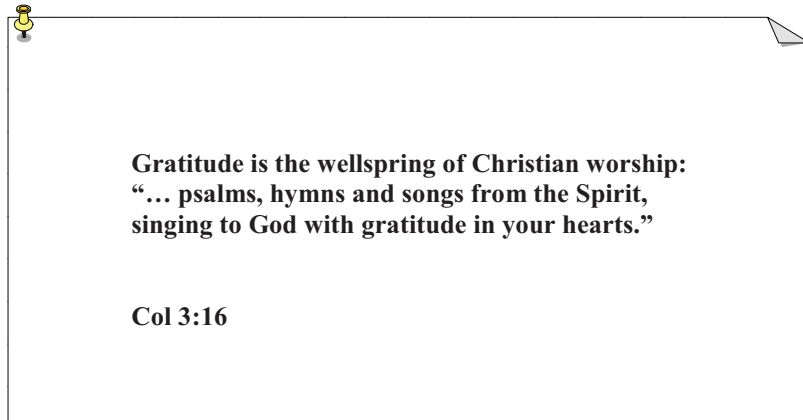
At the moment four congregational members are involved with Sunday morning car runs. Each person has one particular Sunday on which they have volunteered to be on "duty". One lovely lady even does two runs in a month on occasions when there are five Sundays in the month!

You are invited to inform any office bearer if you would

1. Be happy to offer a lift to someone who has difficulties to get to church otherwise, and
2. If you would love to be offered such transport

Even if you do not want to commit yourself to be on the rota as such, please let us know if you would be willing to pick someone up occasionally.

Depending on the outcome of this appeal we might want to change the rota slightly in order that the present drivers do not have to drive too often. In the meantime Board and Session would like to thank everyone who has kept this scheme going so well!



## Our Scrap Book/Events remembered



*Luckily no emergency happened on that day! Did they expect one?*



**Wow**, what a sale that was in the Victory Hall on **11-Sep**. Even though the weather was “horrible” the event raised £1009 - the largest amount raised for quite a while.

Many thanks to everyone involved!!!

On **26-Sep** Aboyne-Dinnet Church participated in the National Event of ***Back To Church Sunday***. For the previous two Sundays the members of the Congregation were asked just to invite one other person to come to Church on the 26th. Invitation cards were handed out for those who wanted to use them.



The invitation was given under the motto “COME AS YOU ARE” (bored - angry - optimistic - happy - tired - proud - busy - excited - lonely - in love - stressed - sad - etc. etc.) This invitation applies not just for ***Back To Church Sunday*** but also for every Sunday of the year!



Those who came were given a warm welcome and were offered a sweetie on arrival.

Rev Bill Wallace used “The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector” as well as the passage of “The Little Children and Jesus” as examples on how one should come to Church.



**10-Oct** Harvest Festival & Guild Dedication Service. The Church was beautifully decorated and our thanks go to the very talented helpers.

Bill Wallace’s topic for the service was God’s creation and our duty to look after it.



## Church Flowers

Most people love getting flowers – but, I think receiving the church flowers is extra special.

Many thanks to all who give the flowers and deliver them.

Extra special thanks to the Harvest Sunday volunteers for their help in decorating the Church so beautifully and to all who donated flowers, fruit and produce.

**Helen M.**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name/Event</u>  |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 31-Oct-10   | Communion          |
| 07-Nov-10   | Remembrance Sunday |
| 14-Nov-10   | Ina Emslie         |
| 21-Nov-10   | Jan Wibmer         |
| 28-Nov-10   | Jessie McKay       |
| 05-Dec-10   | Mary Auld          |
| 12-Dec-10   | Helen Nicol        |
| 19-Dec-10   | Mary Littlejohn    |
| 26-Dec-10   | Mary Strachan      |



*“Thanks to all who  
provide them and  
all who deliver  
them.”*

If you would like to be  
on the rota for 2011,  
please let Helen  
Murray know.

## Church Diary



- 21-Oct-10 Reflection & Prayer Meeting, Church Hall, 3pm
- 31-Oct-10 Communion Service
- 07-Nov-10 Remembrance Sunday
- 18-Nov-10 Reflection & Prayer Meeting, Church Hall, 3pm
- 01-Dec-10 Friendship Hour - Entertainment from Aboyne Primary School pupils. Church Hall – 2.30pm to 3.30pm (Contact: Jessie McKay 013398 87280)
- 11-Dec-10 Carols at Christmas, 06.30pm in the Church
- 16-Dec-10 Reflection & Prayer Meeting, Church Hall, 3pm
- 05-Jan-10 Friendship Hour - Jessie McKay's surprise afternoon - starts 2.30pm



**CDs**

***Book Sale***

**DVDs**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

**11th**

**12th**

**13th**

**November**



**10am -12 noon**



Come along, bring friends and enjoy a coffee and chat while you browse.

*“No man can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of a good book”*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

If you wish to donate books to the sale please call Susan on 86627

## **Nominating Committee**

Please continue to pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will help us find a minister for our linked parishes. Also remember the Nominating Committee in your prayers and that they will continue to do their best for this task. The Nominating Committee consists of:

### **CROMAR**

Hugh Brown

Jane Gill

John Halkett

Sheila Robertson

Rhoda Ross

Secretary to the Nominating Committee

### **ABOYNE-DINNET**

Donald Cowie

Convenor

Lynne Johnson

Bill Keen

Sarah McKay

Scott Mackie

Christa Markham

Vice Convenor

Carol-Ann Vermeulen

Martin Wibmer

Please understand that the work of the Nominating Committee is confidential and the team will not be able to answer any of your questions on what is happening etc.

However, the Church Profile for this vacancy is not covered by this confidentiality agreement and is available to be viewed on our web site.

“... Christians must always test political systems against the Gospel, asking if they are usurping the place of God. As a law-abiding citizen, he is in no doubt that the State should be obeyed when its authority is clearly legitimate, but if its laws conflict with the Gospel, then Christians not only have the right but the duty to agitate peacefully for their repeal. ...”

A sentence out of Desmond Tutu's biography

***TUTU: VOICE OF THE VOICELESS***

*Written by Shirley Du Boulay*

# The Ten Commandments

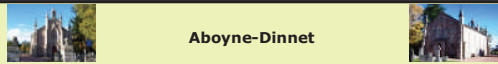
Exodus 20: 3-17

(New International Version)



- 1 You shall have no other gods before me.
- 2 You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- 3 You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
- 4 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
- 5 Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.
- 6 You shall not murder.
- 7 You shall not commit adultery.
- 8 You shall not steal.
- 9 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.
- 10 You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

## Road Map - Update

| <br><b>Aboyne-Dinnet</b><br><b>Road Map</b><br><b>for the duration of the vacancy and beyond!</b> |  | Colour       | Status      | Count |
|--|--|--------------|-------------|-------|
|  |  |              |             | Due   |
|  |  | Open         | 7           |       |
|  |  | Done         | 8           |       |
|  |  | <b>Date:</b> | 11-Oct-2010 |       |

| Action number |   | Responsible Person                  | Due Date                         | Status |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1             | Arrange and undertake Elder training as a Session event.  | L Watt                              | 04-Dec-10                        | Open   |
| 2             | Session Clerk to attend Session Clerks' training conference at the earliest opportunity.  | L Watt                              | 01 to 03-Oct-10                  | Done   |
| 3             | Regular Sunday evening worship led by members of Kirk Session.  | Session                             |                                  | Open   |
| 4             | Monthly men's breakfast to be organised by Board members  | B Murray + M Wibmer                 | 30-Nov-10                        | Open   |
| 5             | Addressing publicity and communication matters within the congregation.   | A Sims                              | Ongoing                          | Done   |
| 6             | Introduce a transport scheme  | C Markham                           | October issue of Church magazine | Done   |
| 7             | To ensure that members are all made to feel at home when they come to Church, the Welcome Team will give special attention to this.     | S Wright/ C Markham                 | 30-Sep-10                        | Done   |
| 8             | Back to Church Sunday to be held on 26th September 2010. Session to make plans to take part in this scheme.                             | Session                             | 26-Sep-10                        | Done   |
| 9             | Continuation of a programme for fundraising events.   | H Murray                            | 31-Dec-10                        | Done   |
| 10            | Engaging with newcomers to the parish by delivering an information pack when they arrive.   | Session                             |                                  | Open   |
| 11            | The Upper Deeside Academy Youth Programme will be supported as a means of the congregation engaging more effectively with young people. | K Mackenzie                         | 31-Oct-10                        | Open   |
| 12            | Consider the adoption of the Unitary Constitution.  | Session                             |                                  | Open   |
| 13            | Plan, write and present a Parish Profile to be handed over to the Nomination Committee.   | C Markham/H Murray/ S Mackie/L Watt | 22-Aug-10                        | Done   |
| 14            | Road Map to be communicated to the Congregation and to be referred to in the Parish Profile.  | C Markham                           | 22-Aug-10                        | Done   |
| 15            | Church Roof - Fund Raising Day  | R McKay/A Sims/ E Ross              | 31-Dec-10                        | Open   |

## Pyramid Rock - Summer Club 2010



Our church hosted a very successful Christian based activities week for primary aged youngsters in the first week of August entitled Pyramid Rock. Members of our joint congregations along with helpers from St Thomas' assisted the Scripture Union Team led by Andrew Thomson. Our activities, all organised round the Bible teachings of Joseph and his coat of many colours, saw the youngsters participate in memory games, learning of songs, Egyptian based

crafts and listening to characters from the story of Joseph brought to life by the team of helpers.

Since August, and for a few more weeks yet, the hall walls carry examples of the activities of that week. Everyone is welcome to go and have a look. Our activities also included several 2 hour afternoon sessions in ideal weather conditions where a good number of youngsters burnt off their energy playing games on the green.

We also ran three evening sessions in the Sanctuary where older children watched DVD snippets and discussed their thoughts on the message within the clips. Quizzes, games and food ensured those attending had great fun.



On the Thursday evening families of the youngsters were invited to attend a family BBQ. We were delighted to see so many families come along and this gave those attending the opportunity to see what their children had been up to for the past week.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November, which are school in service days, we will be running another scripture Union led Club – Title yet to be confirmed. We are delighted to have secured the services of Andrew Thomson as Team leader once again. Anyone who is able to help on either of these days, in any way, please come along to the **planning meeting in the Church Hall @ 7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. For further information please contact Jessie on 013398 87280.

## Congregational Register

### Weddings

#### “Those whom God has joined together”

28-Aug-10 Anya Lees and Pat Klos at St Lesmo Chapel, Glentinar  
 18-Sep-10 Karen Murray and David Fowlie at Aboyne-Dinnet Church

### Funeral Services

#### Jesus said “I am the Resurrection and the Life”

24-Jun-10 Mrs Nora Anderson, 15 Bonty Court, Aboyne  
 25-Jun-10 Mrs Janet Preston, Huntly Rd., Aboyne  
 09-Aug-10 Mrs Jessie Burnett, Allachburn, Aboyne  
 23-Aug-10 Mr James Jackson, Dalry, Ballater Rd., Aboyne  
 04-Sep-10 Mrs Elizabeth Weir, Winchester (Memorial Service)  
 05-Oct-10 Mr Alec Philip, 52 Ladywood Drive, Aboyne  
 09-Oct-10 Mrs Margaret Maitland, 22 Bonty Court, Aboyne



## Aboyne-Dinnet Session and Board

|                       |              |                         |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Adrian Sims           | 86393        | Martin Wibmer           | 81286        |
| Christa Markham       | 86562        | Ron McKay               | 87280        |
| Ed Ross               | 85231        | Scott Mackie            | 85775        |
| Helen Murray          | 013397 55144 | <u>Assessor Elders:</u> |              |
| Hugh Moffat           | 013397 56308 | David Horne             | 013397 54023 |
| <u>Session Clerk:</u> |              | Ed Bushnell             | 013397 42293 |
| Lindsay Watt          | 83621        | Morag Keith             | 01330 811763 |

Some distinctive aspects of the Kirk Session’s role include exercising spiritual leadership and discipline, discerning a vision for our congregation, setting goals and determining policy. All elders are called to share these key tasks.

#### Elected Board Members:

|                     |              |                            |       |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Bob Murray          | 013397 55144 | Sarah McKay                | 86736 |
| Carol-Ann Vermeulen | 86456        | <u>Clerk to the Board:</u> |       |
| Catherine Thomson   | 87389        | Sarah Wright               | 86494 |

Board members manage “temporal” and financial affairs for the benefit of the Congregation and the Community. A community of Christians has a responsibility to conduct its affairs in a responsible manner. The Clerk to the Board keeps accurate records of all meetings.

## Open Letter from South Africa

Hi, Christa,

Thank you for your email. I had just finished a letter to Helen and thought I'll do Christa later. That's when I went to the email and saw the photos, what a surprise!

Thank you for giving me this platform to thank everyone at church and the village. I really enjoyed going to church with Rome. I felt so welcome and loved among these people of Aboyne-Dinnet church. I enjoyed Rev John Andrew's services and could listen to him all day long, because of the message and the sound of his voice - the Scottish sound.

The church itself is very beautiful, and you had a sense of God being with you in the church. The way the organist Mr. Ewen played and changed his shoes (his wife always being kind to have a word or two - he himself having time for Rome every Sunday). What impressed me most was that no-one was in a hurry to get home after church, that people had time to talk to Rome and myself, Helen always welcoming new people coming to church and having a word with them.

The people of the village were always very kind and friendly towards me. I had become one of you, as there was always someone to talk to, or just a wave of the hand to say, Hello!

The village of Aboyne has a sort of tranquillity to it. I, being from S. A. felt very safe to walk along the paths and the river Dee. You are at one with nature although in a village and not too far from a big city like Aberdeen.

I would like to thank some people by name - Christine & Eddy, Helen, Scott, you and Ray, Jan & Martin, Lindsay, John & Sheila and Sheila Kinniburgh and all who know me for all their kindness to me.

Lots of love,  
Rosa Joubert  
September 2010.

# Contact List

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
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| <b>Clerk to the Board</b>             | Sarah Wright, Burnside Cottage, Birse, (86494)               |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                      | Alan Howat, 50 Raemoir Road, Banchory (01330 823836)         |
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| <b>Finance Convener</b>               | Until further notice: Ron McKay (87280)                      |
| <b>Junior Church</b>                  | Any volunteers?  |
| <b>Safeguarding</b>                   | Lindsay Watt, The Old School, Lumphanan (83621)              |
| <b>Sound &amp; Vision</b>             | Ron McKay, Allachfern, Barclay Park, Aboyne (87280)          |
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