

# ABOYNE-DINNET CHURCH

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



## Church Flowers

The flowers are appreciated by all who receive them.

Thanks to all who provide the flowers and to all who distribute them.

Helen Murray

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
03-Apr-11	Helen Nicol
10-Apr-11	The Guild
17-Apr-11	Helen Murray
24-Apr-11	Easter Sunday & Communion, flowers from Linda Corsie
01-May-11	Mary Auld
08-May-11	Teddy Milne
15-May-11	Sheila Hendry
22-May-11	Margaret Davidson
29-May-11	Aileen Paterson
05-Jun-11	Elizabeth Thorburn
12-Jun-11	Val Murray
19-Jun-11	Christa Markham
26-Jun-11	Caroline Cowie
03-Jul-11	Pearl Simpson
10-Jul-11	Elizabeth Donaldson
17-Jul-11	Christine Ross
24-Jul-11	Sheila Ellis
31-Jul-11	Helen Murray





The waiting is over  
we have a new minister:

### **The Rev. FRANK RIBBONS**

If you want to be there from the start please join us at his Induction Service on

**14th April 2011  
7 p.m.**

in Aboyne-Dinnet Church

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⚪ We would like to thank the three regular preachers who have given us such wonderful sermons over the last 14 months and who took part in our Church life in such an active way, by giving us support, taking an interest in our Congregation and writing articles for the magazine:

⚪ **Rev. John Andrew**  
**Rev. Bill Wallace**  
**Willem Smit**

⚪ A big **THANK YOU** also to our Interim Moderator, **Rev. Kenneth MacKenzie**, who “carried” us through the ups and downs of the vacancy period.

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## **‘Until the day dawn ...’**

Amid the hills of Upper Deeside we know about times and seasons, and while every season has its value, who among us does not look forward with particular excitement to spring-time – a period during which, apparently against all odds, life and nature are mysteriously and majestically renewed and regenerated, and where it seems even hope is restored?

Within the Christian community we also know about times and seasons. Tomorrow, from the perspective of this writer, will see the start of the season of Lent, a period of forty days, not including Sundays, during which, through prayer, reflection and in some traditions, self-denial, we are encouraged to prepare to commemorate, during Holy Week, the sacrifice that Jesus once made on our behalf, and to celebrate, on Easter Sunday, his glorious resurrection. Easter of course comes late this year, perhaps as late as it ever will for this generation, but in the experience of the faithful – and especially in the experience of those who make an effort to celebrate a Holy Lent – Easter is always worth the wait.

Up in these parts we know all about waiting: for the end of winter; for the coming of spring; for the bulbs to blossom; for the fish to run; for the lambs to gambol and leap. And even in the bleakest of weather, we have the hope, borne through experience, that these things will happen, and that those days will surely come.

In the lead up to the season of Advent, not of this ecclesiastical year, but in the one that preceded it, we who are associated with the linked Parishes of Aboyne-Dinnet and Cromar, entered what we knew could be a fairly lengthy period of prayerful and reflective waiting. Since then we have not had an altogether easy time, but encouraged and supported by many from beyond our bounds, and well-served by our office-bearers and our jointly appointed Nominating Committee, the people of these parishes have stayed the course, and now, with renewed hope and heightened expectation, await the arrival of a new Minister.

At the time of writing, the Call has been signed and forwarded to the Presbytery Clerk, and the expectation is that the induction of the Reverend Frank Ribbons will take place in Aboyne on the evening of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The Presbytery of Kincardine and Deeside will confirm the arrangements in due course, but in all likelihood the service will begin at 7 p.m.

It has been a real privilege for me to act as Interim Moderator during this extended vacancy, and I want to place on record my gratitude towards, and my admiration for, all those with whom I have served in leadership. On your behalf, I would also like to express my particular appreciation of the work that was done by the Nominating

Committee, convened by Donald Cowie, and of course for the sterling service, and often stirring services, offered by so many excellent preachers and communicators – not least the Revs. John Andrew and Bill Wallace.

At times like this, especially if the season of waiting has been long, it has apparently been known for Interim Moderators to become a little ‘de-mob’ happy. Not so in this case I trust! This is not the time for de-mobilisation for any of us – far from it. This is going to be, I believe, a time of new beginnings, new commitment, and new growth for us all. I do not feel de-mob happy as this waiting period draws to an end – just happy!

Have a truly blessed Easter.

With prayerful good wishes,  
Ken MacKenzie

## Friendship Hours

The “friendship hour” group meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. from January to June and September to December.

Programme for the next few months before the summer break:

Wed, 6th April	Helen Murray	- flower arranging
Wed, 4th May	Bill Shand	- Twinning Association
Wed, 1st June	Aboyne Primary School	- changed time of 1.45 p.m.

All are welcome to join us in the Church Hall. Meetings include a time of reflection and a time to chat with a friend over a cup of tea and cake.

Further details - Jessie 87280

# ANOTHER SONG: BE THOU MY VISION

A practical guide  
by Sarah Wright

In the January magazine, we looked at the advantages of learning a hymn by heart, and how music, rhyme, rhythm and reason can help us in what might seem a daunting task.

## **'Be thou my Vision'**

Like 'Guide me O thou Great Jehovah' this is a favourite song. Whether sung out loud or repeated quietly to oneself, the hymn can cheer us through a long night, or a dreary job. It is an old Irish song, set to a lovely Celtic melody – 'Slane'. Like 'Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah' we sing it in translation, but the ancient force of the song remains, even for another language and for our vastly different lifestyles.

The song cannot be separated from the music. 'Slane' has six beats to a bar, which gives a slow and majestic quality to the song. 'Common' time has four beats to a bar. The meaning of the words takes the form of a circle. The hymn begins with 'Be Thou my Vision' and ends in 'Still be my Vision'. In the verses between the idea of the circle is sustained. Each verse is centred on one idea, such as vision, wisdom etc, but it also hints at the ideas in the verse to come. 'Thought' is mentioned in the 'vision' verse, 'defence' in the 'wisdom' verse and so on.

So here we go:

### ***Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,***

The would-be memoriser has only to master 'Be Thou' to have the introduction to the first three verses. It is easy to forget how stark and startling these two words can be. This is an order, addressed to the Lord Almighty! The central shocking truth of Christianity is that we dare to speak to Him in this way. Each time, this short sharp imperative 'Be Thou!' introduces the central idea of the verse. In this first verse, the idea is 'vision' that is material and spiritual sight. The second half of the line goes 'Lord of my heart'. It has taken us all a bit of time to acknowledge what those ancient Irish had some sort of grasp of, all those centuries ago. We see what we believe. Yes, really, what we see is 10% information through the retina and 90% a construct of our thinking. In those days, the heart was considered the seat of thought.

The next line is a bit strangled. It would have flowed better in the original Erse, but we have metre and rhyme to help remember it. Let's see, something which fits the music, which rhymes with 'heart' and has the general meaning 'make 90% of what I see into You'

*Naught be all else to me, save that thou art, -*

That fits the bill.

We know that the verse revolves around sight and so light must come into it somewhere. We also know that 'thought' must be mentioned - the next verse is all about 'wisdom'.

*Thou my best thought, by day or by night --,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

The first verse wasn't so bad after all! You'll have noticed that the rhyme scheme has a completely different effect from 'Guide Me'. In the Welsh hymn, one pair of rhymes give you pretty well the whole verse. Here, where the rhyme only gives you two lines at a time you have to work a bit harder. For 'Be Thou my Vision' the pace is slower, and the effect more cerebral, and so the rhyme-scheme is appropriate.

We can expect the first line of the second verse to start with 'Be Thou'. This verse is about 'wisdom', i.e. about truth and language. It couldn't be anything else but...

*Be Thou my Wisdom, -- Thou my true Word;*

We are now looking for a rhyme with 'word' and we are also looking forward to the theme of the next verse, the Lord as my defender. Fellow warriors have to stick together:

*I ever with – Thee, Thou with me, Lord;*

We are two in **one**, which gives us the rhyme for the next two lines. Sorry, ladies, but the most convenient rhyme here was 'son'. The translator, Mary Byrne, and the versifier, Eleanor Hull, must have given this a bit of thought but couldn't come up with better than:

*Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true Son; - -  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

I have put in a few dashes. After being told that every bar had six beats, you will have been doing a bit of arithmetic. Every line has ten syllables. It also has four bars

of music. Even if most syllables are given two beats, there are several 'spare' beats. The dashes indicate where some of them appear. Ignore these if they are unhelpful.

The third verse begins 'Be Thou' and has the theme of 'defence' There will be fights and battles and old-fashioned weaponry:

***Be Thou my battleshield, - - sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,***

Dignity and delight are such wonderful words! You are not going to forget them. They also hint at the theme of the next verse, that of wealth. In the meantime, we can't expect the Irish, especially not the ancient Irish, to forget the theme of defence. All good warriors have a fortress, something which both shelters them and exalts them, a tower which is the seat of their power.

***'Thou my soul's she-ter, Thou my high tower: - -  
Raise Thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.***

The fourth verse does not begin 'Be Thou'. It is one of the privileges of the poet to set up a pattern, and then tease the listener by breaking it. We have been warned that the theme of the next verse is wealth and worldly renown and so the song plunges straight in:

***Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,***

We are now looking for a line which describes lasting wealth and rhymes with praise. It is also time that the startling 'Thou' reappeared at the beginning of a line. To the ancient Irish, wealth was something to be passed on. To this day, we still think of our cultural **heritage**:

***Thou mine inheritance, now and always:***

We keep on with 'Thou' and the theme of wealth – 'Thou art my treasure' and 'Thou art more to me than all else' that is, first in my heart.

***'Thou and thou on- - ly, first in my heart, - -***

Before the end of the verse, the theme of the next should be introduced. This is about 'heaven' and all that it means. The kingdom of heaven is the Christian goal, not a bad theme for a final verse. We know that the Lord is king there.

***'High King of - hea - ven, my treasure Thou art'***

We have reached the last verse! There are various expectations which it must fulfil. It has the theme of 'heaven'. It will end with a mention of Vision. As the last verse, and a sort of plenary session, the other themes will reappear, both for their own sake and because they can help us understand the kingdom of heaven. The fight will end in victory, the cloudy vision ends with the sun in full view, love and security, the qualities which we use wealth to secure, all have their part in its meaning.

The High King has already been mentioned, victory can be won, 'won' is a convenient rhyme for 'sun'. We practically have the first two lines!

*High King of hea-ven, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!*

We know that the last line is about Vision and Ruler of all. We have to fit in before that a line which rhymes with 'all' and mentions those things which are most costly to purchase. As all practitioners of the black arts of advertising know, and as the ancient Irish knew, what 'sells' whether the wares are a commodity or a service, is an appeal to the emotions. The **heart** controls the purse strings. A second thing the paying customer requires is the guarantee – 'whatever'

*Heart of my own heart, whatever be-fall, --  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of All.*

We are back to the beginning, but what a journey!



The tune *Slane*

## Why do we give Easter eggs?

Source: Wikipedia

**Easter eggs** are special eggs that are often given to celebrate Easter. The egg is a pagan symbol of the rebirth of the Earth in celebrations of spring and was adopted by early Christians as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus.

The oldest tradition is to use dyed or painted chicken eggs, but a modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs, or plastic eggs filled with confectionery such as jelly beans. These eggs are often hidden, allegedly by the Easter Bunny, for children to find on Easter morning. Otherwise, they are generally put in a basket filled with real or artificial straw to resemble a bird's nest.

The egg is seen by followers of Christianity as a symbol of resurrection: while being dormant it contains a new life sealed within it. In the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, Easter eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Christ, shed on the Cross, and the hard shell of the egg symbolized the sealed Tomb of Christ - the cracking of which symbolized his resurrection from the dead. Easter eggs are blessed by the priest at the end of the Paschal Vigil, and distributed to the faithful. Each household also brings an Easter basket to church, filled not only with Easter eggs but also with other Paschal foods such as paskha, kulich or Easter breads, and these are blessed by the priest as well.

The Easter egg tradition may also have merged into the celebration of the end of the privations of Lent in the West. Historically, it was traditional to use up all of the household's eggs before Lent began. Eggs were originally forbidden during Lent as well as on other traditional fast days in Western Christianity (this tradition still continues among the Eastern Christian Churches). Likewise, in Eastern Christianity, both meat and dairy are prohibited during the Lenten fast, and eggs are seen as "dairy". This established the tradition of Pancake Day being celebrated on Shrove Tuesday. This day, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday Lent begins is also known as Mardi Gras, a French phrase which translates as "Fat Tuesday" to mark the last consumption of eggs and dairy before Lent begins. One would have been forced to hard boil the eggs that the chickens produced so as not to waste food.

Egg hunt is a game during which decorated eggs, real hard-boiled ones or artificial ones filled with, or made of chocolate candies, of various sizes, are hidden for children to find, both indoors and outdoors.



Polish Easter Eggs

## **Aboyne-Dinnet Sunday Worship**

All services start at 11.30 am on Sunday mornings.

And [Jesus] 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."

*Luke 22:19-20, NIV*



Alternatively you might want to worship at our linked Church in Tarland where the morning service starts at 10.00 am.

## **Pastoral Care**

Comfort comes in many ways -  
A thoughtful prayer,  
A gentle smile,  
a loving hug.

Please let us know of anyone requiring a visit.

Helen M.

## Brain Teaser

Over the course of eleven years a woman has married ten husbands.

None of the husbands died.

She has not committed any crime.

How is this possible?

## Tolerance

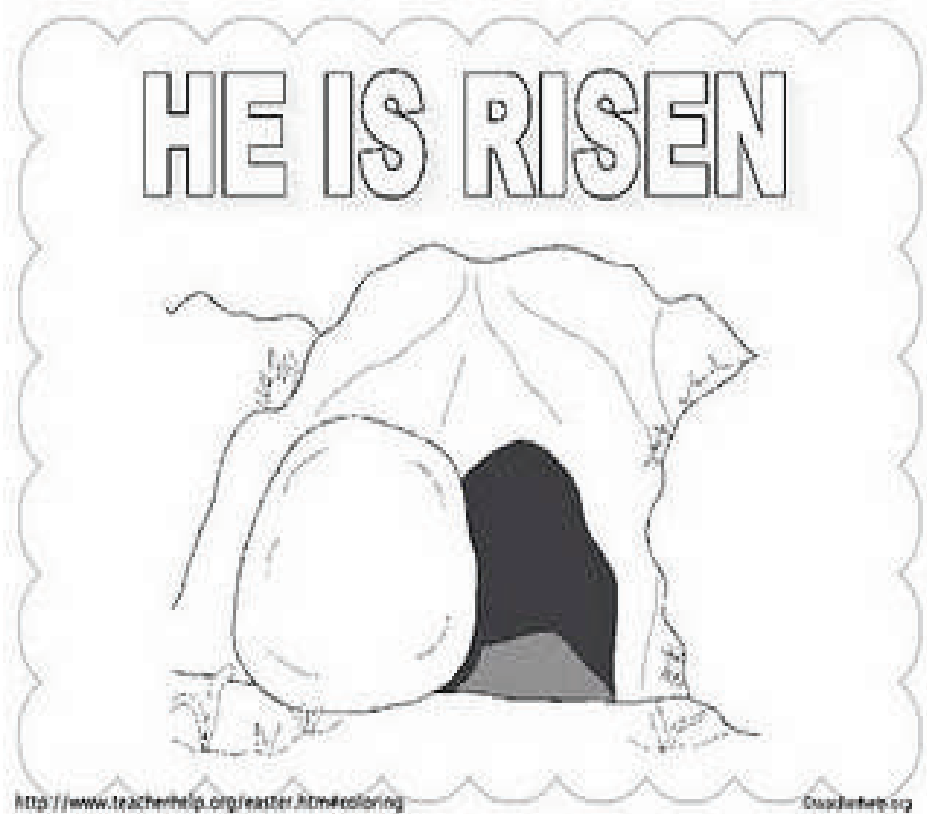
Slow to suspect	-	Quick to trust
Slow to condemn	-	Quick to justify
Slow to offend	-	Quick to defend
Slow to expose	-	Quick to shield
Slow to reprimand	-	Quick to forebear
Slow to belittle	-	Quick to appreciate
Slow to demand	-	Quick to serve
Slow to provoke	-	Quick to conciliate
Slow to hinder	-	Quick to help
Slow to resent	-	Quick to forgive.

## Contact List for Christian Reading

<u>Title</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Tel.</u>
Life and Work Magazine	Vi Dinnie	86517
Scripture Union – Daily Bible Guides	Lynne Johnson	86747

**Editor's Note:** Did anyone have a subscription for the NOW magazine? If so, please let me know. Currently we do not have a contact person for this Christian magazine.

## Colouring-In Page



## Solution to Brain Teaser

The woman is a Church minister!

Editor's note: The old ones are the best!

# Jesus Has Risen

Luke 24: 1 - 12

New International Version

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

## Word Search

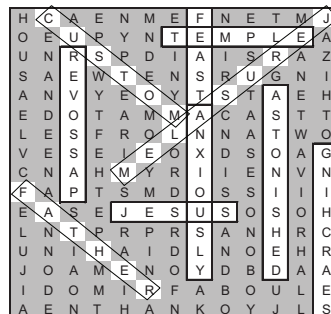
The words to find are:

WOMEN      RISEN      SPICES      TOMB      CRUCIFIED  
 MORNING      EARLY      LORD      JESUS      STONE

*Can  
you  
find  
them?*



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



## **“You have Cancer.....”**

The surgeon was very warm and caring as he told me ‘You have Cancer.....’ But nothing could mask the stark, uncompromising ring of that word. It is difficult to utter the word in a detached manner. In a flash a word seems a sentence. Some talk of ‘the Big C’ rather than utter the threatening word. It may quickly terminate all we hold dear in this life. It tells us we are but mortals.

I should have seen it coming. Blood tests had suggested an underlying condition. ‘We have no alternative to doing a biopsy’. And a few days later the Hospital phoned to say the Consultant wanted to see me at an early date. ‘It sounds ominous’ Jean said. Deep down I knew she was right. Not even the surgeon’s assurance ‘we can cure you’ made the word any less chilling.

I have always been pretty optimistic about most things - with the occasional wobble into deep dark thoughts! Although the operation had been arranged at fairly short notice I wasn’t particularly concerned. After preaching on the Sunday I told some of the congregation that I was going in to hospital in a couple of days almost as if I was going to visit a local supermarket. But next morning the dark thoughts kicked in. The operation would take up to four hours. That sounded serious. What if this was terminal? Although I have had a very full, varied and rewarding life I wasn’t ready for this - not yet. The previous Sunday had been the last Sunday of the year and I quoted what one of Scotland’s greatest sons, David Livingstone, had written in his diary a few days after H M Stanley had failed to persuade him to return to the UK..... “March 19<sup>th</sup>. My birthday. My Jesus, my King, my Life. my all, I again dedicate my whole self to Thee, Accept me and grant, O gracious Father, that ere the year is gone I may finish my work. In Jesus name I ask it, amen”. Less than a year later his life work was completed. I am greatly moved by these words of commitment but I didn’t want my life to end before the year was out. I was enjoying retirement and the privilege of leading worship in a variety of churches and meeting lots of wonderful people. It was great to have more time to study and prepare for Services after 34 years in a busy parish with at least three services every Sunday.

What if this was terminal? The thought wouldn’t go away. I hurriedly searched through papers, still poorly organised after the flitting, to find a will I had written some years before. I didn’t want to cause Jean any unnecessary fuss in such an eventuality. And then it was time to go to hospital. That night I read one of my favourite Psalms, 139. It had meant a lot to us when the medics suggested that we should have our youngest daughter, as yet unborn, terminated because of the possibility of severe disability. We had no hesitation in rejecting that advice. Now at the other end of life it meant as much..... “*all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*” “*Your right hand will hold me fast*”.

It was such a comfort - not fatalism but an assurance that He who holds the universe in place would hold my hand. And what if there was no to-morrow for me in this world? ... *"When I awake I am still with you."*

And so I settled down for the night knowing the *'peace of God which passes all understanding.'*

*Bill Wallace*

**Editor's Note:**

Bill has received the "All Clear" and we are keeping him in our prayers.

## Gift Aid

In the year past the Gift Aid offerings held their own – but only just. The outcome for the year compared with 2009 is shown in the following table:

<b>Outcome for year</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
	£	£
Offerings	22289	22084
Recovery	5572	5521
Total	<u>27861</u>	<u>27604</u>

This is based on the timing of claims, not amounts received. My appreciation on behalf of the Congregational Board, go to those of you who support the work of the Church, through the use of this scheme.

It is not a good time to be asking for financial support. There are so many demands on our time and other resources. But at a time of uncertainty, I have some good news: **Jesus Saves**. How often we forget this. I have a second item of good news which is trivial in comparison to the first one: I am not asking for more money, though I will not say *no* if it is on offer. What I am asking is, if you are a taxpayer and have not signed off a Gift Aid declaration, that you give this your urgent consideration. Please phone me in confidence if you would like to discuss this.

The Apostle Paul wrote to his friend and disciple Timothy: tell them ... to share and so acquire a treasure which will form a good foundation for the future...the life which is life indeed. – 1 Timothy 6, verse 19.

Yes, we are living in a difficult time. At Easter 2000 years ago, it was not a good time to be on the Cross, but that is what Jesus did for us.

Ray Markham, Tel 86562

## CLAN

CLAN stands for Christians Linked Across the Nation and is part of New Wine, Scotland. CLAN organises a week-long event in St Andrews every July with speakers from around the world, including home-grown ones. In recent years they have ventured into weekend events around Scotland. This year they have chosen Deeside to host one such weekend this coming April. The churches who volunteered to host the event are Banchory-Devenick and Maryculter-Cookney, Banchory Ternan West, River Fellowship and Ballater Glenmuick,. A group of volunteers from those churches are working with CLAN to ensure the smooth-running of the weekend.

'Clan Deeside', as it is called, takes place in Banchory Academy on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th April. Registration is from 6 p.m. on the Friday, with a worship celebration from 7-9 p.m. On the Saturday there is worship, a main speaker, seminars, etc. The main speakers are Andy Hall and Kevin Peat, worship is being led by David Ross. Other speakers include Rick and Cynthia Hayes.

Tickets are available online at [www.clangathering.org.uk](http://www.clangathering.org.uk) - there is a 5% discount for online bookings. Alternatively you can fill in a booking form and send it to the address shown on the form. Tickets can be purchased for the whole event or for separate parts of it. Details online.

This is such a wonderful opportunity for all the churches in Deeside to worship together and to hear some great teaching!

## Magazine Bulletin

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this edition of our magazine. Forthcoming deadlines for sending in your articles or items of interest are as follows:

Summer edition:	4th July 2011
Autumn/Communion edition:	3rd October 2011

My thanks also go to those who helped to produce this edition and to the kind people who delivered them.

Christa Markham (Editor)                      013398 86562

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## Our Scrap Book/Events Remembered

At the **end of January** the Fabric Maintenance team and some friends inspected the Manse, filled in holes, sanded any unevenness, painted walls and ceilings as necessary.

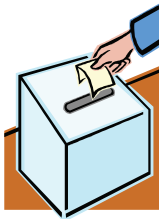
Photos were not allowed as everyone wore their overalls and outfits only fit for this very purpose. At the end of the painting session everyone had paint not just on their clothes but also on their face and hands!

To work together like this was a good experience and a special thanks goes to Jessie McKay who prepared a delicious lunch on the Saturday.



On **6th February** Rev. Frank Ribbons was preaching as Sole Nominee at Aboyne-Dinnet Church. The Congregation was given the chance to vote once their name was checked on the Church Roll. Church membership confirmed, each person was given a ballot paper. The choice was simple - tick a box saying either **YES** or **NO**. (Cromar Church had already voted in the same way at their earlier service.)

After voting the Congregation was invited to go into the Church Hall for refreshments while the Sessions from the linked Churches stayed in the sanctuary to witness the counting of votes. A vast majority had voted for the Rev. Frank Ribbons to become our next minister. Our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Kenneth MacKenzie, informed the Rev. Frank Ribbons of the outcome and everyone was then invited back into the Church to hear the result of the ballot. The news was received with applause and the Rev. Frank Ribbons said a few words of acceptance.



On **27th February** we spotted a new banner in the sanctuary. Apparently it was hanging in the Church Hall for some time, however, it has now come out of "hiding" and is gracing the Church with its colourful and vivid theme!





## Aboyne-Dinnet Church Guild



### Theme

### “Called to Love Mercy”

Of late “CANCELLATION” has become the name of the game for Guild events!!! As in December, our January meeting had to be cancelled because of inclement weather. February’s meeting was excellent when Claudia Leith gave a very informative talk on her work on the Children’s Panel.

Our A.G.M. in March was greatly enhanced by a slide show and talk entitled “My Visit to the Passion Play at Oberammergau” by our Session Clerk, Adrian Sims. We welcomed two new members to the Committee, Sarah Wright who will undertake correspondence and Christine Ross who will lead kitchen duties for Guild events.

Sadly Anne Day stepped down as President after 6 years of dedicated service to the Guild and to the Church, we will miss her. We are delighted to report Anne is recovering well from her operation and we wish her well for the future.

As no one was willing to take on the position of President it was decided that the Guild will be held in abeyance till September.

The year’s programme finishes on April 9<sup>th</sup> with a Daffodil & Buttery Morning. A warm welcome awaits everyone who wishes to attend. The daffodils are kindly donated by Mrs Sabrina Humphrey of Dinnet House.

The next date in the Church Calendar is Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> when we see our new Minister, Rev. Frank Ribbons inducted to Aboyne-Dinnet and Cromar. We very much look forward to welcoming him and his wife Lorraine and it is hoped that time can be found out of their busy schedule for the Guild to meet with Mr & Mrs Ribbons.

#### Summer Fun

Could you fill a Smartie Tube with 20p pieces? - when full it holds £12.40p. The Guild is undertaking this as a fund raising project due to our Christmas Bazaar being cancelled in December. Filled tubes should be returned to our Guild Treasurer, Adrian Sims, by 1<sup>st</sup> September. If interested please contact any Committee Member.



Thank you.

**The Guild Committee**

Friday, **4th March 2011**, The Guild of Aboyne-Dinnet Church was hosting this year's World Day of Prayer (WDP). Helen Nicol welcomed the congregation who



welcomed the congregation who came from a number of local churches and added that the WDP is one of the most important days in the year. Helen explained that this year the form of worship was written by Christian women of Chile. The "readers" were also made up from the different churches.

The challenge which we were given at the service was to answer the question of "How many loaves have you?".

A request was made during the evening that small groups should discuss and write on a small piece of paper what talents they have and can offer for the Glory of God. These suggestions were then collected and offered with the money collection. The collection of £ 325 will be split over 3 charities directly involved with Chile. In addition it will be used to support the World Day of Prayer.



After the service everyone agreed that it was very well put together.

The Guild had prepared an impressive feast of refreshments and a large number of people followed their invitation into the Church Hall.

## Church Diary



**Please keep a note of the following dates:**

- 14-Apr-11 Induction Service for the Rev. Frank Ribbons, 7 p.m.
- 20-Apr-11 Reflection & Prayer Meeting, Church Hall, 3 p.m.  
(Future dates will be announced in the Sunday Church Diary)
- 29/30-Apr CLAN Deeside, Banchory Academy, see article on page 18
- 04-May-11 Friendship Hour, Church Hall, 2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
- 01-Jun-11 Friendship Hour, Church Hall, 1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. (changed time!)  
(During July and August the Friendship Hour is taking a summer break)

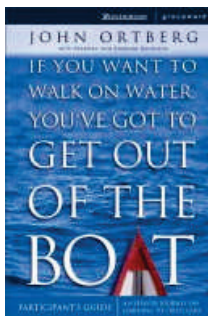
## New House Group

Our long running bible study group under the inspiring leadership of Rome Barclay has come to an end. We now have to think of a new approach.

If at least five people come forward indicating an interest, I suggest running a six-week study using an interactive DVD as a study aid. I have chosen the title *“If you want to walk on water you’ve got to get out of the boat”*.

Simon Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for all of us. But walk on water? What does that mean? “Walking on water” means facing our fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word.

Relating the story in Matthew 14 to life today, teacher and author John Ortberg invites us to consider the incredible potential that awaits us outside our comfort zone.



A participant's guide book is available at the cost of £6.22.

Please let me know if you are interested. We can meet at my house and I suggest the day and time will be as before: **Mondays at 7.30 p.m.**

Christa Markham

# Congregational Register

**New Members**

**“Anyone who trusts in him will not be put to shame”**

By Certificate of Transference:

Mar-11 Mrs Ruby Young, 18 Golf Crescent, Aboyne

**Resignations**

02-Feb-11 Mr Lindsay Watt, The Old School, Lumphanan

**Funeral Services**

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

Dec-2010 Miss Margaret Smith, Annesley House, Torphins

28-Jan-11 Mrs Anne Maitland, Pitmurchie House, Torphins

22-Feb-11 Mrs Agnes Stronach, Allachburn, Low Road, Aboyne

24-Feb-11 Mr Bill Emslie, Pitmurchie House, Torphins

17-Mar-11 Mr John Tivendale, Bonty Court, Aboyne

## Aboyne-Dinnet Session and Board

Christa Markham	86562	Ron McKay	87280
Eddie Ross	85231	Scott Mackie	85775
Helen Murray	013397 55144	<u>Session Clerk:</u>	
Hugh Moffat	013397 56308	Adrian Sims	86393



Assessor Elders:

David Horne	013397 54023
Ed Bushnell	013397 42293
Morag Keith	01330 811763

**Elected Board Members:**

Clerk to the Board:

Sarah Wright 86494

Sarah McKay 86829

Catherine Thomson 87389

Newly elected on 27-Mar-11:

Susan Duguid 86627

Bill Keen 86728

Our thanks go to the outgoing members:

Bob Murray 013397 55144

Carol-Ann Vermeulen 86456

# Contact List

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