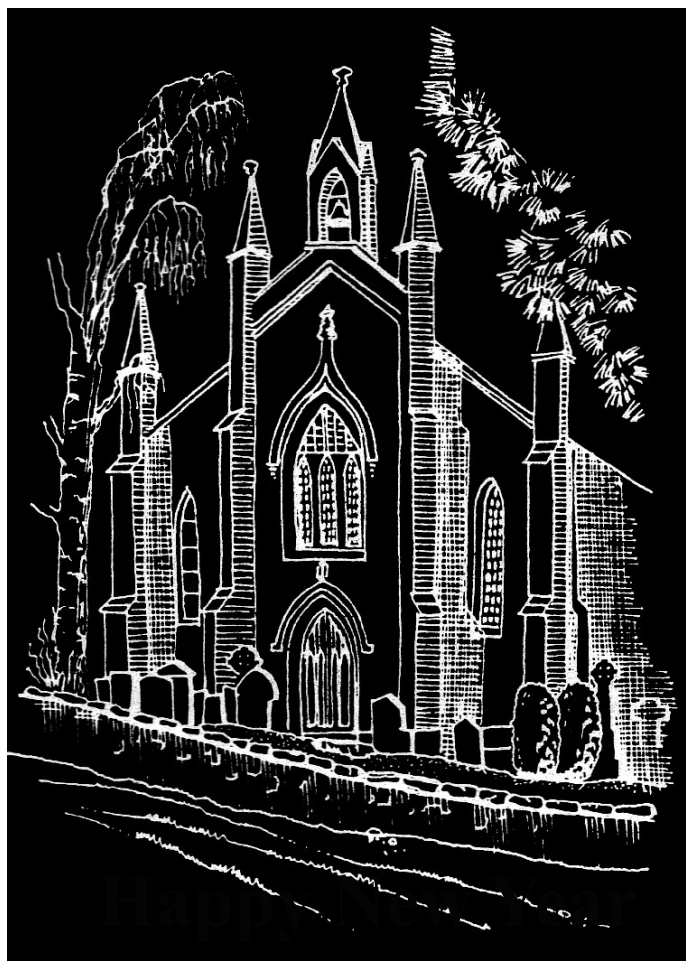


ABOYNE-DINNET CHURCH

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



Church Visitor:

Roof Fund Appeal



Further to the article in the last church magazine there has been a magnificent response to the appeal for funds to carry out essential repairs to the church roof.

The current total stands at over £7,000.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this wonderful total.

The fund has recently been boosted by the sale of Sarah McKay's new CD entitled "Angel Song". If you would like a copy (£5.00) then please contact Sarah and the proceeds will be added to the church roof appeal. Thank you all very much.

Thanks for all the contributions during 2010 and for this New Year edition of our Church magazine. Let me have more any time, but in case you need to plan ahead, the deadlines for this year's editions are as follows:

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| Easter edition: | 4th April 2011 |
| 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.

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Last Year and This Year ...

God is faithful to keep His covenant with His people

By Willem Smit

As I consider last year and its challenges and opportunities, I am often reminded of how things worked out beneficially once experiences were lived through and reflected upon. As we consider the financial crisis and the impact that it will have on the provision of public services from health care to school and university funding, it is understandable to have feelings of anxiety and thoughts of uncertainty. However, we are always to remember that God is with us and works out everything for our good as His people.

Paul wrote in Romans 8:28 (NIV),

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

For a man who suffered so much for the Christian Gospel, it is quite remarkable to have written that *“in all things”* God works things out for our good. We know that Paul did not write his letter to the Christians in Rome flippantly or without suffering real hardship as in 2 Corinthians 6:4-5 he wrote,

“Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger;”

Paul saw these experiences as commending him as a servant of God to the church at Corinth very inspiring as he continues in verse 8,

“through glory and dishonour; bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known yet regarded as unknown; dying and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.”

In the midst of all that he was enduring for Christ Jesus, Paul saw the positive out-working of the events causing him to draw closer to God for strength to help in his time of need. I believe that Paul did this by focusing on the risen and ascended Lord and using this to cause him to Rejoice and Pray. Paul wrote beautifully to the believers in Philippi in Philippians 4:4-7,

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanks-giving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Be sure that the Lord is near, as near in 2011 as He was in 2010, and since before the day that we were born He has known us and loved us with an everlasting love. Paul, as a devout Pharisee and then Christian apostle understood that God was a covenant-making, covenant-keeping and covenant-performing God as he wrote of this in Galatians 4. This is foundational to Paul’s Christian faith and in the Jewish informed thinking as the writer to the Hebrews, perhaps Paul, wrote in Hebrews 13:20-21,

“May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

This eternal, or everlasting, covenant is made with us in the blood of Jesus which seals the covenant and assures our salvation. Paul was confident that God would complete the good work which He had started in us, see Philippians 1:6. The everlasting covenant is mentioned in Isaiah 55:3 where we are invited to come to God and He will make an everlasting covenant with us. Yes, it is everlasting, from before the foundation of the Earth, not temporary! God makes this wonderful covenant when we come to Him and ask Him to do it, see Ezekiel 36:37, as He does not force Himself or His blessings on anyone, only on those who humble themselves and ask.

As Christians, I believe that we should come to Him at the beginning of 2011, and ask Him to reveal His covenant more fully to us, as in Psalm 25:14 (AV), David wrote for God’s people to sing,

*“The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him,
And he will show them His covenant.”*

Now that is something to sing about at the beginning of 2011. Many thanks for your kind welcomes when I have preached at Aboyne-Dinnet and Cromar churches, and the friendship and fellowship over a cup of tea afterwards. With every best wish for 2011 with our Faithful God who never breaks covenant with His people.

Christian Regards,
Willem.

A note from your Session Clerk

The coming year of 2011 presents some major challenges and opportunities, both for our two local churches of Aboyne-Dinnet and Cromar and for the Church of Scotland nationally.

As a congregation we would confidently hope and pray for a successful transition from the current vacancy to the nomination, election, calling and induction of a new minister. Also, that the sole nominee in question will fulfil the expectations described for him or her in our joint Parish Profile. We would also pray that we, the congregation, do not impose either unrealistically high aspirations or even too modest ones on the new minister and that we should remember that our efforts and commitment will remain crucial in determining what can be achieved in the furtherance of His Kingdom in Aboyne, Dinnet and Tarland.

At a national level, we approach with some trepidation certain decisions which must be taken by the General Assembly in May. Will this year's Assembly continue to vacillate and attempt another fudge or delaying tactic in the face of certain issues concerning the clear teaching and authority of Scripture? Or, alternatively, will some decisive conclusions be determined? We should surely pray hard for the latter outcome.

During the last twelve months of vacancy, we have been and are deeply indebted to all the preachers who have provided pulpit supply over this period and particularly to Rev Bill Wallace and Rev John Andrew and also to Mr Willem Smit.

Partly in tribute to their gratefully-received and sound, biblical preaching over those many Sundays, I want to share with you all (from the notes I usually take solely for my own benefit) some of the teaching highlights from their sermons of the past few months:-

- The Prodigal Son – The greatest short story ever told (both of the sons were totally preoccupied with their own concerns, namely wild living for one and working hard for the other, and had become oblivious to the depth of their father's love and devotion to them both).
- Emergency religion in times of crisis or distress? (or living daily in God's presence)
- How can we help people to know God? The Gospel tells things people don't want to hear before it can tell them the cure.
- The world tells them how to live is to go with the flow. We need to be changed and transformed to be liberated from slavery to our sins.

- Even when we were dead in our transgressions, Jesus died on the Cross to take away our sins, because of God's great love for us. Thus we are saved, not by works, lest anyone should boast, but by grace through faith.
- We should approach Him like a baby who can't help itself. "God be merciful to me, a sinner".
- God loves us and wants to change us despite the maladies of the fall. We should cry to him like a baby who can only draw attention by his cries.
- The secret of contentment is that life is a gift, not a right.
- **SOME REASONS FOR BELIEVING IN ETERNAL LIFE**
 - ⇒ God has planted eternity in our hearts.
 - ⇒ Because we have been told to do so by Jesus and his resurrection proved the existence of life after death.
 - ⇒ Because we believe in God and that nothing can separate us from the love of God.
 - ⇒ To refuse to believe it would be intolerable. If death were the end, ours would be a life pervaded by meaninglessness.
 - ⇒ It is the confident hope of all whose lives are committed to Christ.
- We come to God to confess our sins and to ask for forgiveness and for us to be made right with Him. ("God be merciful to me")
- Spiritual life is constant warfare. It has to be striven and fought for. We may be cowed by doubts but we must battle with them. Some have forgotten that there is a price to be paid for faith.
- They have forgotten the vows of membership (commitment of time, talent and money).
- Typically, only 14% of church members are present in a local church such as ours on a Sunday.
- We all fall short of the glory of God.
- Faith is like loyalty to a friend. We should persevere and not block any of its channels (The Bible, prayer, worship and compassion for others). Nothing matters as much as knowing a friendship with Christ.
- "May I never boast on anything, except on the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ".
- The only thing that we can contribute is to confess our sins. God wants to change us, day by day, as we trust Him. The Gospel is about coming to Jesus and confessing our sins.
- Come to the Cross. Confess our sins. He takes them away and casts them into the deepest cavern, marked "No Fishing Allowed".

- Alert the world to the damage of racism and violence! If we forget, we become the executioner's accomplice. Many communities lost a generation of young men. There was little opposition to Hitler's rise to power or to his use of it. He went on to kill 20 million people. The German people were to pay a high price for their apathy.
- Hitler was driven by a satanic power. He was an instrument of the devil. Hatred is infectious. The good that people do is sometimes negated by the badness of others. There are two forces at work in the world – God and the devil. When good men fail to speak out and act in favour of good, evil prevails.
- Real peace is more positive than lack of strife. It is harmony and wholeness and wellbeing. It is broader than war coming to an end. Promises of peace were associated with the coming of the Messiah. He, Himself, is our peace.
- We are not to fear, for we have a Messiah. We are going to see the glory of God.
- No matter how well off we are, it can all end very quickly. God's light comes at times of darkness and challenge.
- We are special people because Jesus Christ died for us. We don't have to live in the ways of the world. God does things to draw people to himself. We have got something that others don't have – peace and joy in our hearts. God has promised to see us through the challenges of life.
- Jesus should be the focus of your faith and my faith. Ask Jesus first. God has all the answers. Faith is the antidote to fear. God knows how it feels to suffer. He watched his son being crucified.
- Do the best you can and God will look after the rest. He asks us to follow Him. He always has in mind what is best for us. We don't have any other option (than to have faith in Him).
- It doesn't matter where you start in life but what plans God has for you.
- If you put Jesus first in your life, everything else falls into place.
- Queen Victoria was once on a visit to the East End of London. She made a house visit and was invited into the house of an old lady who was obviously living in poor and difficult circumstances. At the end of their conversation, the Queen asked the old lady if there was anything she could do to help her. Her reply was "No thank you, Ma'am, I am trusting in the blood of Jesus" to which Victoria's answer was "Yes my dear, so am I".

May I wish all our church members and other readers of our magazine, all God's blessings for a healthy, peaceful and prosperous year for 2011.

In Christ alone.....,
Lindsay Watt

A SONG

Let your requests be made known unto God (Phil 4:6)

A practical guide by Sarah Wright

When doing something dull or in those dry moments of life, it is good to turn our emotions into song. What is negative becomes positive, even joyful. This advice comes from the psalms, from David and from the above quotation from Paul in the New Testament. Often we do not want to burst into audible melody, but it is a great comfort to run through a song in thought alone. A well-loved tune raises the spirits.

One problem is remembering the words. We can commit these to memory, given a little practice. Songs lend themselves to being memorised thanks to rhyme, rhythm, and reason which all make poetry memorable but to that we should add ‘tune’. Music-making occupies a part of the brain which closely parallels the language centres. Nursery rhymes can be recalled even when poems learned at school have slipped the mind.

We can use our four “friends” to memorise a song. Here is an example, a well-loved hymn. The music will come easily because Cwm Rhondda (Rhondda Valley) is a favourite. Music helps with metre, so that we can check any subsequent lines when we are unsure to see if they ‘fit’. Some rhymes are a little forced, but this is a translation from the Welsh. Sense and metre take priority. This is all about travel and the rousing tune is in itself a help to the walker.

***‘Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land,’***

We can all remember the opening lines because even in this busy age, we need to retain names and specifications. The information they give help with the whole hymn.

The words **guide** and **pilgrim** suggest that the hymn is about a pilgrimage through life. **Jehovah** and **barren land** put us in mind of particular pilgrims, Moses and the children of Israel travelling through the desert towards the Promised Land. If we know their story, we can find our way through the song.

Jehovah is **great**, I am the opposite. This gives us a nicely balanced line 3:

‘I am weak, but thou art mighty.’

Rhyme helps with Line 4. We need something to rhyme with **land**, therefore **hand**, used to **hold**

‘Hold me in thy powerful hand;’

Pilgrims need food and water, and not just any food. The Israelites were fed by manna from heaven. Only the **bread** of **heaven** will do. Cwm Rhondda now gives us a rousing refrain. Savour it, and in the mind’s ear, hear the voices singing with you and alongside you:

*‘Bread of heaven ... Bread of heaven ...
Feed me till I want no more ...
Feed me till I want no more.’*

These lines are repeated, and repetition, as we all know is a real gift when memorising.

That was verse one, not painful at all!

The reason a stanza of a hymn is called a verse is that at the end of it, the melody **reverts** to the first line.

The second verse tells more of the Exodus story. We, the pilgrims have had special **bread**, now we need equally special **water**. Without water in a desert, we die, but with it, we are strengthened. Exodus 17 tells the story of Moses striking a rock, dramatically providing the Israelites with water.

Think of **fountain** and **healing** and we have the first two lines of Verse Two:

*‘Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;’*

Their needs met, the pilgrims could continue. The book of Exodus ends with the children of Israel following a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. We are also looking for a rhyme for ‘flow’. ‘Through’ is a bit feeble, but this is a translation and we have to make allowances! The lines

*‘Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;’*

fulfil the need for rhyme, reason and metre.

The chorus celebrates the Lord's work to date. We have been delivered from hunger, thirst, disease and other perils.

***'Strong Deliverer ... Strong Deliverer...
Be thou still my strength and shield...
Be thou still my strength and shield.'***

We are coming up to the third verse. The story of the Exodus ends with the passage to the Promised Land. We can expect mention of the miraculous crossing of the Jordan river (Josh 3,4). Let's face it, crossing a river in flood is a perilous undertaking, hence the first two lines of Verse Three:

***'When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside!'***

The sense suggests that line three refers to the Lord, who has conquered the last enemy:

'Death of death, and hell's Destruction,

The fourth line fits sense, rhyme and metre well:

'Land me safe on Canaan's side!'

Once in the Promised Land, it is time for a rest. The worship which up until now has been a journey can now take a more conventional form:

***'Songs of praises Songs of praises...
I will ever sing to thee ...
I will ever give to thee.'***

If you don't like 'thou art, thee and thine' 'you and yours' can be substituted.

That wasn't hard, was it? Happy humming...





Aboyne-Dinnet Church Guild



Theme **“Called to Love Mercy”**

Our new session for 2010/2011 began with Helen and Liz taking part in the Sunday service which included the Dedication of the Guild by the Reverend Bill Wallace.

For our first meeting we had a very interesting talk by the Reverend Bill Wallace on our theme ‘Called to Love Mercy’. He gave us a very informative insight into his work in Ethiopia, not only as a Pastor, but also as a Dentist.

The November meeting was an open meeting when we welcomed guests from our congregation and other Guilds. Our speaker was Gerry Bowyer from the Aberdeen Street Pastors. We heard how teams of four Christian volunteers walk the streets between 10pm and 3am on Friday and Saturday nights, comforting the victims of violence, drug and alcohol abuse.

On Sunday November 21st we invited members of the congregation to celebrate Guild Week after the service by joining us for a soup, bread and coffee lunch. We were delighted to see such support and the general ‘buzz’ from those who attended added to the success of the venture.

Due to bad weather our Christmas Bazaar had to be cancelled and also our meeting on December 8th. We hope we can incorporate our Bazaar along with our Coffee Morning in April 2011.

Weather permitting our first meeting in the New Year will be on January 12th when our speaker will be Mario Di Maio, whose topic will be his experiences with Braemar Mountain Rescue.

February 9th speaker is Claudia Leith who will talk on her involvement on the Children’s Panel.

Our Guild AGM and Beetle Drive on March 9th concludes our session until October.

Best Wishes for the New Year go to our members and to members of the congregation and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to join us at any time.

The Guild Committee

Aboyne-Dinnet Sunday Worship

All Sunday services start at 11.30 am on Sunday mornings.



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

If you have much faith or little,
If you doubt or if you struggle,
If life is great or seems quite hopeless,
We would love to see **you**.

Pastoral Care

Please let me know of anyone requiring a visit from one of the team - perhaps to sit and chat for a wee while over a cup of tea and get up to date with our family news.

Helen M.

A Prayer for 2011: **The prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

This prayer is attributed to the 13th century saint Francis of Assisi, although the prayer in its present form cannot be traced back further than 1912. It is still a very powerful prayer for use in the second decade of the 21st century:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen

Contact List for Christian Reading

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Contact</u> | <u>Tel.</u> |
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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 |

Colouring-In Page



And All Were Amazed!

Luke 2:41-52

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

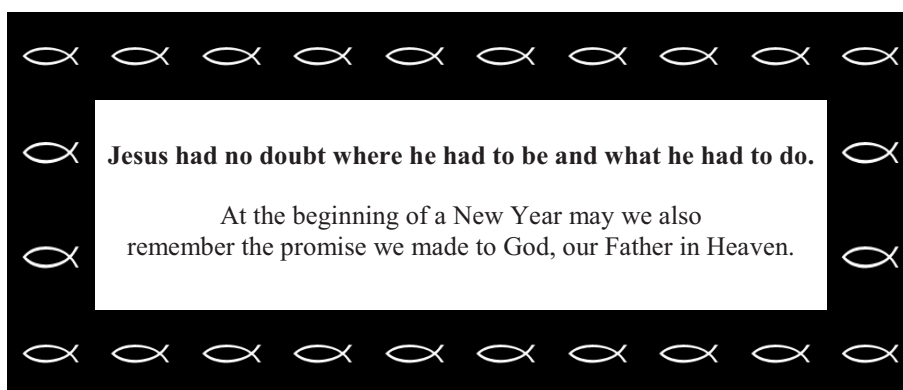
Luke 2: 41 - 52

(New International Version)

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.



Word Search

Can you find the hidden words?

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Father
Jesus

Feast
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Temple
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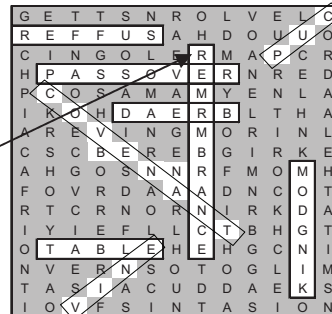
Jerusalem
Astonished



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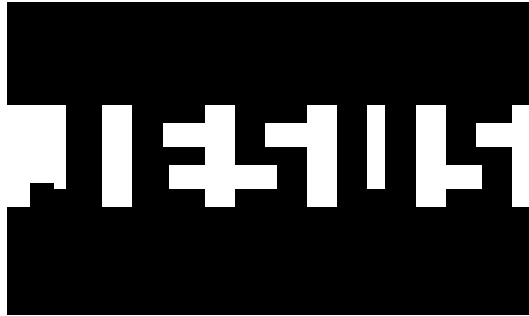
*Deliberate mistake?
Apologies if you could not find
the word REMEMBRANCE!*



What do you see?

Do you see black shapes?

Focus and you will see the name above all names:



Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee.
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the day.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning, dear Father let it be
On earth, or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal
(1836—1879)

*Her poem was initially penned in 1874
For a new year's card.*

Aboyne Households

Do you like statistics or do you find them totally boring?

When Board & Session first thought of delivering Christmas cards to every house in Aboyne we were not quite sure how many houses this would involve. Lindsay Watt asked Woodhill House and they gave us a figure of 1714 houses of which 491 had the description of “rural”. The rural ones are situated at Dinnet, Glentanar, Ordie,

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| Total houses | 1714 |
| minus | <u>491</u> |
| | 1223 |
| plus | 33 |
| plus | <u>55</u> |
| | <u>1311</u> |

Birse, Birsemore etc. Unfortunately, we had to immediately dismiss those which were rural which gave us a requirement for 1223 cards. Then we noticed that Allachburn was not in the calculation, so we added a further 33 cards to our first sum. We also thought that we perhaps would be able to deliver to Dinnet and added 55 more. In the end we ordered 1300 cards and totally relied on volunteers from our Congregation to deliver them to houses within the village. As you know, the weather was really bad and it turned out that we were not

able to go to Dinnet and play postman there.

Even so, it is quite remarkable that the rest of the Christmas greetings were pushed through the Aboyne letter boxes - hopefully you received one. Some households might not have received a card while others may have had two. Sometimes it was difficult to find a letter box, on other occasions it was not easy to decide to which street a corner house, for instance, belonged. Walking through a winter wonder world was good exercise and I thoroughly enjoyed taking the cards I had to deliver to the houses. In my mind I always asked the Lord to bless the household to which I took a card.



Many thanks to all the volunteers - I trust that you also had *fun in the snow!*

Christa Markham

Friendship Hours

Wednesday, 02-Feb-11 at 2.30 pm - Adrian Sims - a talk on a life in Scouting.

Wednesday, 02-Mar-11 at 2.30 pm - programme to be confirmed.

All welcome to join us in the Church Hall. A friendly chat, a cup of tea and an informative afternoon beckon.

Further details - Jessie 87280

Church Flowers

Grateful thanks to all who donate the flowers for distribution.

There are 2 vacant slots 23rd January and 30th January. If anyone wishes to fill either of the vacant slots shown or one of the others during the rest of the year, please contact Helen Murray .

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> |
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| 16-Jan-11 | Christa Markham |
| 23-Jan-11 | Vacant |
| 30-Jan-11 | Vacant |
| 06-Feb-11 | Jennifer Mackie |
| 13-Feb-11 | Jean Shand |
| 20-Feb-11 | Jean Maxwell |
| 27-Feb-11 | Betty Harvie |
| 06-Mar-11 | Elsbeth Hislop |
| 13-Mar-11 | Sheila Kinniburgh |
| 20-Mar-11 | Christine Ross |
| 27-Mar-11 | Evelyn Hall |
| 03-Apr-11 | The Guild |
| 10-Apr-11 | Helen Nicol |
| 17-Apr-11 | Helen Murray |
| 24-Apr-11 | Easter Sunday & Communion, flowers from Linda Corsie |



Our Scrap Book/Events Remembered

On **23-Oct-10** the Harvest Home Supper was a complete sell out. Those who managed to get tickets enjoyed an evening of good food, great company and varied entertainment such as violin renditions, singing, Doric poetry and even Highland dancing. Apart from being a superb evening this event also raised approx. £600 for church funds!

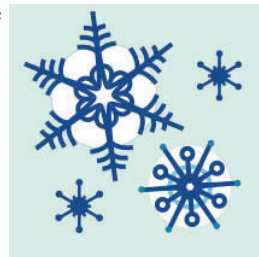


On **11th, 12th and 13th November** our church hall had become a book shop and meeting place for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee.

Susan Duguid had organised this book sale and she and just a few helpers raised £340 over the three days.



At the end of November the bad weather started and a couple of previously advertised events needed to be cancelled. These were the Guild's *Christmas Bazaar* on 4th December; and Session also decided to call off the *Carols at Christmas* evening which should have taken place on 11th December. On Saturday the 18th it was still bitterly cold. Nevertheless, a small number of Church members met at the Co-op in Aboyne to sing *Christmas carols*. We were very grateful to the Management of the Co-op to let us stand inside the shop and to sing the carols near the check-out. Once our repertoire was over we went to Bonty Court where our "a capella singing" was well received and everyone was encouraged to sing along.





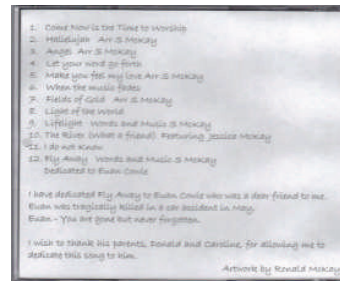
Then, on Sunday **19th December**, we had a wonderful surprise when we came into the Church. A most beautiful Christmas tree had been donated by the Guild and erected during the week. The tree was just perfectly grown and looked very elegant with its simple white lights.

During December our talented Sarah McKay, launched her first charity CD. The compilation features twelve beautiful songs of which two have been composed by Sarah. We were able to listen to its music after Sunday worship to get a taste of the recordings.



On one of the songs Sarah's sister, Jessica, is singing a duet with her. Sarah's brother, Ronald, has done all the art work.

Sarah has kindly offered to give all proceeds to our Church Roof Fund appeal! The cost for each CD is £5.



The CD can be bought directly from Sarah by speaking to her or Jessie McKay after Sunday worship or by calling her on Tel.: 86829.



Have you noticed how warm it has been recently in our Sanctuary? This is due to all the hard work Adrian Sims has put in to adjust the heating thermostat. Thank you, Adrian! Since Christmas week we even have over-the-door heaters which also make a significant difference. Now we can enjoy our Sunday services without thinking that we have come to an igloo.

Church Diary



Weather permitting we look forward to the following dates:

- 19-Jan-11 Reflection & Prayer Meeting, Church Hall, 3 pm
- 02-Feb-11 Friendship Hour, Church Hall, 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
- 16-Feb-11 Reflection & Prayer Meeting, Church Hall, 3 pm
- 09-Feb-11 Guild Meeting, "Claudia Leith, Children's Panel", Church Hall, 7.30 pm
- 02-Mar-11 Friendship Hour, Church Hall, 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
- 04-Mar-11 World Day of Prayer, Aboyne-Dinnet Church, 7.30 pm (time to be confirmed!)
- 09-Mar-11 Guild Meeting, "AGM and Beetle Drive", Church Hall, 7.30 pm
- 16-Mar-11 Reflection & Prayer Meeting, Church Hall, 3 pm
- 09-Apr-11 The Guild Daffodil and Buttery Morning with various stalls. Church Hall, 10.00 am to noon.

Bible Study

A new bible study group is starting soon.

Day of week: Mondays **Time:** 7.30 pm

If you are interested or want to know more, please contact Christa Markham on 86562.

Congregational Register

Funeral Services

Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

12-Dec-10 Mrs Agnes Davidson, Annesley House, Torphins
07-Jan-11 Mrs Rome Barclay, Minarloch Cottage, Ballater Road, Aboyne



Aboyne-Dinnet Session and Board

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| Adrian Sims | 86393 | Martin Wibmer | 81286 |
| Christa Markham | 86562 | Ron McKay | 87280 |
| Ed Ross | 85231 | Scott Mackie | 85775 |
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| Carol-Ann Vermeulen | 86456 | <u>Clerk to the Board:</u> | |
| Catherine Thomson | 87389 | Sarah Wright | 86494 |

Contact List

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| Minister | Vacant position |
| Interim Moderator | Kenneth MacKenzie, The Manse of Crathie, (013397 42208) |
| Session Clerk | Lindsay Watt, The Old School, Lumphanan (83621) |
| Clerk to the Board | Sarah Wright, Burnside Cottage, Birse, (86494) |
| Treasurer | Alan Howat, 50 Raemoir Road, Banchory (01330 823836) |
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| Pastoral Coordinator | Helen Murray, 1 Monaltrie Way, Ballater (013397 55144) |
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| Guild Contact 2 | Elizabeth Rowley, 2 Huntly Cottages, Aboyne (013398 86065) |
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| Finance Convener | Until further notice: Ron McKay (87280) |
| Junior Church | Any volunteers? |
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| Sound & Vision | Ron McKay, Allachfern, Barclay Park, Aboyne (87280) |
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| Roll Keeper | Sarah McKay, Dun-I, Barclay Park, Aboyne (86736) |
| Hall Bookings | Until further notice: Jessie McKay (87280) |
| Friendship Hour | Jessie McKay, Allachfern, Barclay Park, Aboyne (87280) |
| Crossreach Contact | Sarah Wright, Burnside Cottage, Birse, (86494) |
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| Reflection & Prayer Meetings | Alicia Bandeen, 18 Formaston Park, AB34 5HF (86325) |
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