



INSPIRE



HARVEST

Back through the mist of years
Jesus walked the harvest field
And gazed upon the golden ears
When mother earth had produced her yield.

Extract from Colin Moffet's Harvest Time

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

Scottish registered charity SC 001680

CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST

Tues 30	7pm	Congregational Board
	7.30pm	Kirk Session
Wed 31	10.30am	Midweek Service

SEPTEMBER

Sun 4	10am	Family of the Church Service
	6.30pm	Evening Worship resumes
Wed 7	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 11	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 14	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 18	10am	Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Messy Church
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 21	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 25	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

OCTOBER

Sun 2	10am	Sacrament of Communion at both Services
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

Flower Calendar

September

- 4 Miss S Quin
- 11 Mrs S Murray
- 18 Mrs J McIlraith
- 25 Mrs C Black



Aster
September
birth flower

Young Church

(clearly NOT Mannofield)

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'Honour thy father and thy mother,' she asked;

'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered,

'Thou shall not kill!'

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for the next issue of InSpire is Thursday 15 September

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Dear Friends

As summer comes to an end many of us contemplate whether now is the time to increase the hours during each day when our heating will be turned on. Already some mornings it feels as if there is a chill in the air and the evenings are no different. The dilemma for many of course is the question, “*Can we afford to heat the house?*”

With most energy suppliers increasing their energy charges this autumn this is a question that surely more and more people are asking.

Do you know that in our city, TENS of thousands of people are projected to experience financial difficulties this year? Last year the Press and Journal spoke of 18,000 families in Aberdeen living on less than £50 per week. It might be hard to believe in the ‘Oil Capital of Europe’ and hard to believe as we see the masses of people day by day frequenting Union Square, but the reality of the situation is that many families struggle to make ends meet.

This is where charities such as ‘Somebody Cares’ play such a vital role in our city. This year, as you will read later in the magazine, our harvest goods will be used by ‘Somebody Cares’ to support thousands of people in our city. It is just great that ***somebody cares*** for the people who struggle in life!

In this specific case that “*somebody*” who cares, is a charity of the same name. As we consider our own calling to faith in Jesus Christ, we must appreciate that this is exactly what God wants of us - to be a people who care about others! It may be a requirement to care for the poor of our city, or the hungry of the world, or the victim of crime, or the victim of abuse, or the grieving widow, or the malnourished child in Africa. There are many in our world needing care. God wants his Church to be at the frontline when it comes to the care made available to those who need it.

I am reminded of the words of the hymn that give us a clue as to Jesus’ own disposition towards the poor and needy. ‘Jesus’ hands were kind hands’.

Jesus was, and still is, somebody who cares.

Let each one of us be known too as a ‘***somebody who cares***’.

Best Wishes

Keith

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Harvest Sunday will take place on Sunday 18 September.

This year we have decided to work with a local charity that many of you will be familiar with. *Somebody Cares* is an Aberdeen based charity that provides essentials to the poor and marginalised people in Aberdeen and surrounding areas. For many years they have been providing help to the poor and last year they opened a new retail outlet and coffee shop at the former Dobbies site on Hazledene Road.



On Harvest Sunday members of the Young Church will be bringing along their foodstuffs and it is hoped that members of the congregation will bring along harvest gifts too. These items will then be used by *Somebody Cares*.

Somebody Cares is able to accept Tins (meats, vegetables, sweets, etc.) Pasta, Rice, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Toiletries and Nappies.

Please support our Harvest Thanksgiving Service and bring along what you can.

Celebrate Aberdeen Parade 2011

At 11:00am, on 11 June 2011, the third sector joined together with the private sector sponsors to parade down the city's Union Street, supported by an array of street performers and musical entertainment.

The Aims were:

- ◆ To unite Aberdeen's third sector in a bright and energetic celebration
- ◆ To highlight the diversity of the sector - of organisations of all sizes
- ◆ To allow hundreds of participants to be involved completely free of charge



The parade was a huge success and filled the entire length of Union Street with:-

Over 3,000 participants

126 charities and community groups from the third sector

92 sponsor organisations

More than 300 entertainers

The aim of the parade was not to raise money specifically. However there was a surplus of approximately £12,900 from the event after all costs and income were accounted for. This will be used to set up a fund called *Aberdeen Impact* which will be used to support some of the charities and community groups in the local area.

New Elders



At the Service of Admission on 12 June the following were admitted as Elders:

Ann Kindness, Andrew Cattnach, Kathleen Martin, Lesley Taylor, Elizabeth Paterson, Suzanne Fairhurst, Michael Fairhurst and June Rae (from left to right).



Young Church Summer Outing to Alford



GUILD PROJECTS' UPDATE £499,410.35



This is how much money the Guild has raised nationally for the current projects and there is still another year to go! These are just some of the many projects supported by the Guild worldwide.

Lack of space means that the other projects will be included in next month's Magazine. *Rhoda Wright*

ON THE OTHER SIDE (Crossreach)

Staff and volunteers are happy to try and help with any problems people want to share, or just to provide a listening ear- which is sometimes exactly what the visitor needs before they go across to the prison. In places such as Cornton Vale Prison, they reckon that 50% of the children of prisoners will go on to become prisoners themselves, if the cycle of offending is not broken.



Prisoners' families have often had to get to the prison by public transport — by bus or train, even by plane, and consequently cannot plan the time they're going to get to the prison precisely to suit the visit time (30 mins). Do they sit out in the fog, rain and snow, or do they go somewhere warm and comfortable and speak to someone who can help and support and advise? That's what a Prison Visitor's Centre is about.

A NEW HUNGER (HIV/AIDS Programme)

In China Mr Lei, a recovering drug addict used his loan of 5000yuan (£470) to repair his piggery, buy 4 piglets, 50 baby chickens and fertiliser for his sugar-cane farmland.



In Sri Lanka working with 35 commercial sex workers, offering awareness programmes and skills development training (candle making) 12 of these women are now engaged in alternative employment and 3 have been able to give up the sex trade altogether.

One woman living with HIV is managing a small scale sewing enterprise. Another who entered the sex trade in order to feed her children, one of whom is disabled, is now involved in drum making.

In Kenya there is a plan to introduce rabbit rearing in every home which will ensure protein meals for families and have a day care facility for children living with HIV and Aids where they can acquire basic learning, care and support.

TERRIFY NO MORE (International Justice Mission)

As well as rescuing victims from slavery and forced prostitution one of the things they've been trying to do in the project is to train Cambodian police officers to do the job themselves. The manner in which victims are treated directly following a rescue is a key factor in whether they choose to receive aftercare services.

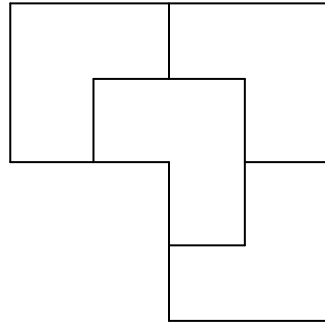


When victims are treated with sensitivity by the police, they are more likely to share important information that will enable the eventual conviction – meaning other vulnerable people will not be victimised.

HOW MANY TIMES DOES THE
LETTER S APPEAR IN THE
NAME OF THE WORLD'S
LONGEST RIVER ?



June's solution:





Q: What did the grape do when the elephant sat on it?

A: Let out a little wine!!!

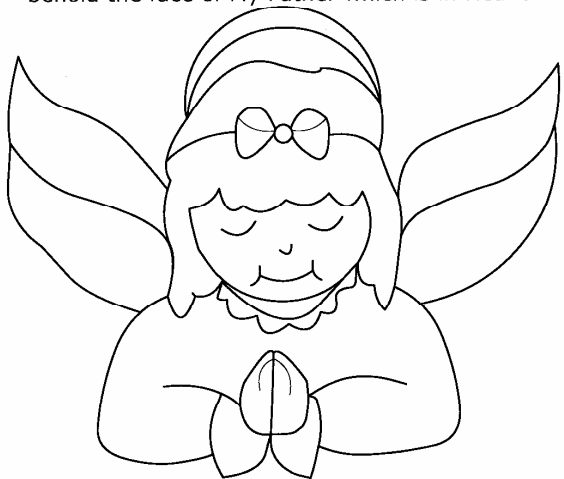
A: Because it was a moth-
ball!!!

Q: Why could the butterfly
not go to the dance?

Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven.

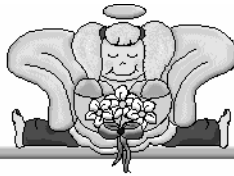
Q: What lies on the ground 100 feet up in the air?

A: A dead centipede!!!



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Angel Verses



The letters to parts of the Bible verses have fallen below their space. Restore the verse (or part of the verse) by writing the correct letters from the column below into the blank spaces.

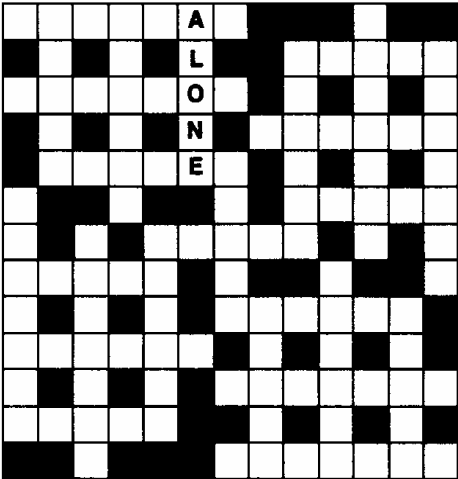


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 A U U H N R T B E S N G D A I M
 O W E O S I E N T A D D E



A S T T D T O U N E A D O R T
 B O U E L H T H E E L G E U S
 D O A L R T H N D A N E
 A N T H O R O E A N B D L S

There are 26 words hidden in the letter grid which can be inserted into the crossword pattern. These include a wise King, a type of god we are to avoid in our worship, a pool to which Jesus sent a wise man (John 9), the road which leads to destruction (Matthew 7), the mount where God met and talked with Moses and the place where Solomon was anointed to succeed David as King (1 Kings 1). One word has been inserted as a start.



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Boys Brigade Summer Camp Orkney 2011

This year's week long summer camp was held in Orkney, staying in the BB hall of 1st Kirkwall. This is the 12th time we will have visited Orkney.

Twelve of us set off on the Aberdeen-Kirkwall ferry on Saturday 2 July. The sea looked calm but it wasn't long until the boat was bobbing about resulting in a record number of our group being ill. The journey seemed to go on forever. Kirkwall was a welcome sight.

Sunday was a glorious sunny day so we headed for Waulkmill Bay, a beautiful long and shallow sandy bay. The tide was in so we had a BBQ on the shore then as the tide went out ventured into the water and ended up playing rounders partly in the water and a partly on a sand bank. Sun tan cream was definitely needed.

During the week we visited a number of Orkney's well known tourist spots. We were to be found at the standing stone circle, The Ring of Brogar, Yesnaby sea stacks, the stone age burial mound at Maeshowe, Skara Brae and of course a trip to the home of the best whisky in the world (or so the film we saw said) Highland Park. The staff were given a wee taste of 2 of the whiskies, the boys however were only allowed a sniff.

The weather held all week and on Wednesday we headed to the island of Hoy for a trek round the cliff top walk to stand opposite The Old Man of Hoy, a 450ft sandstone sea stack. A few of us were lucky enough to see some nesting puffins which is a first for us on Hoy. On the way back we stopped at the Dwarfie Stane, this is a huge hollowed out rock some 28ft long. The inside comfortably held the 12 of us and the Company record from 2008 of 17 inside stands for another year.

A highlight of camp is always the foam fight and this year for the first time we headed for a beach. The boys were able to cover each other and the staff in shaving foam with the sea being handy to wash it off and no mess at the hall to clear up. Great fun.

There was the usual fun, banter and practical jokes at camp. However one well practised joke of telling the boys there was a McDonalds on the Brough of Birsay backfired as the tide headed out uncovering the causeway and forcing us to come clean that the building they could see was in fact part of the lighthouse! Friday was souvenir shopping in Kirkwall and despite a load of wrong directions the boys found The Joke Shop. Cup of chilli tea anyone ?

All too soon it was time to come home and taking a different way back we stopped as usual to pay homage to our BB Founder Sir William Alexander Smith, who was born in Thurso. We took a photo at the plaque there to commemorate it. Another brilliant camp over, the boys slept most of the drive home and were all happily handed over complete with a nightmare load of washing each.



A selection of photos from camp will soon be available on the Company website www.40four.co.uk

Dave Tait

Highland Dancing Classes



Highland Dancing came to Mannofield Church in August through Carolanne Sinclair.

Classes are open to all levels of experience, with beginners starting at aged 4 & over.

Carolanne can be contacted directly on 07972104774 or by email at sinclair_carolanne@yahoo.com

44th Aberdeen Boys Brigade



All sections have now restarted after the summer break.

Anchors aged 5-7 Thurs 6-7pm
Juniors aged 8-10 Thurs 6.45-8.15pm
Company aged 11-18 Fri 7.45-10pm

We are now welcoming new members.

For more information please contact Captain Dave Tait (Tel 704441 or dave@40four.co.uk)

Holy Humour

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation:

"I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

Mannofield Church Lunch Club



Come and join us!

15th September

Thereafter
3rd Thursday each month
from
Sept. 2011– May 2012

Lunch is served at 1pm

Entertainment 2 - 3.15pm

A cup of tea before you leave!

Cost -- £4

Need transport?

Contact: Mhairi Clark Tel. 317982

We look forward to welcoming back our regular "lunch clubbers" and hope they spread the word to their friends.

ANNUAL BUS OUTING

**Wednesday
14 September 2011**

**A very popular event!
DEESIDE to DONSIDE**



**Only £13.00 including lunch
11.30am – 4.00pm**

**Tickets available at the church
door, church hall or the office**

Or call Jane, Tel: 315144

SOMEBODY CARES

Somebody Cares was created in 2002 when Jenny Taylor, inspired by seeing what Doug Stringer was doing with Somebody Cares America, decided to set up a small charity, helping people in need in Aberdeen.



Jenny Taylor
Good Samaritan
Award

A small warehouse was rented in Wellington Street, Aberdeen and Jenny started, initially in a very small way, helping people with bits and pieces of furniture and very quickly discovered that food was a key necessity for people who were experiencing tough times

Growth was steady and Somebody Cares stayed in Wellington Street for over 2 years and then moved to a bigger warehouse in Altens.

Again growth increased steadily and as they went forward, Jenny was able to increase the volunteer base and supplied food, furniture and clothing to many hundreds of families and individuals.

2005 saw the charity move to its 13,000 sq ft. current warehouse in Summerhill which coincided with a period of significant growth.

Year on year the number of people being helped continued to grow and in 2009, Somebody Cares gave food to over 4000 families and individuals, furnished over 1900 homes and provided clothes to hundreds and hundreds of people, helped by 90+ volunteers. Recently we have started taking on a number of unemployed people on work placement schemes and training programmes.

Right from the start, Jenny was committed to providing help to people at their point of need and for her it was essential that this had to be free!!

'How can you charge people when they are in trouble and needing help?' she would say. This is still and always will be the operating procedure of Somebody Cares.

In these dark recession days that we are living in, Somebody Cares is growing literally week by week and is now the largest charity in the area, providing free support to those urgently needing it.

Over 90% of the people being helped are referred and the organisation is working with 70+ agencies, churches, other charities and organisations in the city.

*Where there is a need... to meet that need,
Where hope is gone... to help restore hope,
Where love is needed... to demonstrate love.*



<http://www.somebodycaresuk.org/> Tel 01224 200197

**Somebody Cares Warehouse, 80 Summerhill Road, Aberdeen, AB15 6EE
Somebody Cares Restaurant, Retail Outlet and Conference Centre,**

NOTES & NEWS

Mannofield Church Bowling Club



The indoor session starts on Friday 30 September.

The Club meets on Friday afternoons in the Large Hall from 2 – 4pm.

New members will be made very welcome.

Flat shoes should be worn. Bowls could be supplied for beginners.

Guide Dogs Puppy Walking Group



Annual Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale

Saturday 1st October
Large Hall 10am – 12noon

Come and meet the puppies, enjoy the company and choose some quality cards.

Lyric Musical Society *Once Upon a Fairy Tale*



A modern musical retelling of classic fairytales in the Sanctuary, Mannofield Church on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30pm.

Tickets, priced £7 are available from the office.

STRAWBERRY TEA

Thanks to all who tried to guess the gardener's name.
It was.....PERCY !

Mannofield Guild



The new session starts on 6 September.

New members are very welcome.

September

Tuesday 6 'Travels in India'
Audrey Milne

Thursday 8 Coffee Morning
10 – 11.30am

Sunday 18 Harvest Thanksgiving

Tuesday 20 'Ga'an the Messages'
Catherine Taylor

October

Tuesday 4 'Waste Aware'
Barbara Armstrong-Hill

MAGAZINE DELIVERY



Please give it some thought

Can you help to deliver the church magazines in Milltimber?

12 households in the area receive a magazine

They are delivered monthly for 9 months of the year

If you can help please contact Gill at the church, Tel : 310087

MILLTIMBER MEMBERS

We ask, if possible, that you sign up for an electronic copy of the magazine.

- ◆ You get it quicker - hot off the press!
- ◆ Can print at home if you wish
- ◆ Environmentally more friendly - saves time and paper

Simply send an email to Gill at the office and your name will be added to the list.

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

17 April George Wayne Reid
 Matthew James Clark
 Kaitlyn Maria Louise Stewart
 Lauren Ann Milne
 3 July Sophie Erin Lowe
 14 Aug Melissa Catherine Wright

New Members

Mrs Alison Wood

Disjunctions

Mrs Ray Dimambro
 Mr Douglas Donald
 Mrs Jessie Gavin
 Miss June Telfer
 Miss Caroline Davidson

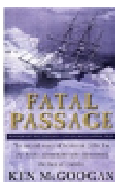
Change of Address

Mrs Isobel Pappas
 Mr Kit Wright
 Mr Gordon & Mrs Janella Cameron
 Mrs Pearl Taylor
 Ms Lyn Robertson

Deaths

7 June Mr Alan Elmslie
 22 June Mr Peter Shearer
 1 July Mrs May Yule
 12 July Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Wallace
 21 July Mr Leslie Hutchinson

Mannofield Book Club Book for 7 September



Fatal Passage by Ken McGoogan

Novelist and journalist
 McGoogan (Kerouac's Ghosts) combines
 deft storytelling with 19th-century period
 detail in this gripping account of John Rae
 "arguably the greatest Arctic explorer of
 the century."

YOUTH PROJECTS

The summer holidays are over and the youth projects are starting up again.

New this session is a youth breakfast running the first Sunday of every month for the 12+ age group, with some food and fellowship followed by some Bible teaching and discussion. On other Sundays there will be a mixture of Bible teaching and those who are 12+ putting something back into young church as helpers in the younger age groups.

We look forward to much fun and laughter together throughout the session ahead and in continuing to support the young people in the development of their faith through discussion and Bible teaching.

Tim Still

Open Garden Event

Audrey Reekie and Constance Strachan thank all helpers and those who supported their Open Garden event on Saturday 13 August.

A great day was had by all (including the tortoise) despite the anxiety of the weather.

The sum of £506.80 was raised for the Development Fund.

