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To know Christ and make Him known

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OVER the summer our sermon series was entitled “Wired that Way”. The theme of our last week was “Wired to Know”. As I prepared the sermon, I read various passages in



Scripture which highlighted how down through the ages, and in various ways, God has spoken to make his existence known: in creation, through the prophets, through Christ, through Scripture.

As I was reading, the words of the French philosopher Blaise Pascal kept coming back to me “There is a God-shaped hole in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God the Creator.”

Or in the words of the contemporary Christian singer, Plumb, (Tiffany Lee):

There's a God-shaped hole in all of us  
And the restless soul is searching  
There's a God-shaped hole in all of us  
And it's a void only God can fill.

I am often amazed at how many people in Western society nowadays feel little or no inclination to follow a particular religion, and yet they are nonetheless conscious of what might be called ‘the God-shaped hole’ in their lives. Indeed, many seek to nurture their spiritual side, and yet rather than enter a church they would gladly pay for a course to hear a speaker talk of feel good factors they can embrace in order to feel they have fulfilled lives.

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Over the years I've read articles on ego, meme pools and the selfish gene which try to explain away this feeling that we have: that there is something missing in our lives; that there is something more. And frankly, for me, none of what I've read satisfactorily explains away the 'God shaped hole', or makes my heart leap, or gives me a sense of peace and fulfilment. The "God-shaped hole" is the innate longing of the human heart for something outside itself, something transcendent, something "other." Ecclesiastes 3:11 refers to God's placing of "eternity in man's heart." And I suppose that given that God is eternal, for in him there is no beginning and no end, then it is only God that can fulfil our desire for eternity; which is found in a relationship with him. And we achieve that longed for relationship through his son. How do we know that? Well in John's Gospel we are told: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17.

God still cries out to us through creation, through Scripture, through Christ. And as always, listening is optional. What is not optional is that, if we know God, we are called to help others come to know him too, in order that the 'God shaped hole' in their lives can be filled. For if we don't tell, how will they know? God speaks through creation, through the prophets, through Christ and through Scripture, but he also speaks through the words and actions of his people: that's us. So what are our lives saying that invites others into a relationship with God?

Your minister ..... Mary Haddow

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## MEN'S GROUP

by Jim Allan

**N**OW that summer (!!)  
has come and gone  
and autumn is near,  
the new session of the  
Men's group meetings  
is rapidly approaching.  
Gentlemen of all ages  
and denominations are  
welcome to come along  
and enjoy fellowship.

Our meetings, in the  
East Church Hall, are  
held on the second and  
fourth Wednesday of the

month, October to March, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Our committee has organised many interesting speakers covering subjects such as India, Antartica, Up Helly A, Local History, Development of Foresterhill Hospital, Anti Terrorism, NHS, CHAS (Ladies Night). We also have our Christmas Meal (joint with the Guild in the East Church Hall). We end our session with our famous Coffee Morning on Saturday 19th March 2011.

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## Next Magazine

**C**ONTRIBUTIONS to Nigel Bowker by 15th November,  
please. e-mail: [nigel@blackhallconsulting.co.uk](mailto:nigel@blackhallconsulting.co.uk)

**JUMBLE SALE**

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# The Great Recycling Sale Banchory East Church



**A Jumble Sale will take place on  
Saturday 25th September  
from 10.00 am – 1 pm.**

Items for the sale will be gratefully accepted from  
**Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th September** between  
**9am – 1pm** and on **Friday evening from 6pm - 8pm.**

This is a great opportunity for us all to have that promised clear out of  
cupboards, wardrobes, lofts etc. so don't delay, act today!!

If you need something collected contact

**Victor Skea on 822357 OR John Wills 824412**

Money raised will go to Church Funds.

Admission will be £1.00 for adults and children 50p.

As well as the usual stalls, teas and coffees will also be available.

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WE ARE indebted to David Welch - our one-man Time Team - for locating this copy of the

On Monday last, the 10th curt. the foundation stone of the Tower, or principal front of the New Church of Banchory Ternan, Kincardineshire, was laid by Mr BURNETT, younger of Crathes, as representing Sir ROBERT BURNETT, Baronet, the Patron and principal Heritor. This Structure is intended to be of an elegant and superior description, affording ample accommodation to the various Gentlemen's families, and numerous tenantry of this populous parish, and worthy of the improved taste of the present times in the erection of public buildings. At the ceremony, Mr FARQUHARSON of Finzean, M. P. assisted, marching in procession at the head of St. Dardinus' Lodge of Free Masons, consisting of 100 stout young men, all handsomely clothed in the full highland costume.— There were also present, among many others, the Hon. General RAMSAY, Lieut.-General BURNETT of Banchory Lodge, Mr INNES of Raemoir, Mr LUNSDEN of Tilwhilly, Lieut.-Colonel WOOD, Captain THOMAS RAMSAY, Capt. ROBERT RAMSAY, &c. &c.—a number of Ladies, and an immense concourse of spectators. The erection of this splendid Church (in a most conspicuous situation) will compleat the striking appearance of one of the most picturesque and beautiful districts of this country.

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# PHOTO GALLERY

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On 22nd August, Mary introduced us to Teddy, her friend for, well, her entire life. It's a good job that Stephen isn't showing as much wear and tear, though.

The Banchory Christian Fellowship buildings are rising fast.



Photo taken at Shell's office. Stand well clear when the children are doing the parking! (And why are Shell using child labour?)

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## HOLIDAY CLUB

by Bill Stone

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WITH everyone talking about the construction going on in Banchory, you may have heard rumours of a new fish & chip shop in town. Unfortunately, it was a one week only venture, and if this is the first you've heard of it, then you are too late. From the week of 9-13 August the East Church halls were home to one of the summer's last hurrahs--the annual community Holiday Club.

For six days our halls became "Rocky's Plaice," a fish and chip shop that doubled as a "chip shop church." Over ninety children took part in the week's activities, which were organised and run by volunteers from the local churches.

Each day began with some funky dancing, a little singing, and was followed up by the introduction of the day's "ingredients." These ingredients, including a freshly caught fish of the day, lead to a Bible story and crafts based around that story. Crafts, activities, and snacks were all done in small teams organised by school year and led by intrepid--and by the end of the week exhausted--chefs.

All of the stories this year were about the early church. The children learned about Jesus' ascension, and the miracle of Pentecost. They heard stories about early church leaders like Peter, John, Dorcas. And they learned about the Roman Centurion Cornelius.

It is interesting to hear these stories while immersed in the organised chaos of Holiday Club. They learned that church at Pentecost was born among a diverse group of people, from

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diverse backgrounds--all passionate about the same thing. They learned that it was born from chaos, and, even on those first few days, it was born into imperfection. They learned that as the church today they had a responsibility to share the good news of God's grace and love with other people. And it was amazing to see how much the children took the week's lessons and activities to heart!

## Autumn Events at BTEC



### Messy Church & Family Movie Nights

- 27 September 4:00-6:00 - Messy Church
- 1 October 6:30-8:30 - Family Film Night
- 25 October 4:00-6:00 - Messy Church
- 5 November 6:30-8:30 - Family Film Night
- 29 November 4:00-6:00 - Messy Church
- 3 December 6:30-8:30 - Family Film Night

To get involved, or for questions call/email  
Bill Stone: 07883.815.598 [billstoneiii@gmail.com](mailto:billstoneiii@gmail.com)



### Events in the Tent and Studio

- 5 September - Shoebox appeal begins
- 3 October - All age Harvest celebration & shoebox deadline
- 19 December - All age Christmas celebration
- 26 December - No Tent/Studio
- 2 January - No Tent/Studio

We look forward to helping you learn, seeing you grow, and empowering you to give!

So as we think about what it means to be a church, resuming our study on Ephesians this autumn, and celebrating the 450th anniversary of the reformation with our friends in Scotland, perhaps we should re-consider how we view holiday club, messy church, and our sunday schools. What would happen if we looked at these things, not as places where we hope to form model Christians, but as already model Christians, filled with the spirit, hoping to transform us?

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## WORLD MISSION

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ON Saturday, 25th September, there is a World Mission event called The Exchange Factor (strap line: The Exchange Factor - connecting globally and locally). It's taking place at Oldmachar Church from 10 am - 3.30 pm. The

cost is £5 which includes lunch and refreshments. The keynote speaker will be the Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan, the new convenor of the Church of Scotland's World Mission Council.

There will be an opportunity to attend two out of four workshops.

Registration is via Audrey Grahame, World Mission Council, 121 George Street, Edinburgh, [agrahame@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:agrahame@cofscotland.org.uk).

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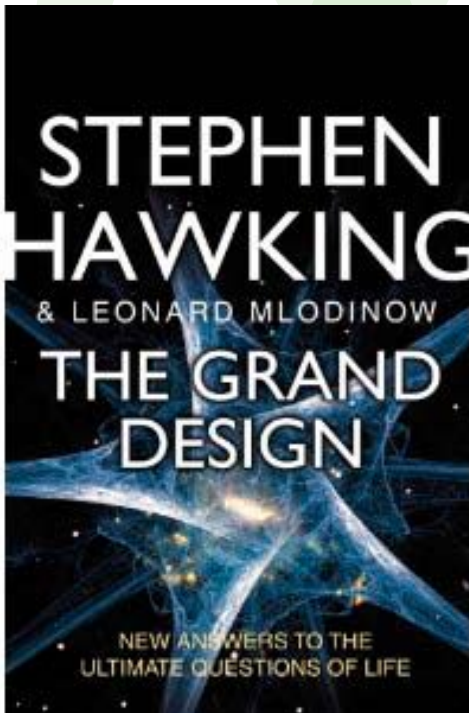
THE coffee afternoon on 12th September at Bellfield raised almost £1,000.

## SO THAT'S IT THEN!

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**T**HERE is no need for a Creator, according to cosmologist Stephen Hawking in his new book, "The Grand Design."

In the book he says, "Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing. Spontaneous creation is the reason there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist. It is not necessary to invoke God to light the blue touch paper and set the universe going."



He uses the 1992 discovery of a planet orbiting a star other than our Sun in evidence and says, "That makes the coincidences of our planetary conditions - the single Sun, the lucky combination of Earth-Sun distance and solar mass - far less remarkable, and far less compelling as evidence that the Earth was carefully designed just to please us human beings."

This appears to be something of a turnaround for Hawking who had written in his 1988 best-seller "A Brief History Of Time": "If we discover a complete theory, it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason - for then we should know the mind of God."

No doubt the Almighty will read his latest work with interest!

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**Y**EAR to date giving is as follows:

	2010	2009
Plate	5,544	5,600
FWO (not Gift-Aid)	4,201	3,517
Bank Orders (not Gift-Aid)	2,537	1,551
Sub-total	12,282	10,668
Pew envelopes	1,514	1,415
FWO (Gift-Aid)	7,530	7,529
Bank Orders (Gift-Aid)	29,682	27,324
Sub-total	38,726	36,268
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51,008</b>	<b>46,936</b>

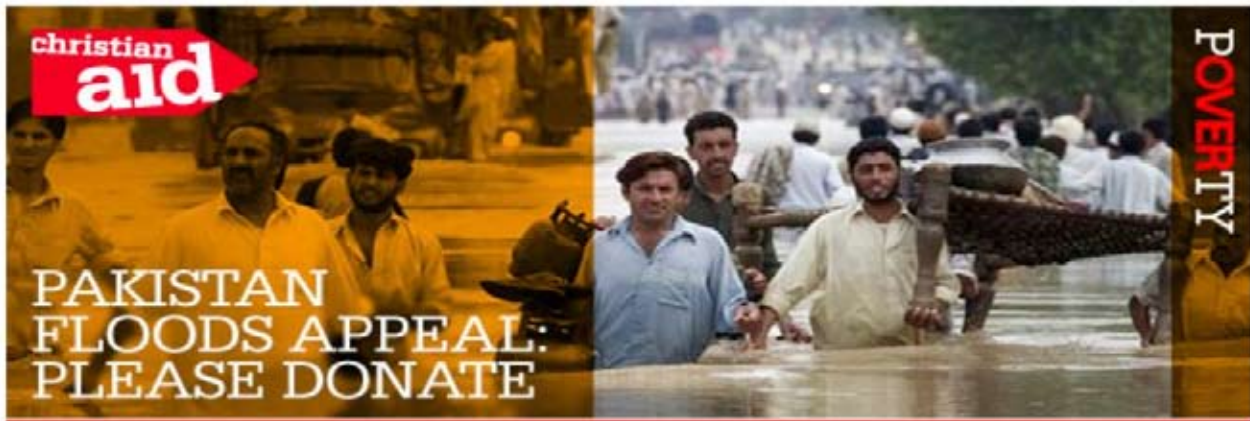
This represents an increase of 8.6% over last year. Many thanks to those who have responded to the need.

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## Worship in Scots

THE Church of Scotland has a range of Scots language worship resources. They can be found on line at:

<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/wpscots.htm>



### [Pakistan floods appeal: donate now ▶](#)

Dear Friend,

The UN is describing the floods in Pakistan as the worst natural disaster since the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami. Current estimates suggest that in excess of 20 million people in Pakistan have been affected.

Christian Aid has sent £750,000 to help Act Alliance partners respond to the devastating floods that have killed more than 1,600 people; but the situation is getting worse, and more help is desperately needed.

[Please donate today to help our partners continue to provide food, shelter and medical supplies ▶](#)

[Visit our website](#) for evidence of the impact that your support is having, including an interview with Kelli Siddiqui from Act Alliance who talks about the 'unfathomable' scale of the floods, how Act Alliance is responding and the effect this disaster has had on survivors; especially children.

Yours sincerely

Nick Guttman  
Head of emergencies

P.S. If you have already donated to our appeal, thank you.

**Please donate**

Please donate  
whatever you  
can today.

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## Harvest Supper

Saturday 2nd October - 6 for 6.30 pm

Price £7 - Booking essential

Please see Lillian or call the church office,  
820380

**T**HOSE who attended one of the stewardship events will hopefully recall that there was a board there where people could suggest things for the future. These are the suggestions that were made.

## General

- For the Church still to be here.
- East and West to be one Church in the future – very soon I hope and pray.
- To be one Church.
- The Church will continue to grow within the community.
- “Situations Vacant” column in the Magazine so we know what is needed where.
- A Hillwalking Club would be great!! 3 additional comments supported the idea.
- 8:30 – 9:00 early morning or 6:00 – 6:30 early evening - more child/family friendly.
- Youth Choir.
- Encourage more young people and families.

## Within the Church Building

- Make the Church more of a Public amenity.
- Make an upper floor across the whole of the church – still enabling the chancel window to be seen from upper floor. Will provide extra facilities and assist with heating costs.
- Heating Poor.
- Replace the Heating System.
- Heating should take top priority before renovation.

- Loose seating.
- Removal of pews and replacement with comfortable chairs.
- New Pew Covers.
- Total refurbishment.
- Do not change too much.
- Fix the Sound System x 2.
- Double Glazing x 2.
- Stop closing off rear of Church on Communion Sunday – forward seats suffer draughts!

## Introducing Our New Dance Group



On 10th September, the church played host to the Osiligi Maasai Warriors as part of their UK tour to raise funds for the improvement of their village in Kenya.



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A SERIES of public environmental events is being held at the Woodend Barn under the banner of the Banchory Energy Reduction Initiative. These are on the first Monday of each month from 6th September until 7th March (excluding January) Each event starts at 7.30 pm and there is plenty of



opportunity for discussion and refreshments afterwards. They aim to be both informative and fun. The events are free but donations to cover costs are invited.

Full details are on Woodend Barn website at [www.woodendbarn.co.uk](http://www.woodendbarn.co.uk). The upcoming events are:

4th October - Steve Furnival will give a presentation on "Sustainable Energy Without the Hot Air".

1st November - Professor Pete Smith will give a presentation on "Climate Change and Scotland - What we can do about it?"

6th December - Genevieve Jones will give a presentation on "Grand Designs - a local attempt at ecological self build and the lessons learned "

The events for 7th February and 7th March are still to be decided.

# BANCHORY SHOW

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**T**hree familiar faces just looking natural at the church's tent at this year's Banchory Show.

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## Thought for the Quarter

**I** urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4: 1-3

## Deaths

**I**T is with sadness that we announce the deaths of the following members of our Congregation and Parish ...

Mrs Alice Petrie, late of Silverbank Gardens

Miss Loraine Black, Cove

Mr Walter Smith, late of Pantoch Drive

Mrs Anne Walker, Bredero Drive

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**GUILD**  
by Margaret Thom

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**S**UMMER is over!! and all the church activities start again. The Guild reflects back on some of the interesting activities that we have held.

In May we had our annual supper rally at Ardoe House where over 200 members and friends from the Presbytery enjoyed an evening of fellowship and friendship. Our speaker was The Very Rev Dr James Simpson who gave a very enlightening talk on *Humour - the lost sense*. Dr Simpson

had many of his books for sale (and they just flew off the table) and the Guild was given a very generous donation towards our projects.



On the last Saturday of August, seven of our members travelled to Dundee for the Annual Meeting.

The Guild meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from October through to March. Our new programme is completed (and will be posted on the notice board at the church door and in the hall) and we look forward to a successful year. To encourage more members we will be holding afternoon meetings every 3rd Wednesday of the month except December and March at 2 pm. Please try and support your Guild.

We are the oldest Guild in Scotland and next November we celebrate our 125th birthday! A celebration event is in the pipeline.

# GRACE AND MERCY 2010

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OVER 2000 Guild members from across the country converged on the Caird Hall in Dundee for the annual meeting of the Scotland Guild on Saturday 28th August. As well as fellowship the movement's new theme was launched: *Called to love mercy* under the strategy *What does the Lord require of you?*

Chaired by National Convenor Helen-May Bayne, the day was a moving testimony to the work of the Guild. The current Moderator, the Right Rev John Christie, reflected on the theme of mercy. He emphasised, "it's time for us as a church to be prophetic and use our words and actions to remake society." He was followed by keynote speaker Lesley Belinda, the Christian writer, who spoke of her harrowing experiences in Rwanda. Other speakers included Elaine Duncan from the Scottish Bible Society.



The full and varied programme included news and reports on aspects of the Guild's work.. The total raised by guilds throughout Scotland for the six chosen projects amounted to £238, 484. A musical and meditative interlude was provided by a group called Prior Engagement. This day of reflection, worship and fellowship was attended by many members from across the K&D Presbytery.

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## NEW ROOKIE by Helena Counsell

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I'M Helena, I've lived in Banchory for 10 years now and am a member of Banchory Christian Fellowship Church, which is possibly why a few of you won't recognise me... I've grown up going to The Rock and The Edge and am now taking a gap year and working as a Rookie.



The Rock and The Edge have become a hugely important part of my life. I have a real passion for people and for the Gospel. I want to spread the word to those who either don't know, are misled or undecided about the Bible, and the God of the Bible.

Being a Rookie has always been appealing to me, I have been inspired and encouraged by each and every one of the Rookies I've met, so I guess you could say it's been a 'childhood dream'.

I'm hugely excited about what God is going to do in Banchory this year. I can see so much potential in the kids who come to Edge and Rock, and I cannot wait to spend another year with them, being inspired by them.

I have also been asked to talk a little bit about the Seattle trip....

The aim of the trip was to do the work that needed to be done so that those who worked in the organisations we helped in could spend more time with the people they served. We worked in groups of 10-12, visiting food banks, recovery centres, homing schemes, drop-in shelters and a summer school. Homelessness is a huge problem in Seattle (the average age of a homeless person there is nine years old).

I was particularly struck by the poverty within the city. Before we went, I don't think I had ever really seen poverty. One night my team were serving food at a drop-in men's shelter and seeing the sheer number of men coming in, off the street to eat shocked me completely. I think the total number of meals served that night was about 266, not including second portions.

What was even more shocking was the pile of luggage by the door. This pile contained everything these men owned, and for the fifty of them in the room, the pile was significantly smaller than that of the luggage 25 people travelling to Seattle took for two weeks. I will never forget that night, it was exceedingly humbling.

Before the trip when people said to me that Banchory was a posh, sheltered area, I would immediately contradict them, now, however I understand that it is.

It's safe to say that everyone on the trip learnt something new and experienced God working in different ways.

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# SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

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At a recent Sunday Night Live planning meeting it was decided that Sunday Night Live should be put on hold with a meeting to review the situation in January. The original reasons for having SNL at all have shifted, numbers have dropped as people have moved away, and it was felt that there are not many shoots of growth at present. So we are cutting back, and new growth may come as time goes on. This means that there is a space on Sunday evenings from 6-7 pm and if anyone would like to invite a special speaker to come or organise a one-off service under the SNL title, that opportunity is still open. It will be decided what to do about the SNL bank account in future when we have the meeting in January.

## Prayer Diary

As you will be aware, we have a monthly prayer diary which is distributed in the service towards the end of the previous month. It is also available in the vestry and on the church website.

Thanks to Isobel Brown, Johanna Bell and Liz Reekie for their faithful production of this part of our ministry.

PRAYER DIARY - SEPTEMBER 2010

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"Prayer to begin, prayer to accompany, prayer to close  
any undertaking for God's Service  
is the secret of prospering in our ways"



This Prayer Diary is produced to encourage us as a congregation to join together in daily prayer. If you would like any further information about any of this month's topics or would like to suggest requests for inclusion in future diaries, please contact either:

Isobel Brown Tel 824353  
Johanna Bell Tel 824555  
Liz Reekie Tel 824681

A congregational prayer meeting is held in the church hall every Sunday at 10 am. All are welcome to come along.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

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SEPT	27th	4.00 pm	Messy Church
OCT	1st	6.30 pm	Family Film Night
	2nd	6.30 pm	Harvest Supper
	3rd	10.30 am	Harvest Festival/ Thanksgiving
	4th	7.30 pm	Kirk Session
	6th	7.30 pm	Guild
	10th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	13th	7.30 pm	Men's Group
	14th	12 noon	Friendship Lunch
	17th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	20th	7.30 pm	Guild
	24th	7.30 pm	Morning Worship
	25th	4.00 pm	Messy Church
	27th	7.30 pm	Men's Group
	28th	7.30 pm	Friendship Lunch
	31st	10.30 am	Morning Worship
NOV	3rd	7.30 pm	Guild
	5th	6.30 pm	Family Film Night
	7th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	8th	7.30 pm	Congregational Board
	10th	7.30 pm	Men's Group
	11th	12 noon	Friendship Lunch
	14th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	17th	7.30 pm	Guild
	21st	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	24th	7.30 pm	Men's Group
	25th	12 noon	Friendship Lunch
	28th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	29th	4.00 pm	Messy Church

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## STEWARDSHIP CARDS

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**W**E received 345 completed cards out of 614 issued at the stewardship events, a ratio of 56%. Some information from them was as follows:

Standing Orders:      35 members wished to start new orders.  
                                    45 members increased existing orders.  
                                    27 members chose to leave existing orders unaltered.

Freewill Offerings:    21 members wished to start new FWOs  
                                    39 members increased present FWOs  
                                    64 members chose to leave their existing orders unchanged.

Many thanks to all those who took time to complete the cards.

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## Moderation

**T**HE Moderator of the General Assembly is the biggest job in our church. This is how its done. Every year in October, a committee of the Assembly meets to nominate a person to be presented as Moderator Designate to the GA the following May. Once the nomination has been accepted on the opening day of the Assembly, the person concerned is elected Moderator of the GA.

If he or she is a minister, they are addressed as the Right Rev until his or her moderatorial year ends with the election of a successor. A former Moderator, who is a minister, is referred to as the Very Rev.

# THE HYMN FOR THE JOB

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Dentist's Hymn.....	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn.....	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Builder's Hymn.....	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn.....	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn.....	Standing on the Promises
The Gossip's Hymn.....	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn...	Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn.....	Sweet Bye and Bye
Estate Agent's Hymn.....	I've Got a Mansion Just over the Hilltop

And for those who drive fast - a few hymns:

45 mph.....	God Will Take Care of You
65 mph.....	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph.....	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph.....	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph.....	Precious Memories

(Thanks to Margaret Thom)

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## Papal Visit

**A**S we go to press, the Pope's visit has just started. He is visiting as a Head of State. The state that he is head of is the Vatican City which came into existence as recently as 1929. Until 1870, the Popes had ruled a much larger territory but lost that in the wars of Italian unification.

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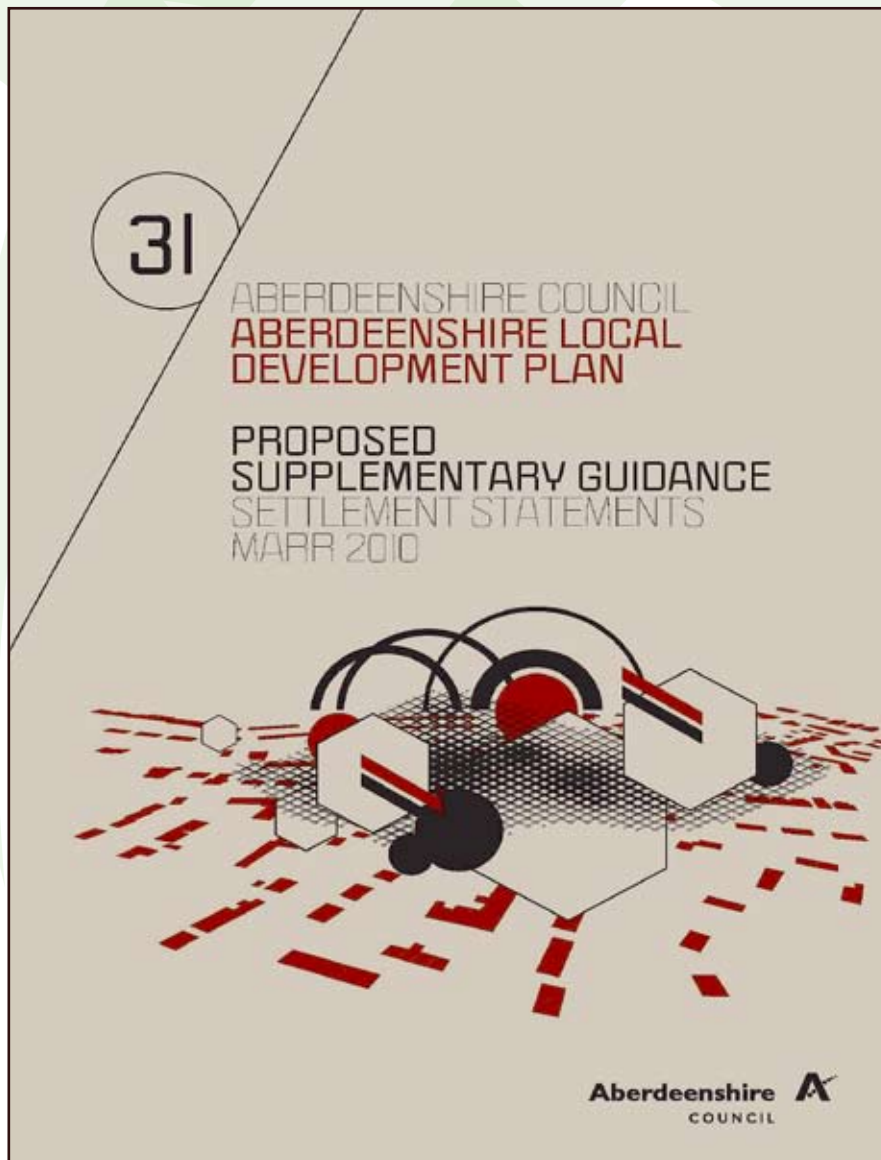
## LOCAL PLAN

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**A**BERDEENSHIRE Council has published draft development proposals for our area. We have placed the document on the church website (see “noticeboard” and then “notices”).



The deadline for objections is October 1st.

You can make your own objections online or send your comments to Tony Brown (tony.brown3@btinternet.com) for inclusion in the BDI/BCC response.

The next community forum meeting will be held during the

last week in September and the development plan will be one of the agenda items.

Incidentally, new members of the community forum are being sought. Anyone like to volunteer?

**T**HIS is a quick summary of what's happening on the West Church vacancy.

A Nominating Committee has been elected and all the preparatory work has been done for recruiting a new minister. A Parish Profile, Person Specification, and Application Form have all been prepared and are all available from their website. The Church of Scotland website has a link on it to the BTWC website so that job seekers are directed straight to it.

The job advert is in September's Life and Work with a closing date of 30th September. It is after this date that the Nominating Committee will move on to selecting candidates in whom they are interested.

If any readers of this magazine know any minister(s) whom you wish to recommend, please pass their details on to Ian Mechie (the Convenor of the Nominating Committee) at BTWC but all applications have to be in by 30 September.

## **Banchory-Ternan West Parish Church**

### ***Unrestricted Call***

We are looking for a minister who is called by God to be part of our Church Family and to help us move forward on the exciting journey we believe Jesus has planned for us.

Please download our Parish Profile from our website:  
[www.banchorywestchurch.com](http://www.banchorywestchurch.com)

or obtain a copy from the Clerk to the Nominating Committee, to whom applications and recommendations should be sent:

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*Closing date: 30 September 2010*

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# BANCHORY EAST

## SNIPPETS

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### **Fashion Show**

We are pleased to report that the amount raised by the Fashion Show has now risen to £612.53.

### **“The Great Divorce” - by C S Lewis**

This is the best book I have romped through in a long time. It's a fantasy or a dream of the after-life. Lewis makes clear the book is a fantasy, although he intends it to have a moral. You may find something very different in the story, but I found amusement, entertainment and personal challenge as I read the various interactions between people strong in the belief of their own virtues. I found a deeper appreciation of the grace of God, and of the over-riding principle of freedom of choice. The Great Divorce is between Hell and Heaven and Lewis's fantasy is a most interesting view of both - Audrey Bowker.

### **Banchory Christians Together Men's Breakfast Group**

“A chance for reflection before the business day begins”. By popular demand we are back and ready to start up our meeting for another season. The next men's breakfast group will happen on Friday 24th September, as usual, at 7-8 am at the Banchory Lodge Hotel. You're most welcome to join us and if there are others that may be interested, please pass this on. The cost for the breakfast is £6. If you are intending to come, please let Ian Davy know so we can dovetail numbers with our order of bacon butties from the hotel.

### **Blythswood Shoebox Appeal**

Once again we are supporting the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. To take part please fill a shoe box with gifts. These are then sent to countries in Eastern Europe, India and Pakistan. A list of products can be found on sheets at the back of the church. Shoe boxes need to be ready by 3rd October (Harvest Festival).

**A**T this harvest time, we publish some hints for gardening in the church.

### FIRST WEED OUT

Gossip, indifference, envy, jealousy and pride.

### NEXT PLANT OUT 5 ROWS OF LETTUCES

Let us be faithful in service.

Let us be loyal and unselfish.

Let us be true to obligation.

Let us obey the Word of God.

Let us love one another.

### REMEMBER THE TURNIPS

Turn up for meetings.

Turn up with a smile.

Turn up with a fresh vision.

(Thanks to Sandra Pennington)

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## **We are not Alone?**

**B**ANCHORY-TERNAN (to give our village its proper name) is named after St Ternan who had a monastery here.

In Ireland there is a village called Kilternan, which means “Church of Tiarnáin”. Is Tiarnáin the same person as Ternan?

# BANCHORY EAST CONGRATULATIONS

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We congratulate the following:-

## Baptism

Hugo Michael Balandis Bull  
Alexia Mae Balandis Bull

## New Members

Hazel Johnston Cranna  
Sarah Scott  
Kaye Ellis

## Wedding

Fiona Dearden & Alex Bryce  
Kaye Ellis & Alexander  
Brindle (see below right)  
Sally Balandis & Phil Bull  
(see below left)

## Thank You

Ray Thomson would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and flowers during her treatment. Ray is recovering well at home and is getting stronger each day.



# CHRISTIAN AID

by Stan Thomson

# CHURCH MAGAZINE

THE accounts for this year's Christian Aid Week have now been finalised and are as follows:

## Christian Aid Week

### Comparison between 2009 and 2010

	2009	2010
Envelopes/Church collections	2407.65	2878.80
Christian Aid Centre	1741.27	1884.75
Concerts	119.44	56.02
High Street of Coins	239.17	159.64
Dora's Open Garden	309.21	319.52
Songs of Praise	220.00	90.00
Food in the Park	499.62	439.00
Boxes/Donations	172.09	318.21
Morrison's Collection	0.00	883.70
Invigilator's Collection	16.44	45.54
	<u>5724.89</u>	<u>7075.18</u>

## Christian Aid Centre

Books	75.75	151.03
Baking	381.34	475.11
St Columba's stall	168.60	177.75
Bric-a-brac	143.14	182.45
Plants	404.90	238.17
Refreshments	540.54	632.74
Traidcraft	27.00	27.50
TOTAL	<u>1741.27</u>	<u>1884.75</u>

The total was 23.5% ahead of last year. Many thanks to all who helped and contributed.

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