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HAVE you ever noticed that many of the fictional heroes we knew growing up wore masks, so their true identity could never



be known? Like Spiderman and Batman and Zorro and, of course, the original masked man: the Lone Ranger.

People benefited from their kindness; they frequently saved the world from the baddies. But people didn't know who they really were. They may have been heroes, but people's knowledge of them was limited.

There's a sense in which the same could have been said about God. In the Old Testament we learned about him, we saw how his people benefited from his kindness, but we couldn't really know him personally, intimately. It was like he was behind a mask.

On Christmas Day, the mask was removed. He revealed himself to us fully and completely, so that we may know him as he really is. This is why, when the disciple Philip asked Jesus to reveal the Father, Jesus said, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:9) God's plan is not to be our hero. He wants to be more than the one we call on in times of trouble. He wants to be our constant companion, our Father, our friend. He wants us to know him personally, and he made this possible through his Son, Jesus Christ, who was

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sent to us two thousand years ago. This is why we celebrate his birth.

Christmas, a season of good will, the time when we celebrate Christ's birth in Bethlehem and hear again the message of Isaiah announcing that a child would be born who would be called 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty



God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'.

The world needed him then: it needed to hear his message of love, peace and justice, but it rejected him and his message.

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He and his message are still needed in today's world. So, as we celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world this Christmas, let us not reject him, but rather, demonstrate his love, his peace and his justice in our lives and in our community.

I pray you all will have a peace-filled Christmas and New Year and I take this opportunity to use my ministerial office to accord you God's blessing this Christmas:

"May God's mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance." Until the next time – The Lord, bless you and keep you.

Your Minister and Friend,

Mary Haddow.

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SESSION MATTERS

by Mike Jamieson

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THE following items were discussed at the Kirk Session meeting of 3rd October:

Children & Families' Worker – Caitlin Marno has been appointed to this role, is tackling the job enthusiastically and looking at new ideas to expand the work.

Youth Programme – Following recruitment, the new Youth Co-ordinator will be Amy Pierce (formerly Amy McGraw) who will start in her new position on 1st December. During the recruitment period, Gavin Marshall, who has now left to start a new job overseas, filled the position on a temporary basis.

World Mission – The Harvest Lunch on 2nd October raised the sum of £250 for Kandy.

Planning – Following the initial meeting of 17th August, further discussion took place on the content of the five year plan for submission to Presbytery.

A Golden Anniversary

We are celebrating a number of events in this magazine. Here's another one. Albert Davidson, our Joint Session Clerk, has just completed 50 years as an elder.

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by Stan Thomson

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THE following matters were discussed at the Congregational Board meetings on 12th September and 21st November.

Stewardship Conference: Mary Haddow, Dennis Boardman, Mike Jamieson and Helen Carberry represented Banchory East Church at the Stewardship Conference on 20th September. The General Assembly has ordained that each congregation will have a plan in place, over a three year cycle, covering 'time', 'talents' and 'finance'. Any church not having undergone a Stewardship Campaign recently should cover 'finance' during their first year. Banchory East and West churches, who have undertaken recent campaigns, and who actually were the only such churches who have done so, would be covering 'time' or 'talents' during the first year.

Property: Painting has taken place in the church, halls and manse. The church roof has been inspected/ repaired.

Asbestos Register: An Asbestos Register has been compiled and approved by the Board.

Health and Safety: An updated 'Health and Safety Policy' was submitted to and passed by the Board.

Notice Board: An exterior hanging notice board has been erected at the front wall of the church. The notice board, which is kept within the church hall when not in use, can be used by any of the church organisations.

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ON the 3rd November 1886, the Banchory Ternan East Church Guild was formed with nearly 100 members. Rev Dr George Hutchison, minister, was President and Mrs Mary Davidson was secretary.

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Rev. Dr Archibald Charteris, who wanted the work of women in the church to be recognised, formed Guilds throughout Scotland. A deliverance was approved at the General Assembly in 1887

Ours is one of the oldest Guilds and we celebrate our 125th anniversary before the national celebrations.



Our Guild has grown in strength, fellowship and faith and forms a very valuable part of our church

What would Rev. Dr Charteris think of the Guild today? We hope he would approve of the work and structure of the Guild. As in his day Guilds throughout Scotland have raised millions of pounds for chosen projects.

We celebrated our 125th year with our Guild friends from Banchory West, where a lovely meal was provided by Val Morrison, Kemnay, and served by members from the Men's Group. 'The Couthie Company' under the leadership of

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Elizabeth Sudder provided the entertainment.

Our special guests were Rt Rev David Arnott, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, who gave an interesting reflection on his first five months of Moderator. He then

presented the Guild with a

specially designed pottery candleholder and candle.

Mrs Alison Angus, National Guild Convener, gave a brief history of the guild and then presented a certificate recognising 125 years of our guild

Mrs Ella Nicholson, an ex president of the Guild cut the cake.

Helen Macgregor gave very hearty vote of thanks.



An excellent, enjoyable and entertaining evening was had by all.

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by Johanna Bell

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THE last of the Kandy Craft Sales for the year will be over by the time you read this (it raised £441 - Ed) but it is never too late to thank those who have loyally supported the Craft Group in their generous efforts and contributions in making it such a success in supporting our twin church in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Rev. Saman Perera, in his letters from the Scots Kirk sends his thanks and those of his Congregation in his appreciation of the support they receive from us.

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£1,400 is sent each year from the money we raise (Kandy Fund). This supports a missionary and his family in an outlying village called Pupurassa. Life is not easy for him and his family as they do not have a permanent residence and have to move frequently from rented accommodation. Saman says "we need to be very careful in our work due to the prevailing hostile situation towards conversion or aggressive evangelism. Although we are not involved with such activities, authorities treat all of us the same if something goes wrong. But the missionaries and families are continuing their ministries in a slow and steady manner. Our aim is to serve the needy and afflicted with the love of our Master and aim to strengthen our people to deliver quality work. At this point we express our gratitude to all of you while praising God for the wonderful partner relationship that we have maintained for the last few years.

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NEW MODERATOR

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REV Albert Bogle, minister at St Andrew's Parish Church in Bo'ness has been nominated Moderator Designate by the Committee to Nominate the Moderator of the General Assembly.

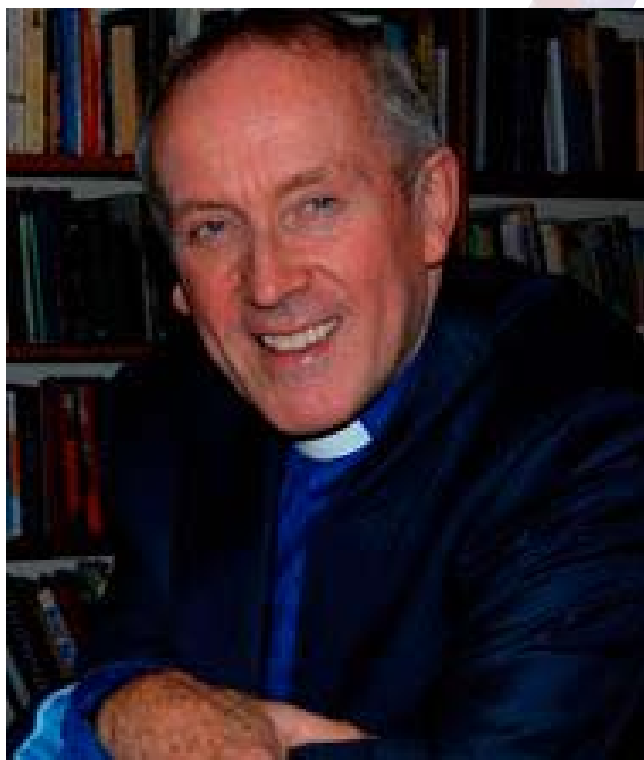
As well as his ministry in Bo'ness he has served the General Assembly in various roles from 1983, from sitting on the Panel of Worship to being convener of the Kirk's "Church without Walls" Planning Group from 2004 to 2009. He is currently a member of the World Mission Future Strategy Group.

The importance of the correlation between local, national and international has had a profound effect on him personally and on his ministry and congregation and it was this that led to Albert establishing the Vine Trust.

Set up in 1985 the Vine Trust helps some of the poorest children and communities around the world.

Currently, the charity's Amazon Hope Project provides a health service for around 100,000 patients every year.

Albert is married to Martha. The couple have a son and a daughter.



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Our own Congregation's thanks are also due to the Sunday School who held a May Fayre (£250) and the Friendship Lunch team who donated the proceeds of the Harvest Lunch (£250). This has been matched by the same amount from the Kandy Fund and sent to support the Children's work at the Women's Development Centre and the Church's Prison Ministry.

Saman says "Annually, during the Christmas season we are invited to conduct Christmas programme either at the Main Prison or the Open Prison with the participation of 1000 - 1500 inmates. Church choir, drama team, and we leaders are responsible to facilitate this programme with singing, sharing of the Good News, giving gifts, and time of fellowship with some eatables. Though this required fairly big expenditure, this is an event which congregation jointly participates with whatever the resources available to them and acknowledges as blessed opportunity to serve".

To find any new information regarding the Partnership with Kandy please check the Noticeboard in the Hall.

We keep in touch regularly with our friends in St. Margaret's Glenrothes who share with us the duty of care for the outreach work in Kandy.

We know of a couple of young friends from Banchory who visited the Women's Development Centre recently while on holiday in Sri Lanka and took gifts for the children. We look forward to have some pictures to show in our next issue.

PHOTO GALLERY

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On 13th November, the children organised a walk up Scoty where they laid wreaths they had made for Remembrance Day.

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We celebrated Harvest on 2nd October. The meal raised £250.

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CRIMOND DEBATE

by David Welch

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THE psalm tune *Crimond* has been popular since the wedding in 1947 of Elizabeth, our present queen, and Philip Mountbatten. It is meantime the most notable contribution from north-east Scotland to church music, so it is unfortunate that there is dispute about who composed the tune.

Attributions vary between different hymn books: sometimes Jesse Irvine is the composer, sometimes David Grant, while CH4 cautiously records “melody possibly by Jessie Irvine (1836-1887) or David Grant (1833-1893)”.

They have no doubt in the east end of Aberdeen, as I found when taking pictures of St Clement's Church. I went there



since this church is another designed by the architect John Smith, so is very similar to Banchory East. On the side wall to the left of the main entrance is this plaque:

A long gap between the composition of

Crimond and popular acclaim helps to explain the argument about composer. Also the tune was not originally married to Psalm 23, *The Lord's my shepherd*. *Crimond* first appeared in the *Northern Psalter*, a book of hymn and psalm tunes published in Aberdeen in 1872, but the words underlain were *Thou art the*

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way. However, the attribution is clearly given as David Grant, 1871, and the 4-part harmony is close to what we sing today.

The Northern Psalter was edited by William Carnie, and proved very successful, later editions claiming that it was in use in 90% of all churches in northern Scotland. It included a second tune by David Grant, and was a judicious mixture of old and new compositions, including some by Arthur Sullivan and S.S. Wesley.

David Grant was a tobacconist in Aberdeen, and an enthusiastic church singer who also composed and harmonised tunes. After Grant's death, William Carnie gave a speech of appreciation at a Burn's Supper which was eventually printed. From this we learn that Grant named his tune to commemorate a friend who came from the Crimond area and succeeded Cairnie as precentor of Aberdeen St Nicholas West Church in 1871.

A link to Jessie Irvine was not claimed until 1911. Then Anna Irvine wrote "the tune was composed by my sister J.S. Irvine William Carnie got it harmonised by David Grant". However, the church precentor then at Crimond said Anna was wrong, and it was a different tune of Jesse's that David Grant harmonised.

All this would not matter if *Crimond* had not become so well known a tune. Its joining to the much-loved Psalm 23 doubtless helped the process along, and seems to have occurred in the Glasgow area. Next, the marriage was popularised by a recording made by the Glasgow Orpheus Choir. Only later were the tune and words published together. (Continued page 16)

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YEAR to date giving is as follows:

	2011	2010
Plate	6,754	8,407
FWO (not Gift-Aid)	5,287	6,107
Bank Orders (not Gift-Aid)	2,425	3,207
Pew envelopes	1,295	2,010
FWO (Gift-Aid)	11,118	10,281
Bank Orders (Gift-Aid)	45,587	41,121
TOTAL	72,466	71,132

This represents an increase of 1.9% over last year.

Other income (tax refunds, interest, rental, fundraising, etc.) is £37,048 (2010: £33,744), an increase of 9.8%. Total income is therefore £109,514 (2010: £104,877), an increase of 4.4% which pretty much keeps pace with inflation.

An interesting point: Gift aided donations have increased by 10.3%. This has meant that we have gained £3,146 more in tax rebates. This is the lion's share of the increased income. So many thanks to those who have contributed to the church's finances this year through giving and attending events. Please remember to Gift Aid your donations if at all possible.

SCOLTY GROUP

by Alastair Forbes

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WE continue as a group and enjoy entertaining at various locations (East Church Hall, Dalvenie, Glen O'Dee, Hanover Court, Bonty Court, Cairn Field (Aberdeen), Victory Hall (Aboyne), Scott Skinners and the Burnett Arms).

I looked back and found that Duncan Menzies, Sandy Cooper and I played at the East Church Hall on 11th September 2003 - and that must have been the start of the group!

(Perhaps I could just say how much the congregation admires and appreciates this ministry - Ed)

Deaths

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

Mr Allan McCombie, Highwood

Mr William Mutch

Mrs Mary Thomson, Strachan

Mr John Petts, St Machar Crescent

Mrs Janet Watt, Woodside Crescent

Next Magazine

CONTRIBUTIONS to Nigel Bowker by 15th February, please.

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A pointer to the national obscurity of *Crimond* before the 1947 wedding is the story of how the Westminster Abbey organist could not obtain a copy of the descant in London, so had to summon Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret to sing it to him four days before the wedding. The organist noted down the descant and taught it to his singers. Only a year or two later did a printed version of the descant become available.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012



We will all be
Changed

Yr ydym i gyd i gael ein newid
Tiofaidh claochlú orainn go léir



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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will, as usual, be held in January. Next year's theme comes from the churches in Poland, who have reflected upon their own experience as a nation, and in particular how they have been changed and transformed by the many upheavals of their history, and sustained by their faith.

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Banchory Ternan East Church Sunday School invite you to

Build a Nativity



**Sunday 11th December 2011
East Church Halls 2pm-4pm**

Take a break from the run up to Christmas and spend some time as a family helping your local church build its own nativity scene!

Dads, mums, primary kids, secondary kids, grandparents and friends – we need you all.

Activities provided will be appropriate to each age group, all helping to construct a traditional nativity scene. No special skills required, just come along prepared to get involved.

Please let us know if you're planning to be there.
Contact Jackie Wilson on 01330 82 0810 or at
jackiewilson10@tiscali.co.uk

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.



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TOM TOMS by Ruth Howarth

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TOM Toms celebrated its 10th birthday on Monday 5th December. I wish to take the opportunity of thanking all those who have come forward to join our happy band of helpers. Your time and effort is much appreciated by all families who attend each fun filled week.



Barbara Carter created the vision for Tom Toms (Toddler Music for Today's Mums) in December 2001 when 15 children and Mums attended. Today we endeavour to keep her vision of fun and friendship intact with around 45 children attending not just with Mum, but often with Dad, or grandparents or child-minder.

Jumble Sale

This year's jumble sale made an astounding £3,420 (versus £3,054 last year).

Congratulations to Victor and all who took part. There were 73 helpers.

And, of course, thanks to all who came along as customers!

The Great Recycling Sale Banchory East Church



A Jumble Sale & Book Sale will take place on
Saturday 24th September
from 10.00 am – 1 pm.
Items for the sale will be gratefully accepted from
Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd
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 £2.00 for adults and children 50p.
As well as the usual stalls, teas and coffees will also be available.

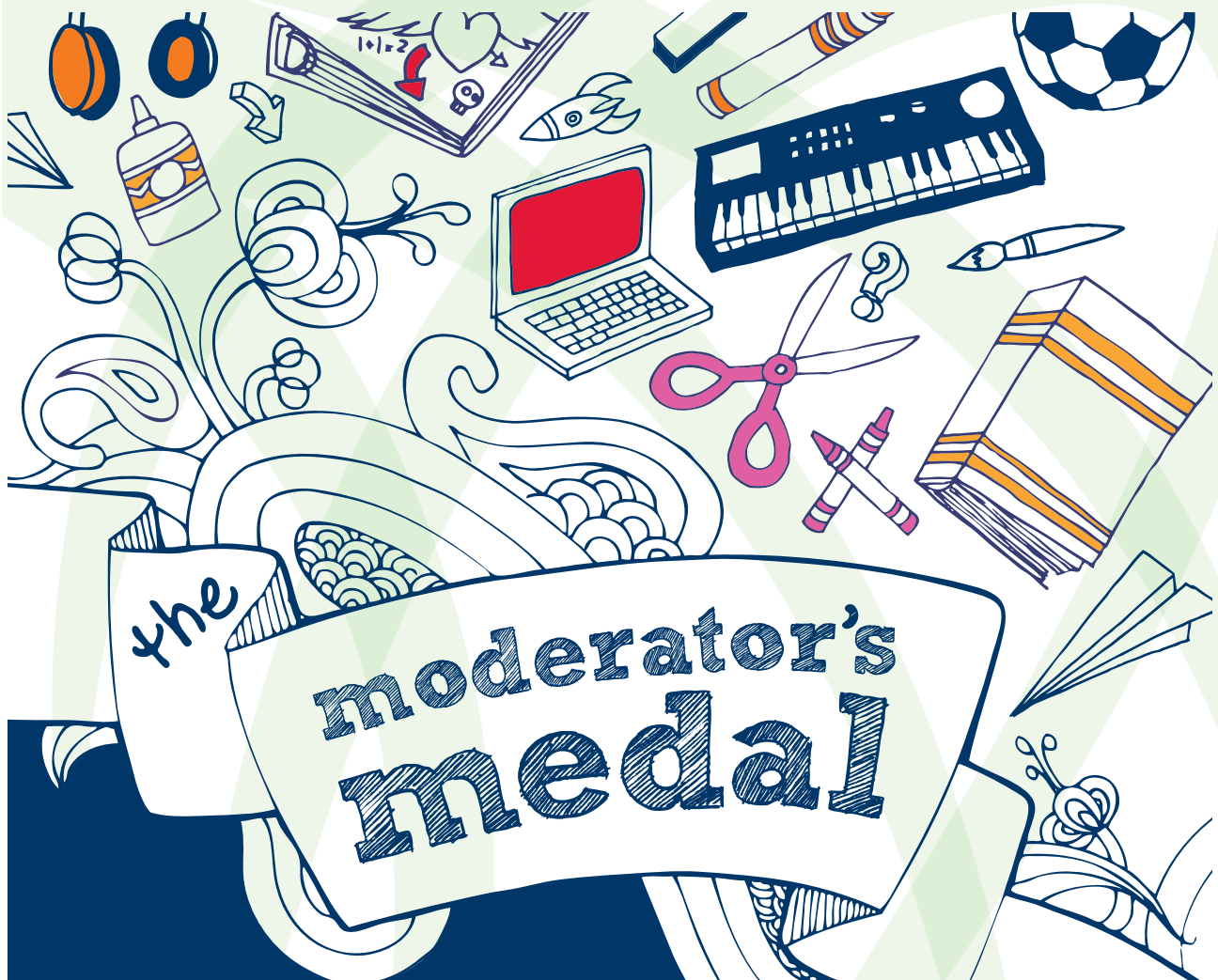
MODERATOR'S MEDAL

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Are you young and creative with something to say about spirituality, faith or belief?

- > Entries are now open for a new competition from the Church of Scotland for all young people aged 10-18
- > We are looking for creative and original ideas presented in any way you want – from writing to art, music, videos or anything else.
- > You have the chance to win £100 and be awarded the Moderator's Medal – a new prize in the name of the Moderator of the Church of Scotland's General Assembly.
- > This year's theme is the Olympics - what does faith have to say about sport, achievement, dedication and teamwork? The closing date is 31 March 2012.
- > Full details on how to enter at www.churchofscotland.org.uk

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HERE is the rest of the Winter programme for the Men's Group.



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Wednesday 7 December:
Christmas Dinner at Scott
Skinners. 6 for 6.30 pm. £16.

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Wednesday 11 January:
Banchory Scouts Canada visit
- Michael Wilson.

Wednesday 25 January: A
City Archivist - Martin Hall.

Wednesday 8 February:
Kandy (Ladies' Night) - Rev
Paul Watson.

Wednesday 22 February:
Topic to be advised - Dr
McCrone.

Wednesday 14 March: P2P
(Paris to Pisa - cycle ride) -
Mark Hagger.

Saturday 17 March: The
Coffee Morning.

Wednesday 28 March: Annual
General Meeting - Topic to
be advised - Mary Haddow.

If anyone wants more
information, please contact
me on 01330 825098.

WE are in the period known as Advent when we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It is also a period to look towards the Second Coming of Christ when he will return not as a baby but as the judge of all. As it says in the Nicene Creed: “He [Jesus] will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. ... We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday... “I’ve gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 16,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.”

This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

“I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”

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Hi!

This is my first piece as the new Childrens and Families Worker. This is just some of the stuff I have been doing.

I went to the Big Day Out in Arbroath, at an event run by the Angus Presbytery. There was lots of information about reaching families and children, with stalls about different organizations in children's ministry. I took from the day the importance of involving the whole family in the ministry.

I went to a conference in Edinburgh about reaching and discipling families in the 21st Century led by Lynn Alexander, who I had met at the Big Day Out. It was an amazing conference to hear and be inspired about how other people are looking to reach families in their community and where they are at in life! We looked at how they reached people in the early century and in the book of Acts how people were being reached and discipled and it was really great.

I made contact with Tom Toms, Toddlers, Morag the SU overseer for the Aberdeenshire area, Crathes School, and loads of other people!

I started helping to lead the SU group in Hill of Banchory School. I started helping in the Junior Church at the West Church, which I lead every 2nd Sunday. I went to the Banchory Primary Quest clubs, to see how I can get involved.

I have now planned and delivered two Messy Churches. I have

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created the Messy Church Facebook page and email address (messychurchbanchory@gmail.com).

I started helping at our own Sunday School, which I will do every 3rd Sunday of the month.

I connected with Stuart Keir and Lisa Eunson to introduce myself and invite them to Messy Church. I jointly led the Bellfield service. I started helping with Noahs Ark on Friday mornings. I went on the Edge retreat.

I attended a conference about “Getting your kid through church without them ending up hating God” in Glasgow, which was a great conference and really made me think about how children can really be connecting with God and living for him and being more like Jesus than we really know or think that they are, and who are we to be trying to mold them into what we think the “Perfect” Christian really is. We should though be giving them opportunities to discover that for themselves.

Jackie and I wrote a letter explaining what is going on at the East Church leading up to Christmas, then went and visited all the families on our Sunday School list to invite them along!

I am looking at starting a new event for P6 and P7s in the New Year.

Thank you so much to everyone for their support of the Childrens and Families ministry!

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THE Guild programme in its 126th year is as follows:

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Jan 18th, 7.30 pm:
Lisa Mc Combie - Chiropody.



Feb 1st, 2 pm: Joint Guild meeting at the East Church - 'Walking humbly with God' -

GUILD by Margaret Thom

Rev Lisa Eunson.

Feb 8th, 7.30pm: Ladies night at Men's Group.

Feb 18th, 7.30 pm: Scolty Centre - Alison Thomson.

Mar. 2nd: World Day of Prayer.

Mar 7th, 2 pm: 'Walking the Silk Route' - Lady Aboyne.

Mar 14th, 7.30 pm: Joint Guild meeting at West Church - Mountain Rescue & Rescue Dogs.

Mar 21st, 7.30 pm: Annual General Meeting.

Guild Coffee Morning

The Guild Coffee Morning on 19th November raised £530 for Guild projects. Many thanks to all who helped and attended.

Bellfield

In line with our 'birthday' theme, our congratulations go to Bellfield which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

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Donald and Judith Walker have been appointed Presbytery Mission Partners. They need little introduction to many of us!



Donald left the West Church to become minister of St Columba's Presbyterian Church in the city of Mutare, in SE Zimbabwe.

St Columba's is an active Church with Bible study groups (in Shona), a youth group and music group. Donald and Judith are actively involved in the running of the Church and many of the projects.

The Called to Care team is involved in programmes which give training in cookery, gardening and sewing which give income-generating skills to destitute people.

Oni and Wendy Mususa, leaders of Called to Care team are pictured overleaf with their sons, Dean, Dillon and Dion.

A knitting project works with the women in a local remand prison, knitting animal friends (shamwari), for the tourist market, see their website, www.gogo-olive.com. The project helps the ladies to grow in Christian faith and understanding while in prison.

There are many issues affecting people's lives in Zimbabwe including:

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- new regulations proposed over control of businesses;
- struggles to survive, complete schooling, find jobs;
- rumblings about diamond mining irregularities and political 'education' gatherings;
- farm evictions; a family in the congregation was being threatened again with eviction from their farm. The sympathies and support of the local people are with the farmer. Farm takeovers are still happening in Zimbabwe, and although the violence is less, the harassment, threats, injustices and uncertainties are very real.



Please pray for Donald and Judith in all the work they are involved in – and also please pray for all the people of Zimbabwe in their daily lives and the issues affecting them.

For insight into current issues in Zimbabwe see website www.zimbabwesituation.com.



Donald with Ant
Went, Session Clerk

PUT JESUS BACK INTO EASTER!

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NO, this isn't a misprint (and yes it is repeated from last year's magazine because it is so worthwhile)

The Real Easter Egg gives you the chance to use your spending power to buy an Easter Egg that explains the Christian understanding of Easter on the pack. The chocolate is Fairtrade and donations are made to charitable projects from profits.

It would be great if supermarkets stocked The Real Easter Egg everywhere, but there needs to be a demand for them first. This is where you can help...

Get a group to send in an order soon (31 January at the latest) for these special, Fair Trade Easter eggs with a Christian message on them.

Find out more about the eggs and how to order www.realeasteregg.co.uk/



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Retiral Offerings: Horseback UK, Forget-Me-Not and Christian Aid will share this year's Christmas Eve retiral offerings.

Car Park Lighting: A motion sensor will be fitted in the car park and the lights possibly upgraded, bearing in mind the effect extra lighting could have on neighbouring properties.

Unauthorised Car Parking: One or two offenders had been spoken to and new car parking signage will be displayed in the near future.

Techie stuff: A new computer was authorised, with broadband and WiFi to cover the halls and church to be installed as well. A limit of £500 was agreed.

Concerts: Muriel Welch is planning to hold a fundraising talent / variety show in January or early February. She also plans to ask the Banchory Singers to perform in the church but no date has been decided on yet. Further to that Muriel also plans to arrange a Sunday evening 'Songs of Praise'.

Kandy: It was agreed to release £500 from the Kandy Fund and sent to the 'Women's Development Centre' to be used for the resident girls and children for Christmas. £250 was raised by the Harvest Lunch and that could be matched from the Craft Sales funds to make up the total.

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Matters for Prayer

We would ask you to pray for Maureen Mutch, who is recovering from a minor heart attack.

Please also pray for Douglas Ogg who is recovering from having a repair done to his replacement hip.

If anyone else has a matter for prayer please get in touch with Mary (mary_haddow@btconnect.com).

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

by John Wills

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. This group meets on the third Friday of the month from 7 am to 8 am in the Banchory Lodge Hotel. There is a core group of around fifteen members who attend regularly and a number have contributed as a speaker. The talks have been well received by all and have varied enormously in content.

I have been attending the Men's Christian Breakfast Group for some time now and find it uplifting. It certainly starts the day well and provides some food for thought as well as fellowship. I have now increased the number of people I am acquainted with as all there are friendly and welcoming. I would encourage all the men out there to give it a go. You may, like me find that it brings some harmony to your day.

For more information regarding meeting dates contact; Ian Davy, on ian.davy@virgin.net or John Perry on john@perryweb.co.uk

The First Christmas

We all think we know the Christmas story. Why not read it in its original form this Christmas?

It's contained in two of the four Gospels: in Luke Chapter 2 verses 1 - 20 and in Matthew Chapter 1 verse 18 - Chapter 2 verse 12.

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DEC	11th	10.30 am	Communion
		2 pm	“Make a Nativity”
		3.30 pm	Blue Christmas Service
	18th	10.30 am	Children’s Christmas Service
		6.00 pm	Joint Carol Service
	24th	6.30 pm	Candlelight Family Service
		11.30 pm	Watchnight Service
	25th	10.30 am	Special Christmas Day service
JAN 2012	1st	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	8th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	11th	7.30 pm	Men’s Group
	12th	12 noon	Friendship Lunch
	15th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	18th	2.00 pm	Guild
	22nd	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	25th	7.30 pm	Men’s Group
	26th	12 noon	Friendship Lunch
	29th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	30th	7.30 pm	Congregational Board
FEB	1st	2 pm	Guild
	5th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	6th	7.30 pm	Kirk Session
	8th	7.30 pm	Men’s Group
	9th	12 noon	Friendship Lunch
	12th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	15th	7.30 pm	Guild
	19th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	22nd	7.30 pm	Men’s Group

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CHRISTIAN AID

by Stan Thomson

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TO update you on the money raised by the Banchory Christian Aid Group, £1,495 was raised from the Smartie Tubes collection. That together with the income of £7,075 from Christian Aid Week plus other income from donations, raffles and appeals brings our total income this year to £9,183.

The Banchory Christian Aid Group would like to give a big thank you to everyone who participated in the Smartie Tube collection and to everyone who

was involved in the fundraising for Christian Aid over the year. We really appreciate your help.

New members to the Group are most welcome. Anyone who would like to join us or has any new ideas and suggestions regarding the Banchory Christian Aid Group fundraising events please contact the Secretary: Stan Thomson, tel 01330 825098, e-mail stanthomson@hotmail.com.



News from the Neighbours

Dolly Purnell will be inducted as the new minister of Drumoak-Durris on 19th January. Dolly is a native of Aberdeenshire and has been minister at Fintray Kinellar and Keithhall and most recently at Kingswells.



MALARIA kills one child every 30 seconds. Substantial investments have been made as a result of the United Nations target for universal bed net coverage . This has led to major progress in malarial control but gaps remain and there is still an urgent need to increase prevention efforts.

Christian Aid is committing to placing Malaria control and eradication at the heart of its health related work across Africa. A staggering 250 million cases of Malaria are recorded each year, resulting in one million deaths. 90 per cent of deaths occur in Africa, mainly in children under five years of age. Christian Aid has already been working to combat Malaria. Together with its partners it is in the third year of distributing 250,000 long-lasting insecticide-treated nets in Nigeria. A similar programme is in place in Uganda. These nets provide protection from malaria-carrying mosquitoes, especially for children and pregnant women who are particularly vulnerable.



The World Health Organisation's World Malaria Report states that in countries that have achieved high coverage of their populations, with bed nets and treatment programmes, recorded cases and deaths due to malaria have fallen by 50%.

Please support Christian Aid.

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WE congratulate the following:-

Baptism

Nicole Erin Beary (see below top)

Kirvana Alice Bailey Dufton

Abi Cally Smith (see below
bottom)

Blessing

Keira Anne Ewen

Wedding

Lisa Forsyth & Scott



SNIPPETS

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Gift Aid Convenor

Andy Byers has now taken over as Gift Aid Convenor from Janice Innes. Many thanks to Janice for her faithful service in the role for eight years.

Poppy Appeal

We raised £165.80 for this year's Poppy Appeal.

Bill and Hayley

In our last magazine we asked for prayer for Bill and Hayley Stone getting their visa problems resolved. We are happy to report that they got their new visas and are back in Edinburgh.

Youth Co-Ordinator

The new Youth Co-ordinator is Amy Pierce (nee McGraw) who started on 1st December.

Inflation

Some one has calculated that the cost of providing everything in The Twelve Days of Christmas would be £66,000 today! There's actually an inflation index for it which can be found <http://content.pncmc.com/live/pnc/microsite/CPI/2011/index.html>

Great Scotts

We would like to thank Cath, Calum, Emily and James Scott for responding to the request for help cleaning the church and halls. Over the past few weeks Calum, Emily and James have faithfully come along to church with their Mum on a Friday after the school day has finished at Hill of Banchory Primary School to vacuum, dust, sweep, wash and clean. As a congregation we thank you for your faithfulness and the great job you have done keeping our church and halls clean and tidy.

New Cleaner

Alison Stroud has recently been appointed as cleaner and we welcome her to this important task. Alison is a member of the West Church and helps out with the Youth Programme and at Messy Church.

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