

# Network

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from your  
MINISTER



We do remember many things but we forget many others, as probably all of us can testify from bitter experience. Points we ought to remember have that infuriating habit of disappearing from our minds just when we need to recall them most, and so we resort to such props as a knot in a hankie or a calendar in the kitchen, hoping that these will jog our memory.

Such increasingly, is the rationale behind Remembrance Day. Every year, the number of those who lived through one or both of the World Wars diminishes, yet for that reason the occasion becomes more rather than less important.

I remember as a child my parents telling me many times about the first bomb that fell in Wick on the 1 July 1940. It was during the school holidays when many children were out playing on the street and the death of 15 people, which included 8 children, shocked the town. One of the youngsters killed was Bruce Flett – a family friend - aged only 7 years. 2014 marks 100 years since the start of the First World War and I am grateful to Steve Johnston for suggesting and organising our 'Field of Remembrance'. On Remembrance Sunday we remember those who gave their lives for us, and those who continue to give their lives in the armed forces today. We do

this, lest we forget; because the lessons of the past are too important to be forgotten. But, just as the Jews were told in the book of Deuteronomy to bind the words of the Law as an emblem to their foreheads and write them on the doorposts of their house, so we need to remember the cost of war and the price of peace. LEST WE FORGET.

*Susan Sutherland*



## CONGRATULATIONS

To Jack Laidlaw who completed 50 years as an ordained minister on 16 October 2014. Jack and Anne also celebrated their golden wedding on 3 October and we congratulate them both.

## Exploring the Bible. . .

A group made up of Church members and members of other congregations now meets fortnightly to study parts of the Bible. The present subject for discussion is 'Searching for Reality in a Confusing World'. This Topic will last for 7 sessions. Details of both the time and the location can be obtained from the Church Office. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who would like to be part of the group.



Remembrance  
Sunday  
9 November

## Field of Remembrance

As part of our act of worship this year we would like to create our own 'Field of Remembrance' outside the main door of the church.

Remembrance Crosses are now available on a Sunday, from Steve Johnston, Ian Meach, or at the church office during the week.

A minimum donation of £1 is suggested and proceeds will go to the Lady Haig's factory which employs disabled veterans and makes poppies for the annual Poppy Appeal.

We would encourage as many people as possible to take part in this act of remembrance, and you may wish to write the name of your remembered person on the cross, or alternatively, leave it blank as a general act of remembrance.

Completed crosses should be placed in the box at the main door or handed in to the church office no later than Friday 7 November.



## Mini Arts & Crafts Fayre in the Church

Friday 21 November 2—8pm  
Saturday 22 November 10—4pm  
£2 donation paid at the door  
Children free

In aid of the Fabric Fund

*Crafts, paintings, mulled wine, etc*

# WHAT'S ON

**Worship every Sunday at 10.30am.**  
**Wednesday Services at 12 noon**  
**in the Church from October to May.**

**Congregational Board and or Kirk**  
**Session meet the last Tuesday of**  
**the month at 7.15pm in the hall.**

**Morning Prayers held each Tuesday**  
**at 9.30am in the Session Room**  
**during term time.**

**Messy Church held on the last**  
**Saturday of the month at 4pm**  
**in the hall.**

## NOVEMBER

**Sunday 2** at 10.30am - Worship

**Tuesday 4**

2pm Service in Shiell Court

7.30pm - Guild (Hall)

**Thursday 6**

7pm - Mission Committee (Room 1)

**Sunday 9** at 10.30am - Worship

**Tuesday 11**

7pm - Guild Committee (Room 1)

**Thursday 13**

2pm - Book Club (Room 1)

**Friday 14**

2pm - Charity Bridge Event (Hall)

**Saturday 15** at 10am - 12 noon (Hall)

Guild Coffee Morning

**Sunday 16** at 10.30am Worship

**Tuesday 18**

7.15pm Education Committee (Room 1)

7.30pm Finance Committee (Room 2)

7.30pm Guild (Hall)

**Wednesday 19** (Room 2)

2.30pm - Bereavement Support Group

**Friday 21** 2pm till 8pm (Church)

Arts and Craft Fayre

**Saturday 22** 10am till 4pm (Church)

Arts and Craft Fayre

**Sunday 23** at 10.30am - Worship

**Tuesday 25**

2.30pm Afternoon Guild (Hall)

7pm Guild Committee (Room 1)

7.15pm Congregational Board followed

by Kirk Session (Hall)

**Sunday 30** at 10.30am - Worship

## DECEMBER

**Tuesday 2**

2pm Service at Shiell Court

7.30pm - Guild (Hall)

**Saturday 6**

4pm - Messy Church (Hall)

**Sunday 7**

10.30am Worship with sacrament of  
 baptism

2.30pm A Time to Remember (Church)

**Tuesday 9**

10am Care Team meeting (Room 1)

2.30pm Afternoon Guild Christmas  
 Party (Hall)

**Thursday 11**

2pm - Book Club (Room 1)

**Sunday 14** at 10.30am - Worship  
 with Susie Will and her musicians  
 6.30pm - Carol singing in the parish

**Tuesday 16**

Guild Christmas party

**Wednesday 17** (Room 2)

2.30pm - Bereavement Support Group

**Sunday 21**

10.30am Junior Church Nativity

2.00pm Junior Church Christmas Party

**Wednesday 24**

6pm Christingle Workshop (Hall)

7pm Christingle Service (Church)

11.30pm Watchnight Service (Church)

**Thursday 25** at 10.30am (Church)

Family Service

**Sunday 28** at 10.30am - Worship

## JANUARY

**Sunday 4** at 10.30am - Worship

**Tuesday 6** at 7.30pm - Guild (Hall)

**Thursday 8**

2pm - Book Club (Room 1)

**Sunday 11** at 10.30am - Worship

**Thurs 15/Fri 16 and Sat 17** at 7.30pm

Church Panto in the Monifieth

Theatre (Dick Whittington)

**Sunday 18** at 10.30am - Worship

**Tuesday 20** at 7.30pm - Guild (Hall)

**Wednesday 21** (Room 2)

2.30pm - Bereavement Support Group

**Saturday 24**

7.30pm - Burns Supper (Hall)

**Sunday 25** at 10.30am - Worship

**Tuesday 27**

2.30pm - Afternoon Guild (Hall)

7.15pm - Kirk Session (Hall)

## Church Register

**Baptisms:** *It has been a pleasure*  
*to welcome to our Church Family:*

Millie Tonner

Abigail Thirsk

Libby Fenton

Ethan Tinley

Kyle Gibson

**Marriages:** *As they begin married*  
*life together, we offer our congratula-*  
*tions to:*

Scot Brown and Laurie Simpson

**New Members:** *We welcome to our*  
*congregation:*

George and Evelyn Smith (Carron Pl)

Mrs Vanda Grewar (Balmossie Ave)

Mrs Norma Holmes (Gauldry Tce)

**Funerals:** *We remember with*  
*thanks-giving those who have died*  
*recently and we offer their relatives*  
*our prayerful sympathy:*

Douglas Kenneth (Elie Ave)  
 Helen Smith (Collingwood Cres)  
 Jock Sturrock (Panmurefield Tce)  
 Jean Campbell (Collingwood St)  
 Margaret Donald (South Grange)  
 Emily Middleton (Lochleven)

## Lifts to Church

### November

2	John Grocott	779581
	Ishbel Argo	779054
9	Dave McCowat	477915
	Margaret McRae	776848
16	Steve Johnston	477739
	Chris Johnston	477739
23	Alister Lockhart	776308
	Bob Blacklaws	775311
30	Bill Barr	776103
	Lindsay Darroch	738224

### December

7	Stan Hutcheson	779250
	Ishbel Argo	779054
14	Anne McPhail	775444
	Dave McCowat	477915
21	Ian Meach	776542
	Joyce Meach	776542
28	John Grocott	779581
	Lindsay Foulis	774851

*(Please see Order of Service or contact*  
*the Church Office for January's rota*

**The Minister will be on Study**  
**Leave from 1 — 8 November. The**  
**Service on Sunday 2 November**  
**will be led by Rev Charlie**  
**McMillan and we look forward to**

## A WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

*Please contact the Church Office*  
*for further details*

**Sunday at 10.30am**

Morning Service, Junior Church,  
 Creche

**Monday**

Badminton 2pm

Scottish Country Dancing 7.30pm

**Tuesday**

Prayer meeting

(in the Session Room) 9.30am

Afternoon Guild (monthly) 2.30pm

Evening Guild (fortnightly) 7.30pm

**Wednesday**

Short Service 12 noon

Café 12.30pm

Social Club 1.45pm

Bereavement Support Group 2.30pm

(3rd Wednesday of each month)

**Thursday**

Badminton 2pm

Book Club (2nd Thursday of each month)

Choir rehearsal 7pm (Session Room)

**Saturday**

Messy Church (monthly) 4-5.30pm

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## Snippets . . .

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### Mary's Meals

**ADVANCE WARNING**.....We will once again be supporting the Mary's Meals project where backpacks are filled with basic educational materials. Most of the children who benefit have suffered war, poverty, famine, or natural disaster. They need our help.

**Collections of donated items will start after the new year.**

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### Congregational Board

The Congregational Board are at all times fully aware that they act on behalf of the Congregation and we try to avoid spending money unwisely. However, when we listened to our Property Convenor Peter Munro's report and we saw the photographic evidence, we realised we could no longer afford to neglect the condition of the roof above the Session Room. Repairs to the roof, windows and stone work are now urgently required and will be carried out as soon as possible. We are grateful to Peter for investigating parts of the building we didn't even know about!

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### Wednesday Services

#### Starting again on 29 October

In our busy lives it is good to make time to come together and worship God during the week as well as on a Sunday. Our short weekly services with readings, hymns and prayers are held at 12 noon and last about 15 minutes. Entry is by the north transept door.

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### Tuesday Prayers

The Bible encourages us to support one another in prayer and everyone is welcome to join us on a Tuesday morning in the Session Room at 9.30 am for a time of prayer. Cards are available in the pews should you wish the group to pray for yourself or for a friend. You do not need to give any personal information. Completed cards can be handed to one of our welcome team at the doors, to the minister or put in the offering plate.

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### Advent Sunday

On Advent Sunday (30 November) we move from Lectionary Year A to Lectionary Year B. This means that we will be looking at Mark – the shortest gospel, and for this reason it is supplemented extensively with readings from John. The opportunity to move from one gospel to another helps us to notice the distinctive features of each and the complementary stories they tell.

#### **ADVENT: The season of watching and waiting**

Waiting is an inevitable part of human life. In these days of instant communication, thanks to email and mobile phones, it might seem that waiting is a dying art. But there is no escaping it altogether: it still takes time for a baby to develop in the womb, or a wound to heal. Sometimes waiting is excruciating: we pace up and down, or bite our nails, to relieve the anxious tension.

Advent, however, celebrates a different kind of waiting. Its keynote is expectation. We wait not in resignation or dread, but in joyful anticipation. We trust in God, confident that out of this present time of uncertainty something new will emerge.

Let's be honest : Advent is a time of frantic rushing around getting ready for Christmas. Taking time to escape the busyness may seem impossible. But let us try to be mindful of why we are doing what we are, and enjoy the preparations. *Susan*

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### Starter Packs

Household items are required eg cutlery, crockery, bedding, cleaning products. These items can be placed in the hallway opposite the vestry.

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### Dundee Foodbank

Each week we bring food to church to help feed those in our city who are in need. Donations help to provide 3 days of emergency food for individuals or families in crisis.

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### Bridge Drive

Will be held in the Church Hall, on Friday 14 November at 12.30 for 1pm. The cost of a table is £40. Proceeds to be shared between Dundee Foodbank and Church Funds—Contact **Rhona on 774916**

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### A Time to Remember

#### **'Sunday 7 December at 2.30pm**

At the beginning of December there will be a quiet moment when those of us who have experienced bereavement can share together both our grief and our hope. In a time of remembrance and thanksgiving, there will be an opportunity to light a tealight as a symbol that we are together in our grief and the light of Christ is around us. If you wish you can take the tealight away and light it at home.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service. To assist with the catering it would be helpful if you could let Alison, our secretary, know if you wish to attend ( 737294)

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Messy Church in December is a bit different. On **6 December** we will meet in the hall from 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm to do craft work with plenty of paint, messy glitter and glue. We will have something to eat, sing some carols and listen to the Christmas story.

On **Christmas Eve – 24 December** at 6pm we will meet in the hall to make lots of Christingles. Tea, coffee, juice and cakes will be available and then we will gather in the church for our Christingle Family Service at 7.00 pm. Join in the fun. Come and make a Christingle.... and make some to give away. Everything is provided.

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### Carol Singing Around the Parish

Do you enjoy singing Christmas Carols? Do you like spreading Christmas cheer? Do you like mince pies and mulled wine? If you answer yes to any of these questions come along and join us for Carol Singing around our Parish followed by refreshments in the Hall on 14 December We will meet at 6.30pm in the Hall and we look forward to seeing you then.

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**Network Deadline  
All copy to be in by  
Friday 16 January 2015**

## Philippines Concert

Our thanks go to Susie Will who turned her compassion for the needy children in the Philippines into action. The concert she arranged delighted those who attended and resulted in over £2000 being raised. This money has been sent to the Philippines and shared between Vivien and August, and Ron and Joanna and will enable these two young couples to continue God's work among the children at the school and orphanage and those at the Tondo dump site. Budget cuts have meant that Ron and Joanna are struggling to find money to provide food for the 800 children they are responsible for feeding over each weekend. This serves to remind us that our Christian faith is not confined to what we believe – we must show our faith in practical ways. Ron, Joanna, Vivien and August are doing just that.

## News from the Philippines. . .



Dear friends.....

Many thanks for the money we received from the concert. This has come at a good time and will help us greatly through Christmas especially in the Orphanage, Sefton School and the school feeding programmes in our area.

School is busy and we have had our 'Sports Fest' in September followed by 'Parents Day' and 'National Teachers Day' in October.

At the moment we have a Team over from Peterhead led by David and Grace Strachan. They have been involved with and supported Sefton Village for many years.

We had an unwelcome visitor in the house recently – a snake! A good job August was there to remove it and take it outside. For the last couple of months I have been having thyroid problems and I am hoping that I will respond well to the new medication I am now on. With love from Vivien x

## The Guild

We are now preparing for our coffee morning on the 15 Nov. and we hope you will support this fundraising event. Keep the 17 Feb. free for another fundraiser – details to follow. The evening meeting on the 18 November should have wide appeal as it is entitled 'Life in the Trenches in WW1'. Details of all meetings can be found on the website or Hall noticeboard. All are welcome. *Chris Johnston 477739*

### Great War Commemoration

There will be a small display of information regarding the men commemorated on our World War 1 memorial plaque. This will be set up in the foyer of the hall on the morning of 9 November. Please take time to read about these local men who served and lost their lives.

### SPONSORED WALK

Logan Cosgrove and Millie Tonner took part in a sponsored walk across the Tay Bridge in aid of the Bethany Trust and the Street Chaplains. Between them they raised over £500. These two young people have learned that with a bit of effort they can make a difference and that is a lesson that we 'oldies' could do well to remember.

### POSADA

Once again we are hoping that members of the Congregation will welcome the Nativity figures into their homes during Advent. A calendar will be available shortly for those willing to provide overnight accommodation for these special visitors. A suggested donation of £5 will be passed on to the Salvation Army who support the homeless in Dundee. Donations marked Posada can be placed in our offering plates. We will welcome the figures back into our Church at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.

### Messy Nativity Sheep Trail

One of the shepherds wants to go and see baby Jesus but he can't find all his sheep! He knows they went into various shops in the Ferry. Can you help him?

To enter this competition, pick up a form and return it to the Church Office by 19 December. A prize draw will take place at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.

## Advent Quiet Day

Join us in the Session Room on 29 November as we start our journey towards Christmas.

Coffee, tea and juice will be available from 9.30am. Our guest speaker from Dundee Women's Aid will tell us about their work with women and children in our city. After questions and refreshments there will be an opportunity for quiet reflection followed by a short service in the Church. There will be no charge but donations for Dundee Women's Aid, who are marking 40 years working with vulnerable and abused women and children in our community, will be appreciated. This event is open to both men and women and we look forward to seeing you then. Names, for catering purposes, can be given to Alison in the Church office or to any member of the Mission and Outreach Committee.

### FRIDAY BROWNIES

We finished our summer session in June with our annual Brownie Holiday to the Brownie House near Coupar Angus, where we welcomed some of the Friday Rainbows who came to visit us on the Saturday. Our theme this year was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory so needless to say there was a lot of chocolate involved and a great time was had by everyone! We returned again in August with some Brownies moving to Thursday and Friday Guides and then we welcomed 7 new Rainbows up to Brownies keeping us at our usual full capacity. *Susan Grant*

### NEW BIBLES

Further news from the Philippines. Ron and Joanna are excited that the first illustrated Children's Bible printed in Tagalog is now in print. The cost of each copy is £5 and they would like to provide at least 500 – so our fund raising will have to continue!

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