

Children's Church prizegiving



Girls' Brigade at their dedication service



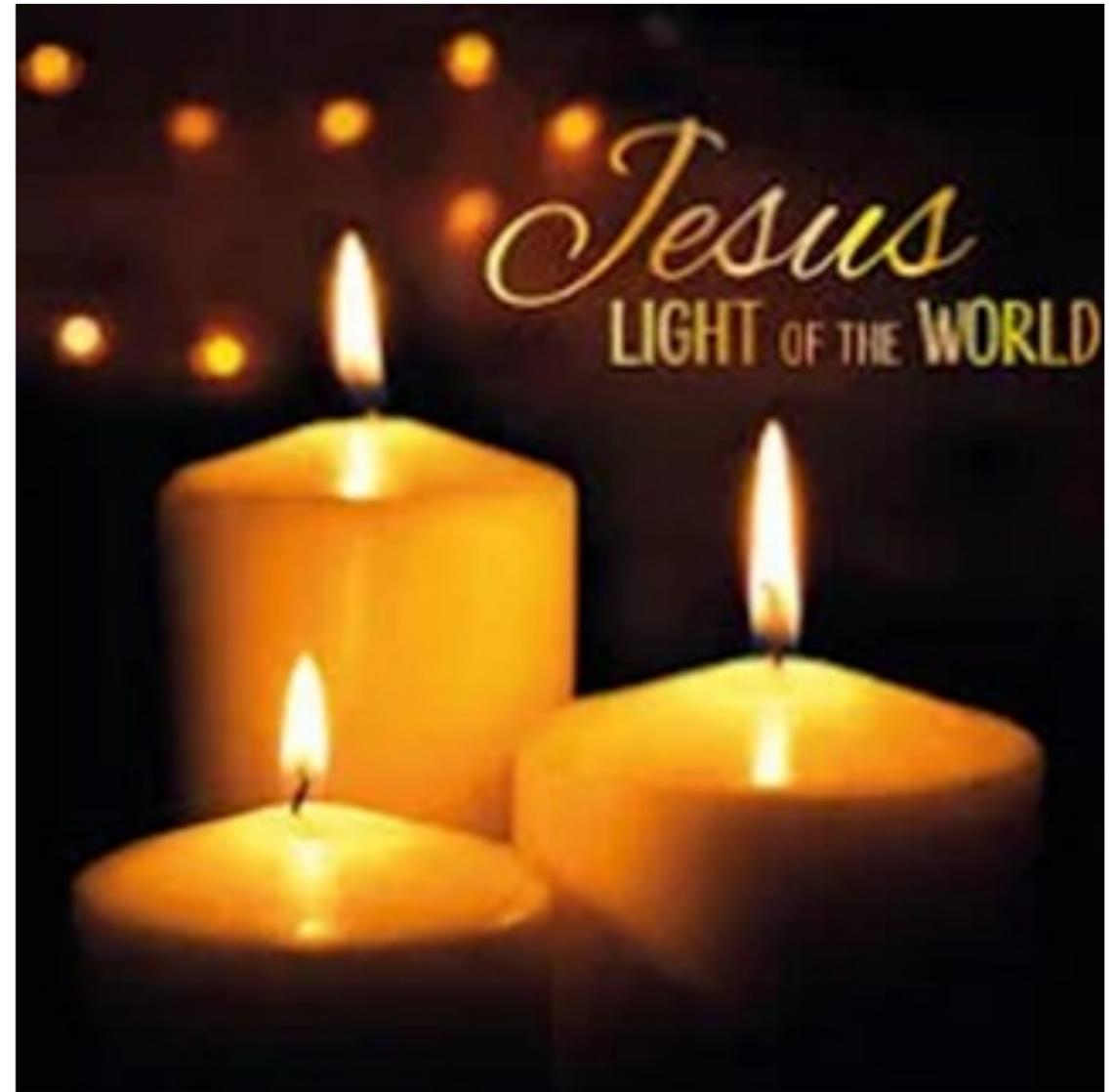
Remembrance Sunday service at the Boddam War Memorial



The table at the entrance of Peterhead New Parish Church, prepared for the Remembrance Sunday service. The



NEW PARISH CHURCH



WINTER 2025

The magazine team would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year .

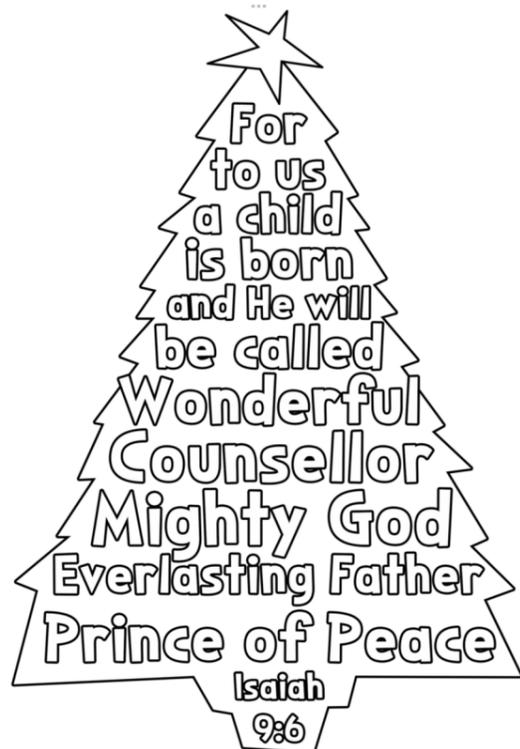
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14th	S. Buchanan, R. Mackenzie	E. Johnstone, E. Munro A. Milne	S. Buchan	Sylvia and Aileen	A. Johnstone, E. Smith
21st	J. Copland, B Wood	R. Murray, M. Thomson	A. Duncan	Pat and Mary	J. Copland, R. Mackenzie
28th	A. Grant, S. Scoular	No teas		Elsie and Edna	A. Grant, N. Grant
Jan					
4th	J. Copland, F. McKenzie	S. Scoular, A. Grant		Sylvia and Aileen	A. Florence TBA
11th	R. Mackenzie, B Wood	M. Philip, C. McGee		Ann and Margaret	S. Buchanan J. Copland
18th	M. Simpson, M. Glennie	A. Hastie, J. Wood		Pat and Mary	M. Glennie, M Simpson
25th	S. Buchanan, R. Mackenzie	S. Robertson A. Marshall		Elsie and Edna	A. Johnstone, E. Smith
Feb					
1st	J. Cowie, B. Stephen	M. Gray, O. Hamilton		Ann and Brenda	J. Copland, R. Mackenzie
8th	A. Grant, S. Scoular	S. Scoular, A. Turner		Olga and Jennifer	A. Grant, N. Grant
15th	J. Copland, F. McKenzie	I. Stewart, S. Marshall		Sylvia and Aileen	A. Florence TBA
22nd	R. Mackenzie, B Wood	E. Johnstone, E. Munro A. Milne		Ann and Brenda	S. Buchanan J. Copland
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1st	M. Simpson, M. Glennie	R. Murray, M. Thomson		Pat and Mary	M. Glennie, M Simpson
8th	S. Buchanan, R. Mackenzie	B. Stephen, A. Grant		Ann and Margaret	A. Johnstone, E. Smith
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FLOWER ROTA The Flower List is available to allow people to donate either money or flowers on a particular Sunday in the year. These flowers are then delivered to those who are ill, those who are housebound, those who maybe think they are forgotten about because increasing frailty stops them coming each week, those who just need to know someone cares.

Please speak to June, or add your name to the list in the vestibule if you wish to provide flowers for any of the Sundays not yet covered.

You can either give money and some one else will arrange flowers for you or you can buy and arrange them yourself. For further information, please speak to June Cowie.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Thanks again so much to everyone who helps with the Children's Church. If anyone else would like to be included on the rota please speak to Julia or Ann so that a PVG can be completed for you. If anyone has any topics, ideas or crafts they would like to share with the children we would love to hear from you.



If you are unable to come on any particular Sunday for any of the rotas, please try and swap with someone. Thank you.

WORK PARTY

We resumed our Work Party on 21st August 2025 after our summer break. We were all happy to be back together.

Many of our supporters had continued to collect goods for us during the summer break so we had a very busy three weeks getting everything packed in boxes.

By September we had 168 boxes ready to go to Dundee for the start of the journey to Malawi. That is the biggest number of boxes we have sent for a while and the cost for the boxes, van hire and fuel was £3,100.87. This is only possible by the generous support of our congregation.

We packed the van on 12th September and thanks to our driver, George Stephen, they were delivered to Dundee on 13th September.

Container No 16 was packed on 16th October and is now on the way to Malawi. It takes about three months to get to Africa.

The Hope Foundation school has started a porridge feeding programme and they find this brings more children in to school. A small bus has been purchased and this will enable children to be taken to sports events they take part in. It will also be hired out to gain income.

We held our second Coffee Morning of the year on 1st November. We were very well supported and managed to raise £1,715.00 which puts us well on the way to sending our next load of boxes. We will finish off with a Christmas lunch on 11th December and restart on 8th January 2026.



THE ALPHA COURSE

At the time of writing, the Alpha Course is well and truly underway, with the consensus of opinion suggesting that the rerun of a year ago is ticking more boxes and offering a valuable second chance to delve into the scriptures in a most meaningful and distinctive format.

A trade mark of Nicky Gumbel's ministry combines gentle persuasion with infectious enthusiasm, with wit and humour thrown in for good measure, but that said, never by any stretch of the imagination irreverent. Subtitles add another dimension somewhat unobtrusively – unavailable first time round.

Pertinent to the foregoing is the challenge to those involved in the breakout groups to offer and allow opinions and feelings and showcase testimonies of how the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour is real and active in our everyday lives.

The concept of the Alpha Course is a fusion of spirituality and hospitality and while the video session is always the keystone event of the evening, churches vary in the way they present the catering element of the proceedings. The New Parish Church decided to offer a meal, not as a form of bribery or even an inducement but as another way of engaging in fellowship over the table before entering the sanctuary to hear Nicky Gumbel's message for the evening.

It is heartening to note that the feedback on the course is positive and so encouraging as we enter the final few weeks in good shape, ready to face the formidable challenges, in relative terms, that this world presents to each and every one of us as we grow in our Christian faith.



The ladies waiting to serve the meal

THE ALPHA TEAM

NOTE ON NICKY GUMBEL

Born in London during 1955, Nicky is known as the developer of the Alpha Course, a basic introduction to Christianity, supported by churches of many Christian traditions.

Vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton from 2005 – 2022, he is an author of several Christian books.

MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER – REV DR JULIA PIZZUTO-POMACO

Light in the darkness

Lately I have been preaching through a series on Jesus as the light of the world and how different people have seen that light (the woman caught in adultery, the blind man, the widow who gave her mite). When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, NIV).



At this time of year, I am always thinking about light because we are living in ever increasing darkness. I enjoy fire light, candle light, white Christmas lights, fireworks and all these variations that make our dark nights brighter. The contrast of the darkness to the light is stark. It is nice to have candles burning in the summer but how much better is it to feel their warmth in the dark of winter? We are living in dark times. The world is in chaos and there is hate, anger, war, famine, natural disasters and so much darkness swirling around us. How much more visible and beautiful will the light of God be in contrast to all the challenges we face?

Many individuals are living in darkness. There is a hopelessness in our world that is palpable. Suicide rates and divorce, broken families and abuse are at record highs but so also is a growing interest in the light. We are seeing hurting people looking for help and walking in the doors of our churches. We are hearing about young people who are not satisfied with the darkness of this world and are eager to find light in reading the bible. People are talking about a 'quiet revival' or awakening that seems to be sweeping into our land and around the world. God is on the move! We are beginning to see the Holy Spirit drawing people out of their darkness and into the light.

Please pray that we would continue to see more people, families, children, students and young adults interested in knowing more about faith. God works through our lives. He uses us, as dark and sinful as we are, and shines his light through us into the lives of others. We make mistakes but God still loves, forgives and has amazing plans to impact those around us through our faithfulness.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons people are even more open to hearing about God's love. Be prayerful that others will see his light in you. Be willing to share that light, tell them why you have hope despite your challenges. Be careful not to miss opportunities by being too busy. There are many wonderful activities that happen during this time of year but they can distract us from the importance of sharing Jesus's love and light with a hurting world.

Enjoy the warmth of the light this Advent and look for light in unexpected places. Remember that even though you might not feel worthy, God looks on you with love and each and every one of us can be a conduit for Jesus's love and light! To God be the glory and may his light shine through our cracks!

May God's light and love open your hearts this December and into the New Year! We would love to see you in worship and look forward to welcoming you at the special opportunities we are offering for prayer, study and fellowship!

In Christ's Love, Rev. Julia



CHURCH NEWS



On Sunday 31st August, we had a 'Back to Church Sundaes'. During the service there was a prize giving for the children who come to Children's Church and all the helpers were delighted to receive a thank you card and a small posy of flowers. After the service, as well as the usual teas and coffees, we were treated to ice cream sundaes where we could help ourselves to a variety of toppings.



On 28th September we held our annual Harvest Thanksgiving together with the Girls' Brigade dedication service. The congregation gave generously to our Food Hub and the Girls gave out small potatoes and sang two items, including the Lord's Prayer, along with actions, as well as doing readings.



On Sunday 26th October, 10 children and their families came to take part in our Sunday Together Family Fun afternoon. Our theme was "Light", when through games, crafts, story and song we pointed to Jesus as the Light of the World. As the children gathered, there were pictures on the tables for them to colour in. Then we had a game of musical hearts - like musical chairs, but with newspaper hearts for them to stand on. This was followed by the story of Jesus calming the storm, with the children using a parachute to illustrate the action of the waves. The crafts included using leaf prints to demonstrate people showing love for one another, making lanterns using glass jars and tea lights, colouring in sheets of paper then removing sticky tape to reveal the Cross in the middle and painting other sheets of paper to reveal a secret message - "Jesus said, Love one Another".



After this, the children lit their lanterns and proceeded through to the darkened sanctuary where Ruth told them about Jesus, the Light of the World and we sang the very popular song "My Lighthouse" along with the actions. This was followed by Kim's Game, again on the theme of light, when the children showed they had good memories. Julia then invited them to think of things they were afraid of and to stick a plaster on a heart for each thing. The final activity back in the hall was to decorate a biscuit to look like a fire. They and their families then enjoyed sausage rolls and biscuits, including the ones they had just decorated. It was a lovely afternoon and the children were obviously listening well and taking in the message we were trying to convey—Jesus is the Light of the World.



REVIVAL

Every second Tuesday at 12 noon a small group of people from various Churches meet in the committee room of Peterhead New Parish Church to pray for revival in Peterhead and Scotland. All who want to see a revival of faith in our town and country are encouraged to come along. Prayer can be silent or spoken aloud. There is no pressure. The last meeting of the year will be on Tuesday 16th December and will restart on Tuesday 6th January, 2026.

Isobel was assigned to the bunker half way up Mormon Hill. There were 1500 of these underground monitoring posts around the country. They had lots of training during a time when there were real worries about nuclear warfare. We learnt a lot and of course it was delivered as we expected with lots of humour.

On November 3rd Bill Biddie came to introduce us to "Song for Life" first started by Sally Magnusson. When her mum had dementia the family realised that she responded best to favourite songs and could even remember the words and sing along.

Apparently the best memory bump is from the ages of 10 to 30 and the songs from that time are most likely to unlock someone who is locked in a world of their own. He started with a music quiz playing the music from old TV programmes such as Maigret and The Lone Ranger. These tunes were so familiar and really tested our memory banks. Great fun. Then he played tunes that members had said were favourites and folks got the chance to say why these were so special to them. No wonder everyone left with a smile.

We are now looking forward to The Congregational Choir coming to give us our first sounds of Christmas. Then we have our own Carol Service and lastly our Christmas Meal.

GUILD

At our first meeting in September, we invited former Guild members who are no longer able to come out on a regular basis as well as members of the congregation, to come and join us for Afternoon Tea. It was a time of warm fellowship and lots of good conversation, which was enjoyed by all. Guild crockery was used and members were invited to take their cup and saucer home as a memento of their Guild membership.

On 15th October, Janet Winchester came to tell us of her visit to Iona. Janet recently spent a week there .. She is a friend of 'The Community' first started by George McLeod. He came from a distinguished family, was an officer in WW1, an MP, trained for the ministry and became a pacifist. He decided to rebuild the ruined 13th century Abbey in Iona in 1938 taking on an equal number of ministers and unemployed tradesmen for the project. In 1939 the tradesmen continued the work whilst the ministers went to war. The first retreats were offered during the war. When the war finished the tradesmen and ministers wanted to keep in touch and so the Iona Community was set up. It still exists as an international and ecumenical group - action for justice, peace and creation.



Associates of the group promise to read the bible and pray every day. The most recent refurbishment was done during covid. The beautiful carved pillars are well worth seeing. At present the McLeod Youth Centre is being refurbished. The Abbey runs a programme from April to November. The particular one Janet went to was called "Time and Space Week." Plenty of time to soak up the peace and quiet, enjoy fellowship and good food, do a pilgrimage walk and do thought provoking activities. The history of Iona and the fame of St Columba ensure people worldwide are still interested in Iona today. Janet's photos made us all want to go there too.

On 19th November, we were delighted to welcome Sue Thomson who told us about our project "Bibles for Bairns". We will tell you more about that in a future magazine.

In December we will join the Senior Ladies for their Carol Service on 1st December and the Christmas Lunch on 8th December.

Our first meeting after the New Year is a Burns Lunch in the Palace Hotel on 21st January, to which we are inviting the Senior Ladies. Please see Sheila Marshall for details and tickets.

SENIOR LADIES

Sheila Marshall our president was pleased to welcome everyone back to our first meeting on the 25th August.

Our speaker Rev. Fred Coutts came with lots of photos taking us on a journey along the coast from the River Spey to the River Dee. Lots of the places were familiar but he often had stories to tell about them too. Some photos were historic such as a lovely one of Buckie harbour full of the old steam drifters, a sight you never see now.

It was a lovely afternoon and a great start to our 2025/2026 session.

8th September. What a Stink John Dunn MBE, STEM and Polar Ambassador.

John started with a close up photo of a nose and an explanation that our ability to smell is very important to us. The scent and fragrance industry is worth billions. There are other industries where a very keen sense of smell is invaluable and necessary. All the food and drink manufacturing need people to taste and smell their goods. There are scientists and testers who sniff your tap water every day.

He went from humans to many different animals and many of the facts he gave us were very surprising indeed.

The Torry Nose is a device for checking that food is fresh — invented at the Torry Research in Aberdeen.

Febreze — invented in Aberdeen

Freeze drying your strawberries used in the like of Special K — invented in Aberdeen

There were many more fascinating facts that made it a very, very interesting Talk.

The Broch First Responders came to call on the 22nd September. They were husband and wife team Doug and Colleen Ewan helped by Frank Cassidy the husband of Jean, one of our members.

First Responders come under the umbrella of the Scottish Ambulance Service. At Fraserburgh they all undergo regular weekly training and wear a radio on their belt so they are easily contacted.

There are 10 Responders at the Broch each having a full kit bag with all the necessary equipment. The calls have gone up from 80 a year to over 600 so this is a particularly busy area for them. Apart from answering calls they maintain and service the defibrillators in the area.

They showed us the contents of their kit bags, how to use the training vest (used on someone who is choking), how to use a defibrillator and how to apply CPR.

All the good advice and practical skills on show helped to reassure us all that we would be in very good hands if we ever needed their assistance.

A very informative and interesting afternoon.

On October 6th Jean Bradley was our guest speaker talking about friendship and how important friends had been to her throughout her life. Her life has been varied and she has stayed in many different places so often having to start from scratch. Music is a great love and so she interspersed her reminiscing with songs that had been part of her journey too. She made it interesting and entertaining and we could all relate to her various friendships.

Isobel Gregory dressed in her Royal Observer Core uniform came on October 20th.

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In recent weeks the choir has brought some new pieces as anthems to the Sunday services. These have been well received and one has been used as a congregational song. The words of these songs are meaningful and reflective. We trust that they have been of help to anyone who has heard them, in getting through a difficult situation that may have arisen, and given them encouragement.

Recently I have read several items on whether choirs are relevant in today's changing church. Here are a few comments on the subject.

5 Reasons why choirs are important in Christian worship. (Stephen O'Bryan, February 2023)



Unity Among the Congregation

One of the primary reasons that choirs are so important to Christian Worship is that they help to create a sense of unity among the congregants. When a choir sings, they are not just performing for themselves, but leading the congregation in worship. This creates a sense of community and shared purpose and helps create an environment where people feel comfortable expressing their faith and connecting with one another.

Elevate the Worship Experience

Choirs also provide a powerful means of expressing their faith and emotion and passion, often associated with Christian worship. Music has a unique ability to stir the soul, and when combined with powerful lyrics, it can help elevate the worship experience to a higher level. The harmonies, rhythms and melodies created by a choir can help create a sense of awe and wonder that is often associated with the divine.

Facilitating a Connection Between the Congregation and God.

Another important role of choirs in Christian Worship is facilitating between the congregation and God. Singing in a choir is itself an act of worship, and can help create a sense of intimacy and closeness with God. When a choir sings, they express their faith through music, which can help create a bridge between the physical and the spiritual worlds. This can be an incredibly powerful experience for congregants and help deepen their relationship with God.

Create Order and Structure Within the Service

In addition to these spiritual benefits, choirs also have practical benefits for Christian worship. For example, they can help to set the tone for the service and create a sense of anticipation and expectation among the congregation. They can also help to create a sense of order and structure within the service and can provide a framework for the sermon or message that follows. In this way choirs can help to create a more cohesive and meaningful worship experience for all involved.

Church Choirs Create Church Leaders.

Finally, studies have shown that the two groups in a church body who give most to the Parish, are Sunday School Teachers and Choir Members. Both groups invest hours in preparation for their Sunday assignments. Taking on these roles requires an acknowledgement that they are leaders within the Church, and their hours of study and practice prove their dedication to the Parish. When vacancies come within the structures leadership of the Church- Deacons, Elders, Boards and Committees – choir members are always high on the list of potential candidates because of their proven track record of giving of themselves and their time to the betterment of the church .

Christmas Diary

Sunday 30th November at 10.30am; 1st Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the 1st Candle for Advent by one of our families.
Service led by Rev. Dr. Julia Pizzuto – Pomaco



Monday 1st December at 2.00pm

Senior Ladies Carol Service in the church. Anyone can come.

Thursday 4th December at 5.00pm

Final Alpha Programme 'What About the Church?'

Sunday 7th December at 10.30am; 2nd Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the 2nd Candle for Advent by one of our families.
Service led by Rev. Dr. Julia Pizzuto—Pomaco and will include Communion



Families Together Afternoon 1.30pm—3.30pm

Join us for crafts, games , fun and a Christmas Story



If you want to take part in the Nativity on Sunday 21st December at 10.30am, please stay behind to get words, try on costumes etc.

Monday 8th December at 12 for 12.30

Senior Ladies Christmas Meal in the Palace Hotel, Peterhead

Thursday 11th December at 9.30am

Christmas Service with Meethill and Burnhaven Pupils

Saturday 13th December at 10.00am

Come along for a Nativity practice with costumes etc.

Sunday 14th December at 10.30am; 3rd Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the 3rd Candle for Advent by one of our church families.
Service led by Rev. Dr. Julia Pizzuto—Pomaco



Christmas Party for Youth Club 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th December

Classes from Central School coming to make Christingles

Thursday 18th December 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Church Open for Prayer Space for Christmas



Friday 19th December

Christmas Service with Central School Pupils

Sunday 21st December at 10.30; 4th Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the 4th Candle for Advent by one of our church families .Special Service for Advent, including 'Bethlehem Bake-Off' Nativity

Christingle Packs will be available to take away. Please let Rev. Dr Julia know if you would like one delivered to you.

Tuesday 24th December at 7.00pm

Carols by Candlelight



Sunday 29th December
Service at 10.30am





GIRLS' BRIGADE



This year the annual Buchan Division training day was held in Fraserburgh Old Parish Church Centre. It was well attended by Leaders and the sessions were very interesting.

We are very pleased to have a new Leader – Megan McKay. Megan has transferred from the Fraserburgh company. Megan and Anna are both progressing with their Leadership journey and are in the middle of their training to become commissioned Leaders in Girls' Brigade.

We started back to Brigade on the 26th August and were pleased to see just about all of last year's girls returning.

We had our Dedication on Sunday 28th September. We had a good turnout of girls. They all took part in the service doing readings and singing.

We have been busy with badge work. Explorers theme this year is Transport and World Explorers, and the Juniors have already finished their spiritual topic of Pray with Purpose. Juniors covered shoe boxes and packed them with Christmas gifts for the Blythswood shoe box appeal. 25 boxes were uplifted by the Blythswood van.



Our Divisional competition this year is a Challenge. This involves all sections and Leaders doing individual challenges and then the whole company has 2 challenges to complete. These challenges have been set by an Aberdeen Leader. She will judge the challenges and decide which companies win the trophies.

GIVING DAY

On 30th of November during morning worship we gave thanks for all of the gifts (time, talents and resources) we have received in 2025! We will receive gifts over and above your regular giving any time in December. We have sign-up sheets in the hall after worship so you can sign up to volunteer with different ministries such as after worship tea rota, door duty, children's church or holiday club (just to name a few ministries where volunteers are needed). There are special envelopes if you wish to use them or you can use a bank transfer or the card machine to share a gift with the church. In recent years the church has been increasingly relying on reserves to pay it's Giving to Grow contributions. This year so far £20,000 has been used in reserves in order to pay what is owed (for minister's salary and national church dues). There is just a little over half of that amount available for next year thus we cannot continue to rely on those resources. It appears there will still be a shortfall of £4,000 in 2025 and that is why we are having this special giving time. We recognise not everyone will be able to give but we would ask you to consider what the Lord is saying to you.



No gift is too small and every effort to serve the Lord is appreciated! 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, 'Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

Conclusion

Choirs are an incredibly important part of Christian Worship and they play a vital role in enhancing the spiritual experience of the congregants. They provide a powerful means of creating a sense of community and shared purpose, and they can help to express the emotion and passion that is often associated with encounters with the Divine. They also facilitates a connection between the congregation and God and can help to deepen the faith and relationship of all involved. With their ability to create order and structure within the services, choirs provide a practical benefit to worship and the overall health of the Church. All of these benefits combine to make choirs a vital and important part of Christian Worship.



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Other comments include:

Choirs are a missionary tool for the Church.

Choirs are unique and may enhance the Church's approach to worship

Choirs offer multi-generational fellowship. Young and old(er) can enjoy fellowship together singing hymns and worship songs. This may be the only opportunity when different age groups within the church can serve together.

Now, there is a point to all this. The choir can only continue if we have choir members. Over the past few years we have decreased in number but not in enthusiasm to continue in the choir. New members are needed to ensure the continued presence of a choir within our church. Please give this some thought. You will be made very welcome. Rehearsals are on a Friday evening from 7.00pm. refreshments are served at the conclusion of rehearsals where the opportunity to chat with other members is appreciated, just to catch up with the week's news.

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If you have any spare time, even a couple of hours a week, and would be interested in becoming a sitter, which would include visiting houses, having a cuppa and a good old blether,

If you would like a getaway in one of the two caravans we have in Fochabers, one of which is equipped for the disabled and the other a bit more modern,

If you would like information about getting a sitter,

If you would like any general information for the elderly —

Please contact the number above or pop in and see us during opening times.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Story of Jesus birth for you to colour in and bring to Church to show us.

A King is Born!
(The Story of Jesus' Birth)

Name _____

An angel told Mary she was going to have a very special baby and that He would be the king of the whole world.

The angel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife and to name the special baby Jesus.

Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted and pay their taxes.

When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem the city was full and there were no open rooms to stay in.

The only place for them to stay was in a stable, with the animals.

The angels sang to the shepherds, telling them to follow the star to find the new baby king.

Some wise men from the east followed the star to worship the new baby king.

Everyone came to worship the new baby Jesus, king of the whole world.

Look at the candy cane. What do you see?
 Stripes that are red like the blood shared for me.
 White for my Saviour who's sinless and pure!
 "J" is for Jesus, my Lord that's for sure!
 Turn it around and a staff you will see.
 Jesus my Shepherd is coming for me!

**Peterhead Churches Together
Prayer Spaces for Christmas**

During the week 15th - 19th December, a number of churches in the town will be open for a lunchtime 'Prayer Space' between 12.00 and 1.00pm. Drop in for the hour or come and go for as long or short a time as you can manage. It's an opportunity for a quiet space in the midst of the busyness of the Advent Time, the time of waiting for the birth of Jesus.

All are open 12.00pm - 1.00pm

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| ◇ Monday 15 th December | Baptist Church |
| ◇ Tuesday 16 th December | St. Andrews Church |
| ◇ Wednesday 17 th December | St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church |
| ◇ Thursday 18 th December | New Parish Church |
| ◇ Friday 19 th December | Methodist Church |

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Remembrance Sunday this year was celebrated in Peterhead in Trinity Church. The service began at 10.55 am and after the two minutes silence was observed and a hymn and prayer and some words by the minister, the two standards of the uniformed forces present were ceremonially presented to the Head of Session, Angus Johnston, and thereafter stayed on the Chancel until the service ended.

The Kirk was quite full, and after those groups, for example, the British Legion etc .returned to the town centre after laying wreaths at the war memorial in the old South Road Cemetery, a number of others also joined us. The Bible reading was given by Fiona Kennedy, Deputy Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, and as such, one of the principal leaders of the parade and other of the day's events.

Only people in their 80's or older actually lived through the last world war and can remember the fears, horrors such as bombs dropping from aerial raids, ships regularly sunk, many, many thousands injured or lives lost, but many areas of Peterhead and vicinity still show where bombs caused devastation.

Man has since declared war in many more areas, geographically more limited, but just as fearsome, for example, Korea and the Falklands: and we know that the message of the Gospels needs still to be taught as rigorously as ever.

At the front door an opportunity was given to donate to Erskine Veterans Charity.

In Boddam, representatives of the Cadets, the Harbour , the Boddam Hub and the Dundonnie Lodge were among those who gathered at the War Memorial in Manse Terrace at 9am on Remembrance Sunday. A short service was led by Rev Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco when the names of all who died in the two World Wars were read out and wreaths were laid.

God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.