

# The Bridge

February 2017



**Banff & King Edward Parish Churches**

*Dear Friends in Banff and King Edward.*

*Jesus called them together saying, "You know about the rulers of the Gentiles. They hold power over their people. Their high officials order them around. Don't be like that. Instead, anyone who wants to be important among you must be your servant. And anyone who wants to be first must be your slave. Be like the Son of Man who did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free" [Matthew 20:25-28]*

It's a new year with a new unexpected president of the USA and a new way forward for the UK and Europe. I suppose the one thing you can be sure of in life is that the unexpected happens, and we need to be ready for it.

Some of the key people we see in these changes across the world do not inspire us easily and seem to show a distance from normal people that often seems arrogant. Contrast them with **Jesus who showed that humility, grace and service are central to a better life for all.**

In church recently, we thought about John the Baptist's humility in pointing people away from himself and towards Jesus as the one who could help them; John was a big strong personality yet humbly pointed the way forward through another person. Like John, we too can find in humble service, that we can not only point people to Jesus, but help others in their lives and in so doing, find purpose for ourselves as well. **It's hard, because people do often annoy us or put us down, but humble service to them and others is the way that grace and peace and truth can shine out.** It takes humility to realise we are all weak and fail; it takes humility to be open to other people's ways and views and learn from them, so that in togetherness, overcoming tensions, we can raise each other up.

It's not always easy to find political leaders who have that sort of humility but in church we do seem to find not just leaders like that but countless numbers of humble followers of Jesus quietly doing their bit to help. In Banff Parish Church we have a new Session Clerk, Elinor Smith, taking over from Andy Taylor who served as Session Clerk for 16 years so faithfully and well. Both of them, like Margaret Brown in King Edward, display such a lovely humble way of serving, combined with inner strength of faith. that inspires me and many others.

At the end of January in Banff we aim to ordain new Elders of the church, but just now I want to focus not on the obvious leaders in church. Elsewhere in the Bridge, **we thank everyone who works away in our churches, especially those who are not prominent. We are all called to humbly serve, for in so doing we not only follow the life-bringing way of Jesus but help others to see it in action and seek to follow likewise.** So let me emphasise that the prayers you offer, the smiles and words of encouragement, the plates you wash, the knitting or crafts you make, the tidying and cleaning you do, the questions and ideas you offer, the flowers you deliver or cards you send, the coffees and food you make, the stalls you serve at, the welcome you give, the care and neighbourliness you give, the wearying endless hours you put in, all matter in church. So often in life it's the little things that matter; the little things like a word harshly spoken -as Boris Johnston keeps finding out- can hurt and disrupt national plans. And the words or actions of humble service or encouragement likewise can genuinely lift another soul.

For me, this picture [taken as ever by Andy Taylor] reminds me a bit of that; the camel was in the newspapers and the Church of Scotland Life and Work. The two men inside the camel thrilled youngsters at Christmas at both our churches, and pointed the way to Jesus; not puffing themselves up, but by being willing to bend down and become an ugly smelly camel!



We have been thinking this year about the grace and peace that Jesus offers us uniquely, and how yes at times church has its problems and people can annoy us. The grace, peace and truth can however shine though as people humbly continue to serve and follow. Jesus said he would make you fishers of men; by that I think he meant we can be people who raise others up, in life out of the depths into which they can sometimes sink, and to do what it requires us all to humbly keep following and serving and sharing in the countless ways you already do.

Recently, we thought together about how the disciples initially came together through different encounters and experiences and understanding of Jesus, but over time moved forward powerfully together, learning from each other. We saw in Paul's letter to the Corinthians how at times the early church had tensions in different understandings, as today, but how they worked at it and moved forward powerfully; so can we.

Yes, **life can be stressful, even in church. How to cope with the stresses of life?** In church especially we seem to be getting busier and busier. So **on Sunday evenings, twice a month, our services will focus on how to cope with the stress and busyness of life and work and indeed church and home.** They will be from 6.30 - 7.30pm on the first and 3rd Sunday of a month, from February through to July.

We found that last year many people who come to our evening services enjoyed a chance to share their thoughts with others in small groups. So we are building on that to have a series of such evening services, again with a few hymns and prayer, and a either short talk by me or some video by Rev Nicky Gumbel, or base the discussion round a series of bible studies under the 'Lifebuilder' bible study booklets produced by Scripture Union, where each session explores a particular bible passage. Over the 5 months from the start of February, we hope to cover the following: Keeping it together under stress & worry; how to live and act with integrity ; balancing time to rest v time with others ;how to handle conflict ;focusing on the positives; singing – we will have an Easter songs of praise! ;holding on to self -esteem ; how to handle ambition; finding inner strength from above; decision making

We hope it will appeal to some who do not normally come to church and who may find by exploring bible experiences, and sharing with others, some pointers for life's stresses can be found

**Prayer and God's guidance are keys to coping with life,** and sharing together in such exploration can really help. so we are also exploring when would be best to have time for prayer and bible study in the church. Last year we had our **Prayer and Bible Study Group** meeting between 7 and 8pm on Tuesday evenings. , so our first new session will on Tuesday 31st January at 7pm in the kirk lounge. We will decide then when would be best to meet in the future.

Possibilities so far suggested include 8pm on a Thursday evening after choir practice; or having a series of weekly meeting for a block of say 6 weeks. One possibility might be a series based on Lent, and the approach to Easter. If you are interested in having some such quiet time to pray and explore together what god might be saying to us through bible passages, **do let us know when would suit you.**

**Starting 12th February a new Sunday afternoon time of spiritual sharing especially for families is starting in Banff church hall.** Its an exciting new opportunity to explore and share real family issues and faith in an informal way, meeting the 2nd Sunday of every month; do pass the word along - see more details on page 11.

**Amidst all we do, I remain challenged by the millions of refugees who may suffer even more** as a result of what is happening in each country. Last year we did quite a lot to help refugees, King Edward school and community raised funds early in the year the later our churches, for example at harvest and Christmas also raised more especially for Christian Aid and Tearfund's refugee work. Throughout last year the excellent initiative of KNIT FOR PEACE knitted and boxed up 357 items [from sweaters to hats and blankets] for onward dispatch to refugees .

These efforts by countless unnamed humble knitters are continuing this year, perhaps shows us in practice the way forward. We all need to **keep praying for refugees** and also pray that we will know guidance about what more we should be doing especially in the cold harshness of winter when the problems of millions are still horrendous. So if you have ideas do tell others in the church.

One initiative was passed on to me by my cousin Kate, a former social worker, because she knew our churches are keen to do more. It's a Scottish charity working with refugees which impressed and humbled her. I do not know it in detail, but mention it to help us keep the difficulties of refugees in our hearts. Whether we individually do anything is entirely up to ourselves. The charity is



Re-Act, Refugee Action, Scotland,

It is organised from a group in Edinburgh with a few branches around Scotland and takes aid to Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia and Greece and more regularly containers to Syria and Lebanon. By establishing links with local helpers, they have also funded food kitchens [using local produce where possible] and accommodation and provide support to the camps in Greece.

My cousin Kate heard about it from a volunteer who is a former colleague who worked with her in Scottish children's hospices. The colleague is a retired nurse who has been out to Greece with Re-ACT,



assisting with the refugees, hauling them out of the water, organising daily support and now working with others to establish a school for the children. If we know of anyone wanting to help with practical aid, basics for the school, pencils, books etc, Kate can put us in touch.

The photos are: 1) loading the van in Edinburgh with goods for refugees in Greece, 2) men's conversation class under an olive tree outside a camp in Samos.

Our community and world needs more than ever the grace and truth and peace of Jesus. John chapter one finishes with a vision of angels ascending and descending on Jesus, and in Matthew's gospel [see text at start] we see that Jesus calls his followers together and encourages them to humbly serve others, for as we do, people can be set free. Keep humbly serving together and following Jesus as he wants you to, and in so doing, may you know and share his grace and peace, and yourselves be His angels.

Yours faithfully and sincerely,

*David*

For regular updates on what's on in Banff and King Edward Parish Churches look at our Face Book page and Website.

**Face Book: Banff and King Edward Parish Churches**

**Website: [www.banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk](http://www.banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk)**

## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

Our next Fellowship Lunch is on Thursday, 2nd March in Banff Church Hall from noon-1.30pm . Do come along.....invite a neighbour or friend . ALL WELCOME.



**Banff Parish Church  
Children & Family Worker**

Contact:

Lillian: call/text 07484 090 127

Email: [lilianbanff@gmail.com](mailto:lilianbanff@gmail.com)

Drop in to see Lillian  
(via the hall door)  
for a chat and a cuppa  
Thursdays 1-4pm



## ***Point to Ponder***



Loving God is not what saves us,  
but it does demonstrate our  
grateful awareness  
of how much He forgives us

*"Whoever believes and is baptised  
will be saved." (Mark 16:16.)*

## **Christian Aid Lunches—Holy Week** (10th—14th April)

Calling all bakers, crafters, volunteers and those who enjoy coming along to the Church hall for food and fellowship, please save the dates 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April. Our Christian Aid lunches will take place in Holy Week from Monday to Friday of that week. We hope many of you will be able to come along to enjoy lunch, fellowship and to support us so that we can make this year as successful as last year. Please encourage your family, friends and work colleagues to join us too. **All will be welcome.**

If you would be available and would like to help on any of the five days please call Sheila on 815440 or Mary on 812716. We would appreciate all extra help that can be given.

Donations of cash, vegetables for the soups, oatcakes, bread, crackers and cheese will be gratefully received. A list will be available at the back of the Church nearer the time so that you can let us know if you will be able to make a donation. We hope to have an Easter sales table too. If anyone feels able to donate to it we would be most grateful. All proceeds go to Christian Aid.



*We each have  
**TWO** hands,  
one for helping  
**OURSELVES**,  
the other for  
helping **OTHERS**.*



## SESSION CLERK RETIRES



At the end of last year I intimated my wish to retire as Session Clerk at Banff.

I took on the work for a temporary three years in 2000 following the sudden death of Tom Morgan. That has stretched to 16 years and so I felt, now that we operate under the new Unitary Constitution, it was an appropriate time to hand over to someone else.

My sucessor is Mrs Elinor Smith and I hope she receives the same encouragement and support I have had over the years.

To those who contributed to the very generous gift of a John Lewis voucher I received I humbly extend a very big Thank You !

*Andrew G Taylor.*



## SESSION CLERK APPOINTED

Meet our new Session Clerk, Mrs Elinor Smith. Elinor and Charlie moved to Banff in 1984 and joined Trinity & Alvah Church where she was originally ordained as an elder.

# Thank You!

Dear friends in our churches,

Here we are beginning a new year with groups and activities re-starting and meetings being planned, and back to the busyness of church life.

We are thankful our churches are busy but behind a busy church are equally busy volunteers who regularly give of their time and talents to ensure the groups and activities run smoothly.

At times it may seem it gets harder as we all get older, and the demands of church sometimes may seem non-stop. At times also your efforts may appear unappreciated (at the time), but your contribution is worth it; and you are appreciated even although we don't say it enough. I hope you know that God sees and values greatly what you do.

So I would like to thank you for all the time you have given to help in the smooth running and development of Banff and King Edward Parish Churches over the past year. Whether it is behind the scenes or up front at services or activities or meetings, your contribution is very important and is appreciated. We need you and thank you.

We hope our churches continue to flourish and grow throughout 2017 in continuing our service to the church and the community, and pray God continues to bless you and your efforts.

Thank you

*David Locke*

on behalf of the Kirk Sessions of Banff and King Edward Churches

You are invited to

# FAMILY CONNECT

**a connect group for busy families**

**Banff Parish Church Hall starting Sunday 12th February**

An opportunity to explore real family issues and faith in an informal way

Meeting the 2nd Sunday of every month

4pm: Coffee, activities music.....

5pm: Sharing over food

(please bring some food and we will provide drinks)

*everyone's  
WELCOME!*



**His** mercies  
are *new*  
**every**  
*morning*

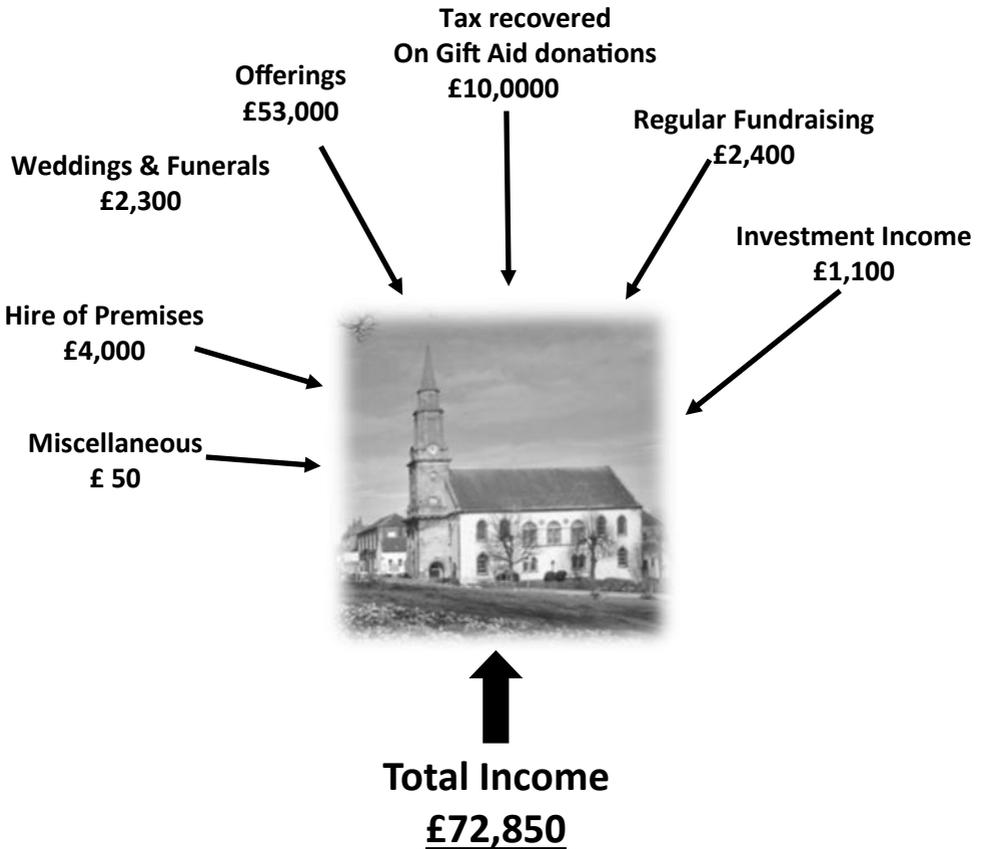
## **NEW EVERY MORNING**

Every day is a fresh beginning,  
Listen my soul to the glad refrain,  
And, spite of old sorrows  
And older sinning  
Troubles forecasted  
And possible pain,

Take heart with the day and begin again.

**Susan Coolidge**

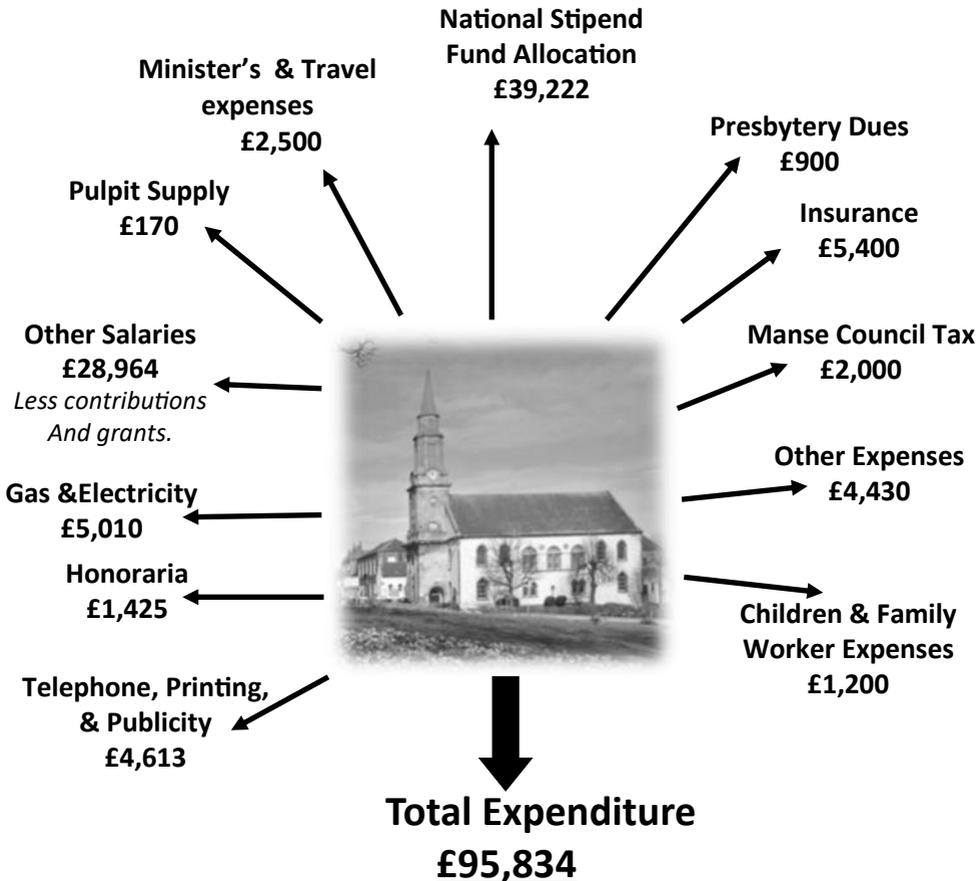
# Banff Parish Church



These are exciting times for the Church. We think we could be on the brink of the good news of Jesus Christ. We however will run out of the financial resources. The pictures show our anticipated income and expenditure in 2017, based on the current figures. Please consider increasing your givings or, even if you do not currently attend Church, regular contributions.

If you pay tax but have not signed a gift aid declaration, please ask me or the Churchwarden or stopped at any time. Currently gift aid represents one seventh of our income.

# - Finance Group



of something great – reaching out effectively into the community and spreading the good news to enable us to do this towards the end of 2018.

the previous year. I am forecasting a deficit of nearly £23,000.

which (we would love the opportunity to let you see what we are doing), start making

Church Office for a form. There is no commitment as payments can be reduced if necessary.

*Trevor Leuty*, Church Treasurer

# King Edward News

## GUILD

The Guild had their first meeting of the new session on Thursday, 5th January when we welcomed Lillian Brown as our speaker. Lillian gave a most enjoyable talk on the Guild theme. A business meeting followed after tea and the funds were distributed as follows:

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| Church        | £1,500 | Guild Projects  | £150 |
| Bible Society | £50    | B World Mission | £150 |

At our meeting on 2nd, February Elspeth McIntosh will join us with a selection of Doric stories. There will be a members' evening meal on Thursday, 2nd March.

## CHOIR



The Choir meet in the hall on Tuesday evening at the new time of 6-7pm. We are always happy to welcome new members. If you enjoy singing why not come along? Contact person is Eleanor Wilson (Tel 01261 818240)

**THANK-YOU** to Eric, Cliff, Florence and Carolle for putting up our Christmas tree and decorations. The church looked beautiful!

## WRI SCOTS NIGHT

King Edward Hall on Friday, 17th February at 7.30pm Do come along for Haggis, neeps and tatties. Tickets are available from any member for £10 per person. For inquiries contact Edith on 821634.

We look forward to welcoming Duncan Leece to talk about Boyndie Trust at our meeting on Wednesday, 15th March.

# BANFF PARISH CHURCH

Too busy?

Always out of time?

Never ending to-do list?

Come along to one of our sessions on 'Busyness'  
How God can help make space in your life for what matters

Too good to be true? Come along and find out!

We will draw on lessons from our Christian experience and the Bible  
We can't promise an easy answer but we can promise sharing with  
people with similar experiences, mutual support and discussion of  
different ways to try to deal with life's pressures.

**Keeping it  
together under  
stress**

Decision making

Me time v  
time for others

Holding on to  
self-esteem

Learning to  
say 'no'

**Taking one  
day at  
a time**

Banff Parish Church Hall,  
6.30-7.30pm

1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

**STARTING SUNDAY 5th February**

optional cup of tea afterwards



20s and 30s especially welcome.

Come as you are.

For more details see the **church website** or **Facebook page**.

## **News from the Kirk Session**

The Kirk Session met on 7 December and agreed to share the main items of business with the congregation.

We said “Goodbye” to Andy Taylor as Session Clerk for the past sixteen years but we are very pleased that he plans to remain as an active elder where his spiritual and practical contribution to church life will continue to be appreciated.

We said “Hello” to Elinor Smith who has agreed to serve as our Session Clerk.

A number of elders have retired recently . The Kirk Session is very grateful for the years of spiritual and practical service that they have given. We are looking to ordaining new elders towards the end of January and to welcoming them to the Kirk Session where their fresh eyes will be very helpful as we continue to lead Banff Parish Church.

The Kirk Session is considering the way forward for the church following an elders’ conference in 2015 and a more recent Evening Service where this was discussed. Our first discussion will focus on where we are now and what we hope the church should look like in 10 years time. An area that we will be exploring is the balance between those who prefer a traditional approach and those who are keen to adopt a more contemporary approach.

Messy Church continues to be well supported with a number of very young families attending. Messy Church is open to everyone and there are activities, crafts and worship to suit all ages.

The Kirk Session reviewed developments being undertaken by the Children and Family Worker and heard how a report on activities so far would be sent to the main outside funder, the Church of Scotland’s “Go For It” The Kirk Session also heard how our Fellowship lunches raised over the past year some £2,200 for the Children and Family Worker Fund which was hugely appreciated.

Mr Trevor Leuty, the Church Treasurer highlighted the financial issues that the church is facing. This year our income has fallen by about £10,000.00 but our outgoings have increased as a result of all the activity taking place. We will need to address this situation in the coming year but in the meantime members of the congregation are being asked to consider gift aiding their donation, if they do not already do so as the church can claim an additional 25 pence for every £1 donated. Members will be encouraged to increase their givings by £2.00 per week, the price of a cup of coffee!

Any comments on Kirk Session news can be emailed to the Session Clerk on [esbrymor@hotmail.com](mailto:esbrymor@hotmail.com).

## Coffee & Company



Coffee & Company ended their autumn session with an excellent Christmas Lunch at the Fife Lodge Hotel on 15<sup>th</sup> December accompanied by lots of chat and fun. We then had a break for three weeks and started again on 12<sup>th</sup> January. We were sad to lose Mrs Sylvia Riach from MacDuff who passed away just before Christmas. Sylvia was always the first to arrive and once described us as a “lifesaver” after the death of her husband and she is greatly missed. Although small in number we are a lively group and have recently been advertised on “Good Morning Scotland” on Radio Scotland. There was a recent programme about loneliness and Lynne was browbeaten by her husband into phoning up to take part!! So watch this space. From the weekly donations, as well as treating themselves to lunch, the group has also given £200 to the church towards the cost of lighting and heating.

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**MESSY CHURCH** is for everyone! Come along and join the fun—singing, crafts, games, challenges, celebration and sharing supper.

There is no charge for Messy Church and no lower or upper age limit!! If you are joining us for the first time and would like to be met outside the hall by a welcomer please call Janet on 01261 818211.

By the time you read this we will have had our first Messy Church of 2017. We focused on caring for and giving to others. Everyone had the opportunity to make bookmarks, sun-catchers and cards for others.

The next MESSY CHURCH is on Friday 24th March in Banff Parish Church Hall beginning at 5pm.

All are WELCOME to join us.

## KNIT FOR PEACE

The ladies have continued to knit over the winter so there are new boxes of items already. In the latest newsletter K for P is also looking for sewing items to send to refugees , namely darning needles, pins, buttons ,braid, fastenings etc so if you are looking to start spring cleaning or even clearing out please keep this in mind rather than bin them! The twiddlemuffs for dementia patients have been a great success and Bolton NHS hospitals have handed out 1,500 reporting that “they have helped to reduce the number of aggressive incidents on the wards, and also stop patients pulling at lines and monitoring wires”. As K for P says “if every hospital needs 1,000 plus twiddlemuffs that’s an awful lot of knitting!!!” Many of the ladies provide their own wool but if anyone would like to donate wool please contact us or better still come along to one of our Saturday gatherings!



We next meet on **Saturday, 25th February** at 10am. ALL WELCOME!

## FOOD BANK

Ron Morrison continues to work at the food bank fortnightly on behalf of Banff Parish church. There is a box at the back of Banff Parish church if you would like to donate items or you can take along your own donations to the Harvest Centre any Tuesday or Thursday morning (between 10-12am). Food should be non-perishable and well within sell-by date.

If you would like to donate but can't come to church or get to the Harvest Centre please speak to your Elder or call the church office on 818211.



## ORIGAMI

Jim Buchan has now led two workshops, sharing his knowledge in the Japanese art of paper-folding. Our 'masterpieces' have ranged from a catamaran to a flying bird to a decorative box!!

Would you like to come along and give it a go?

We meet on Saturday, 25th February at 10am in Banff Church Hall.

## STAMPS

Our used stamps are given to Cancer Research.



This is such a worthwhile cause. There is a box at the back of the church for your stamps. Please leave a half centimetre of envelope around the stamp when you cut them out.

Foreign coins can also raise money for Christian Aid. There is a collection box for coins at the back of the church.

**SCOTTISH LUNCH.** We were delighted to welcome so many folk into our hall to share a traditional Scottish lunch. There was a great 'buzz' in the hall as folk laughed and chatted over lunch.

Thanks to your support we raised nearly £690 for church funds.

We were delighted to welcome piper, Stuart Cameron (son of Mary and Ian) who entertained the diners with a wonderful selection of Scottish tunes.

The Fundraising Group would like to thank **every-one** who helped in any way on the day and those who donated for the lunch, sales table and hamper raffle.



## BLYTHSWOOD

If you are unable to take goods to the Blythswood containers in Banff or Macduff, please contact Ron Smith on 01261 815440.



Banff Parish Church **Friendship Group** is for anyone in our church and community, male or female, young or not so young, town or country!! ALL ARE WELCOME.

We usually begin our evening with something to eat, anything from a pot-luck supper, to tea and pancakes! The group organise a range of activities - hopefully something to suit everyone.

Do come along and give it a try. We would be delighted to hear any ideas you might have for speakers, workshops, demonstrations or 'whatever'!

Our meetings in February will begin with a Games Evening on the 7th and on the 21st we will welcome Robert Simpson who will show slides and talk about his trip to Singapore and Taiwan when he re-traced his father's journey as a Prisoner of War.

At future meetings we look forward to welcoming the Guide Dogs for the Blind association and Shelter Box.



## NEW ELDERS AT BANFF PARISH CHURCH

Three new Elders were ordained to service in Banff Parish Church on Sunday, 29th January 2017. Elinor Smith, (far right) Session Clerk, offers the right hand of fellowship to newly ordained Elders, (left to right) Irene McKay, Eileen Donald, Joyce Millar.



God's good work  
motivates the believer to  
place serving God above  
his or her own desires so  
that they serve God and  
others with joy.

*We remember with sadness, the following members who have died and those whose funerals were conducted on behalf of King Edward and Banff Parish Churches*

Iris Gray, Banff Care Home, Banff  
Alexander Smith, Smith Road, Banff.  
Ivy Blanchard, Banff Care Home, Banff.  
Annie Stephen, Banff.  
Helen Jex, Doocot Park, Banff.



*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

## Ministry of Flowers

We are grateful to the following who have and will donate flowers to beautify Banff Church during January and February.

8th Jan Mr & Mrs G Youngson  
15th Jan Mrs L Robertson  
22nd Jan Mr & Mrs T Leuty  
29th Jan Mrs M Ingham  
  
5th Feb Mr S Pratt  
12th Feb Mrs M Sivewright  
19th Feb Mrs L Kaczmarek  
26th Feb Miss I Finlayson



The flower list for 2017 is at the back of the church. If you would like to donate flowers for a morning service please add your name to an available date. Contact person: Pat McLennan. (Tel 815737)

*God* GRANT ME THE *serenity*  
TO ACCEPT THINGS I CAN NOT CHANGE,  
THE *courage* TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN,  
AND THE *wisdom* TO KNOW  
THE DIFFERENCE.

**BANFF PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND** - Charity No SC015501**Minister:** Rev David I W Locke MA M.Sc., BD Tel: 01261 812107**Children and Family Worker:** Lillian Brown Tel: 07484 090 127**Pastoral Assistant:** Vera Lumsden Tel 07890 865 931

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|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------|
| Session Clerk                     | Mrs Elinor Smith                               |                         | 815782      |
| Worship & Discipleship            | Ministry Team                                  | (Contact details above) |             |
| Fellowship & Service Co-ordinator | Mrs Rosie Blanchard                            |                         | 861029      |
| Outreach Co-ordinator             | Mrs Moira Gess                                 |                         | 815147      |
| Resource Group                    | Mr Jim Buchan                                  |                         |             |
| Pastoral Care Group               | Mrs Mary Cameron                               |                         | 812716      |
| Communion Elder                   | Mr Charlie Smith                               |                         | 815782      |
| Safeguarding Co-ordinator         | Mr Charlie Smith                               |                         | 815782      |
| Roll Keeper                       | Mr Donald Galloway                             |                         |             |
| Sunday Club Contact               | Mrs Lillian Brown                              |                         | 07484090127 |
| Church Officer                    | Mr Gordon Mustard                              |                         | 861545      |
| Property Convenors                | Ron Smith & Ian Cameron                        | 815440                  | 812716      |
| Hall Keeping Team                 | Contact Church Office                          |                         | 818211      |
| Magazine Editor                   | Mrs Janet Simpson                              |                         | 843221      |
| Organist                          | Mr Stephen Pratt                               |                         | 833113      |
| Church Secretary                  | Mrs Janet Simpson                              |                         | 843221      |
| Life and Work Convener            | Mrs Moira Ingram                               |                         | 812393      |
| Flower Convener                   | Mrs Pat McLennan                               |                         | 815737      |
| Resource Group Clerk              | Mrs Irene Tewnion                              |                         |             |
| Treasurer/Gift Aid Convener       | Mr Trevor Leuty                                |                         | 821282      |
| FWO Treasurer                     | Mrs Moira Gess                                 |                         | 815147      |
| Church Office                     | janetsimpson@banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk |                         | 818211      |

**KING EDWARD CHURCH** - Charity No SC015077

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| Session Clerk              | Mrs Margaret Brown                |       | 821316 |
| Roll Keeper                | Mrs Nancy Simpson                 | 01888 | 568602 |
| Treasurers                 | Mr Albert Hay & Mrs Sandra French |       |        |
| Fabric Convener            | Mr Eric Wilson                    |       | 832951 |
| Church Officer/Hall Keeper | Mr Frank Schapitz                 |       | 821123 |
| Organist                   | Mrs Eleanor Wilson                |       | 818240 |
| Flower Convener            | Mrs Isobel Smith                  |       | 821348 |
| Guild President            | Mrs Eleanor Wilson                |       | 818240 |
| Hall Committee President   | Mrs Jayne Pirie                   |       | 821680 |

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Banff Parish Church - Charity No. SC 015501 King Edward Parish Church - Charity No. SC 015077

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**Children and Family Worker:** Lillian Brown Tel 07484090127

**Pastoral Assistant:** Vera Lumsden Tel 07890865931

**Church Office** 01261 818211

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|       |          |             |                                     |
|-------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tues  | Feb 7th  | 2.15pm      | Service in Doocot View              |
| Sun   | Feb 12th | 4pm         | Family Connect (see page 13)        |
| Tues  | Feb 14th | 3pm         | Service in Airlie Gardens           |
| Wed   | Feb 15th | 7pm         | Banff Kirk Session Meeting          |
| Sun   | Feb 19th | 6.30pm      | Banff Evening Service (see page 15) |
| Tues  | Feb 28th | 2.30pm      | Service in Banff Care Home          |
| Thurs | Mar 2nd  | Noon-1.30pm | Monthly Lunch in Banff Church Hall  |

### **Regular Activities Banff Church Hall**

|           |          |         |                                     |
|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Tues      | 10-      | 11.30am | Coffee n Creche                     |
| Weds      | 1.30-    | 3.00pm  | Coffee n Crèche                     |
| Weds      | 3.00-    | 4.45pm  | High Street Gang                    |
| Thurs     |          | 2-4pm   | Coffee and Company                  |
| 1st &     | 3rd Tues | 7pm     | Friendship Group                    |
| Last Sat. | of month | 10am    | Knit for Peace and Origami Workshop |

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Articles can be emailed to [rjs.simpson@btinternet.com](mailto:rjs.simpson@btinternet.com). Please include 'Bridge' in the subject line.

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