

# The Bridge

April/May 2019



Banff & King Edward Parish Churches

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## *Dear Friends in Banff and King Edward*

We are approaching Easter when we will celebrate the hope of the risen Lord. And yet as I write, there is so much troublesome news around with Brexit and cyclone disasters and concerns about our world. And yet, **amidst sadness, the amazing message of Easter still shines out today**; amidst the pain of the Cross, there is Risen Hope and possibilities of new life, new ways forward amidst all that the world throws at us. That is the message behind our Easter banners and posters.



Mark's gospel records the message of hope amidst sadness that Jesus' followers received, as they went to take care of his body: *Don't be alarmed, you are looking for*

*Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."* Trembling and bewildered, the women went out" [Mark 16 v 6-8]. Life was so hard for Jesus and his followers as it often can be for us, as we journey through our fears and worries and hurts and losses. But the voice comes to them and us, **don't be afraid; He has risen! He goes ahead of you and you will see Him**, just as he told you. The women went out trembling, bewildered and afraid, as at times do we, but bit by bit, that fear would turn anew into the risen hope in their hearts, that would renew them and inspire them and lead them forward in new life, into sharing not fear but faith and forgiveness and love. A message that would renew a forlorn Peter, that he was forgiven and included, in the new hope and purpose, the message that is there for each of us today if we want to accept it. Somehow, through it all, we can find inner peace and strength even in the worst of times...for Christ is risen to give us hope and our world hope that new life and peace can be found. Jesus came to fearful disciples and said 'peace be with you' and challenged them and us to go out and share that peace and forgiveness with others.

Strangely, hope **this year has arisen from one place you might not expect** hope; our churches' annual reports and accounts! In both churches our treasurers give positive reports both about the state of our finances and about the growing health of our ongoing activities.

**The improvements in finances were partly due to the hard work we all put**

**put into our stewardship programmes** last year, which resulted in increased income and future sums pledged. **Both churches also reported growing numbers attending** and growing involvement in helping our local community – in King Edward through our work with our local Primary School and through teamwork, for example with the King Edward hall. In King Edward we were worried just a few months ago about how to spread the growing burdens in running our church. Thankfully we have found new ways of teamwork together with more people stepping up to do their bit, working in a more flexible way. In the longer run the Church of Scotland this year at the General assembly, which I will be attending, is looking at ways of reducing the growing administrative burden on smaller churches.

In Banff the annual report suggests we made **progress in our mission of sharing the love of Jesus in our community and towards our vision of being a community hub where all can gather for friendship and support**, welcoming people of all ages and from all backgrounds – and taking our care and faith out into the community. Our work with families and young people in our community is growing: around 165 children are involved, with Messy Church attended by 60 families. 5 new families started to attend Sunday Church – the target we had set ourselves over a year ago – and Sunday Club has restarted. More widely, many people not in Church have felt the benefit of our care and support.

I like the summary in the Banff annual report which applies equally to King Edward; our Church services offer a welcome space in people's lives for spiritual uplift, through calm and peace, fun and sharing, listening and learning, old and new, prayer and singing. Although we do not always have lots of children, **we seek to encourage all ages to share together in ways that do not happen more generally in the community.**

**Our ministry team of Minister and superb Pastoral Assistant Vera has been enhanced over the past 6 months by student minister Christine McWhirter** who amazingly is in only her first year of training – she has been greatly appreciated by all ages. Sadly we have to say farewell to Christine on the last Sunday of May as she goes on to her next place of training, but she goes with our blessings and prayers: she will surely be a great Minister for other congregations in years to come. **There is hope;** let's all try and open up again to it this Easter and share it with others: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed... for you.

Yours faithfully,

*David*

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## **Good News!**

*Presbytery have recently appointed a Mission and Discipleship Development worker, Janet Dick. Janet is keen to share some of the good things happening in our Presbytery through a regular newsletter, Outpouring. Below are some snippets from the first edition; a few copies are available for you to read in the church and hall so please keep a look out for them!*

### **Is it the fellowship or is it the food? >>> It's all good!**

Held regularly throughout the year at the St Kane's Church Centre, **Café Church** is going from strength to strength. Fantastic music, inspiring speakers, videos to make you think and delicious food. You're invited to join them on Saturday 30th March at 6pm.

### **Mission & Discipleship Conference**

Thank you to all who were able to join us! We were just delighted by the number of people who the recent **conference**. Andy Simpson's hard work clearly paid off as this was an excellent event with an amazing turnout. Thought provoking and encouraging; the atmosphere was fantastic and most folk seemed to leave enthusiastic and empowered, looking forward to what their church could become.

More information about the outcome of the Conference will be coming soon and we will be working hard to get the feedback and suggestions collated and distributed.

### **The Hour of Hope >>>**

The congregation of **Crimond** have recently relaunched an amazing time of fellowship: The Hour of Hope. Their last event in February attracted around 40 people who shared worship together, hearing the incredible testimony of Sandy Garvock.

Thinking outside the box the church is trialling holding the event on different days of the week in order to see which one is the best fit for the community! Please see their Facebook page for details of the next gathering.

## King Edward Women's Institute

King Edward Women's Institute (W.I.) celebrated a successful year on Friday 22nd February 2019.

The young members of the community kicked off the Scots night as Ryan (a piper from Turriff) piped in the Haggis. Jennifer Durno and her team provided the tasty supper which was enjoyed by all.



Ryan and the Band provided the music with pianist Margaret Duncan, who has been entertaining audiences for more years than one could guess. Rosie Watt, 14 years old, from Macduff, is the daughter of Audrey Watt School of Dancing and gave us a show of why she is successful. Rosie enjoys competing all over the world and recently achieved runner up in the World Championship.

It was now the turn of members of the W.I. who provided a programme of enjoyable, humorous sketches, poetry, etc. compered by Linda Thom (President of the W.I. – who also made the table decorations) and concluded with an impression by Helen Gow of Rev. I. M. Jolly (see photo). They also provided the table decorations and cards.



All the generations were involved, providing very enjoyable



entertainment irrespective of the age difference. Congratulations to Dianne Smith who was the winner of the B.C. Ferguson award with her cheese straws.

This is following on the King Edward Women's Institute success last year.

*The deadline for the June/July issue of the Bridge is 5pm on Thursday 16th May. Please send your contributions to [TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com](mailto:TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com)*

# Your church magazine needs YOU!

Bridge Team

It's almost a year now since the new Bridge team took over editorial control of our church magazine. We have made a few changes to the content of the magazine but we've spent most of the time finding our feet, and we're very grateful to everyone who's passed on supportive comments, given suggestions or articles, or just held back from criticising our first, fumbling attempts! Now though we feel it's time to move things a step further, and so tucked inside this issue of The Bridge you will find a feedback form.

We'd really like to know what you think about the magazine and how you think it could be improved to better fit the things you like to read about and the way you like to read, so please do complete the form and return it so we can take your suggestions into account.



As a team we are also so grateful for all the contributions we've had from lots of different people telling us about what has been going on in our churches and communities. This is something we're very keen to develop, so please do let us know if you hear of anything worth including. Some examples might be...

- An interesting talk at the Friendship Group...
  - A topic at the evening or morning services that really made you think...
  - An interview with someone who's made a difference in the church or community...
  - An excellent play or concert performed locally or involving local people...
  - A new craft project that Busy Hands, or another group, are getting busy with...
  - A delicious lunch you had in the church hall during Holy Week...
- ...the possibilities are endless!

It can feel a bit daunting if you've never written for a magazine before, but please be assured that is where the Editorial Team are here to help! We're very happy to assist with making something sound 'bonny' (as people have previously said to us) and are equally happy to write up brief notes or come and interview you to get your thoughts. Plus we're happy to include things anonymously if you ask. Photos are also a big help and make for really easy writing; just let us know what happened, who was there and why you enjoyed it, and we're happy to help out with the rest.

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

**Banff Churches Together  
GOOD FRIDAY**



**WALK OF WITNESS**

**4pm**

**Friday 19th April 2019**

Walking from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church,  
Sandyhill Road, along the High Street and  
returning for a short service of witness at  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, High Street, Banff.  
Come and join us – ALL are welcome.

## 10 things you didn't know about Banff Girl Guiding...

*Banff Girl Guides (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers) recently held their Thinking Day service in Banff Parish Church. We were very interested to hear from their leader, Lynn Campbell, about some of the changes to guiding and some of the things the girls enjoy. Read on...you might just get some surprises!*



Girlguiding has a long history of empowering girls and young women to be their best. Rainbows (age 5-7) enjoy learning by doing and having fun. Brownies (age 7-10) try new things to help learn about themselves, their community and their world. Guides (age 10-14) tackle lots of different badges and awards and Rangers (age 14-18) begin to look wider, take charge and expand their horizons.

The Girl Guiding programme has just undergone massive transformation to bring all our badges and activities up-to-date. Our new programme delivers the fun and varied range of activities that you expect from guiding and, of course, there's still plenty of badges to earn. We've introduced new topics, new skills, and new ways for girls to broaden their horizons. The programme has six consistent themes – Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action, Skills for my future – these run all the way from Rainbows to Rangers.

There are five interlinking principles that run throughout our programme. These are known as the Five Essentials.

- Working together in small groups
- Encouraging self-government and decision making
- A balanced and varied programme which is girl-led
- Caring for the individual
- Sharing a commitment to a common standard

When we make our Promise, the last line is to keep the (Brownie) Guide Law. This is....

Brownie Law

A Brownie Guide thinks of others before herself and does a good turn every day



## Try praying

At least nine churches within our own Buchan presbytery are taking part in a 'Try praying' campaign, with one of our academies allowing Youth booklets to be available should any pupil wish one. So isn't it time to find out how YOU can be involved?

### WHAT IS IT?

**TRY PRAYING** is a resource intended for the many people who have a desire to reach out to God, many of whom have no church connection but who are open to finding out about God.

We are also participating in a gathering of interdenominational churches and fellowships to pray for our communities, nation and world along with a revival of faith and trust in Christ here in the North East.

### WHEN IS IT?

Holy Week

Tuesday 16th April

7.30pm - 8.30pm



### WHERE IS IT?

River Church, Castle Street, Banff.

Banff Parish Church, King Edward Church, Macduff Parish Church, River Church and St Andrew's Episcopal Church are all involved. Everyone is welcome so come along and join us. We look forward to seeing you and sharing fellowship and prayer. Look out for the posters and banners!

If you can't come to the evening of prayer you can especially come to the launch service on Sunday 28th April when you can pick up a booklet, use it yourself, then pass it on to a neighbour or others – a great help if you find it difficult to share your faith at a personal level. We hope that this will encourage folk to think about praying, give a message of hope and encourage us in reaching out and developing our own prayer life.

For more information or to download a booklet, visit

<http://www.thereishope.co.uk/resource/the-app/>

<http://www.thereishope.co.uk/resource/digital-booklet/> (adult) or

<http://www.thereishope.co.uk/resource/youth-trypraying-pdf/> (youth)

## The Kinloss Military Wives' Choir

The Kinloss Military Wives' Choir was set up in 2012 as a charity to support the women who support service personnel. They have gone from strength to strength and now have an average of twenty-five women attending weekly.

***Remember to  
check Facebook  
for news of other  
upcoming  
events!***

Proceeds from their regular concerts help support charitable organisations including churches and enable them to give back to local communities. They also support Poppy Scotland and perform informally in places such as Nursing Homes and Hospices.

The choir perform a huge range of music, from modern pop to traditional ballads and military themed songs. They are ably led by Brian Smith, a retired university music teacher and accomplished pianist.

If you are interested in joining the choir the only qualification you need is to have a military connection, past or present. If you'd like to know more, you can contact the choir at [kinloss@militarywiveschoirs.org](mailto:kinloss@militarywiveschoirs.org) or message the choir Facebook page for details.



*Sound interesting? The choir are coming to Banff Parish Church at the end of April; see page 18 for more information.*

# Banff & King Edward Parish Churches

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## PALM SUNDAY - Sunday 14th April

Morning Services in King Edward at 9.30am and Banff at 11am  
Messy Palm Sunday in the hall 10am - 12pm

## TUESDAY 16th April

Let's pray together in holy week.

A gathering of our local churches to pray for our communities,  
nation and world in River Church from 7.30 -8.30pm

## WEDNESDAY 17th - Friday 19th April

Noon- 1.20pm Easter Lunches in Banff Hall (proceeds to Christian Aid)  
Short Easter Reflection on Wednesday 17th & Friday 19th at 1.30pm

## Maundy Thursday 18th April

9.30am Banff Primary Easter Service in Banff Church  
1.30pm King Edward Primary Easter Service in King Edward Church  
7pm Maundy Communion Service in Banff Church  
*Remembering Jesus' last supper.*

## Friday 19th April

4pm Banff Churches Together Walk of Witness (From OLMC Church)

## EASTER SUNDAY 21st April

*resurrection, new hope begins*

9.30am Outdoor service at Old Kirk Yard (opposite Tesco)  
10.15am Breakfast in Banff Church Hall  
11am shared service in Banff Parish Church  
6pm Easter Praise Evening in Banff Church Hall

New Life

Easter

New Hope



ALL ARE WELCOME ~ COME AS YOU ARE

***In the printed version, pages 12 and 13 contain a copy of the diagram showing the organisational and management structure of the church with an encouragement to get involved. This diagram can be found on the 'About Us' page of the church website at <http://www.banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk/about.html>***



## The Fellowship Group – Monthly Lunches

Rosie Blanchard

It is with regret that the Fellowship Group has had to cancel our Monthly Lunches for the foreseeable future. These lunches were begun in 2000 by Betty Taylor (Andy's wife) and then continued by Rosie Blanchard.

However, we are all getting that much older, with various infirmities, and although they were only held once a month the group feel unable to continue with them.

It is hoped, however, to perhaps have a few events throughout the year of, say, a Coffee Morning or an Afternoon Tea and we also hope to hold the Christmas Lunch as usual.



If anyone feels that they would be able to take over the lunches, then please see Rosie to discuss the matter.

We have had many happy hours of fellowship and good food and are sorry that circumstances have made it impossible for us to carry on.

### Newsflash!

As we were going to print, we heard that the Guides, Rangers, Brownies & Rainbows got together and did a Danceathon for Comic Relief, raising a fabulous total of £839 – well done girls! Look out for more information about their adventures in the next edition of The Bridge...



## Banff Churches Together

Irene Finlayson

I joined Banff Churches Together (BCT) as a representative for Banff Parish Church in August 2018, alongside Rev. David Locke, Andy Taylor and latterly Fran Ferguson. We attend monthly meetings with other Banff Churches including The River Church, Episcopal Church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Methodist Church members, as well as Macduff Parish Church and Shore Fellowship. It is hoped we can extend this representation to include all the school catchment area.

These meetings have been a revelation, in that I was unaware that so much fantastic work was going on behind the scenes, as all our churches cooperate together to improve the quality of life in our communities. Christine Cockburn from The River Church Banff kindly agreed to share the history and significance of being a member of BCT in the article below:

Banff Churches Together has been active since 1999 before the Millennium in 2000, when we got together to demonstrate our unity as Churches to the people of Banff and the surrounding area. The idea was proposed by some members of Banff Parish Church who contacted the other churches. It started as a grass roots movement to show our desire for more closeness among our congregations and to be united in serving our community. I was one of the first members at those early meetings and have continued to be involved ever since. We may all be different in the way we worship God, but we all worship the same God and Jesus Christ our saviour. So, we wanted to show that we could all work together for the benefit of the Community.

Some of the projects we work together on are the Food Bank, which operates out of Harvest Centre and is supported by the Churches in Banff, all contribute by volunteering and giving donations of food. There are also the World War One Memorial Garden, which now has a path to access it. The Banff Bridge event was held on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1, and brought together people of our two towns, Macduff and Banff. Over 500 people took part and linked arms across the bridge.

From the cooperation among the Churches in Banff and Macduff in organising this very successful event the local ministers, David Locke,

strong desire to keep the up momentum and work more closely together in what they feel is an exciting time. They are very encouraged and feel it will lead to many new ideas and projects. Over the years the feeling of unity has grown and there is great camaraderie amongst us. I hope it goes on for another 20 years and more, as through it we can give a lead to projects and events which will benefit the people in Banff, Macduff and surrounding area. It shows that there is life, in all its fullness, to be found in Jesus Christ and it's for everyone.

Christine Cockburn

Other events BCT organise include the annual November Remembrance Day Services and Parades, arranged by Andy Taylor. We are also made aware of Banffshire Pilgrimage Group activities. Our Chaplains are building successful partnerships with Banff Academy Banff, Macduff and King Edward Primaries to provide pastoral support for pupils.

Our own Minister David Locke represents BCT on the Banff Development Partnership as a passionate voice for regeneration in our community. Together with Rob McArthur from River Church, they attend Community Council Meetings, providing vital links of communication in raising awareness of the work and proposals of Aberdeenshire Council to BCT congregations and the wider community.



Recent initiatives involved an invitation for BCT to attend World Day of Prayer on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Cornhill Church of Scotland Parish Church organised by Frances Webster and attended by 17 people from Banff, Whitehills and Cornhill churches. The service programme was written by the women of Slovenia and was grounded in the parable which

Jesus told about a great dinner in a rich man's home to which people off the street were invited. This was an interactive service, with members present representing the guests around the table telling their stories to reflect the



political and social life in Slovenia from communist times to the present day. In addition, singing hymns and joining in devotions and prayers were included followed by a lovely tea.

Macduff Parish Church extended an invitation to all BCT to participate in a Quiz Night on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in their Market Street Hall to raise funds for Tearfund. This charity has been in operation since 1968, to provide employment initiatives to women in rural areas of third world countries. A wonderful evening of fellowship was enjoyed by 56 participants from various Banff and Macduff Churches who enjoyed supper, fun and brain teasers from the Quiz Masters Neil, Liz and Chris Farquhar. A total of £371 was raised.



A significant part of our Easter week organised by BCT is the Good Friday Walk of Witness and Jenny Lee (Methodist churches) an active member of BCT has kindly designed the poster found on page 7.

### **Christian Aid Lunches**

This year our lunches will be from Wednesday 17th April until Friday 19th April. Unfortunately our team of cooks have given up cooking due to health reasons so this year most of our soups will be purchased from the Fife Lodge Hotel.



We do hope you will come and join us for food and fellowship. If you would like to donate towards the lunches there will be a list at the back of the Church, please add your name and tick what you can donate. If you are able to help, please add your name at the bottom of the sheet.

Any help or donations will be much appreciated.

The Fund-Raising Group have organised the

# **KINLOSS MILITARY WIVES CHOIR**

to come to Banff for a concert.

The concert will take place on

**Saturday 27th April**

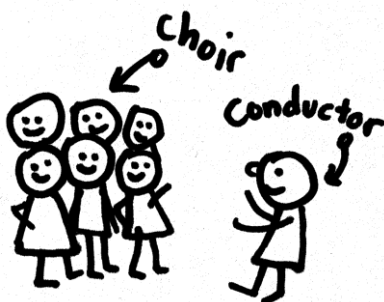
in

**Banff Parish Church**

at

**7.30pm**

Tickets will cost £10 each and include tea and cakes served in the Church Hall during the interval.



See the weekly intimation sheets for further details and information on how to purchase tickets.

## PARENTALK

Karen Cumming

We have just finished our very first Care for the Family Parentalk sessions with 3 of our mums from Tots and Teas. Having seen the course on the Care for the Family website ([www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk)) I thought it might be something of interest to families, whatever stage of parenting they're at. After lots of thought and prayer I finally took the plunge and sent out a letter to the group asking for volunteers to help pilot the course.



Our sessions were held in the lower hall, with each of our 6 sessions lasting approximately one and a half hours. With a cup of tea and cake in hand we sat and watched, talked and shared our own experiences and the realities of bringing up children. Unfortunately, children don't come with instructions and we can feel as though we're making it up as we go along. We soon learned after session 1 that as parents "nobody's perfect and we're all in this together".

### **A little bit of information on Parentalk**

**WHAT IS PARENTALK?** – It's a DVD based course that gives parents an opportunity to get together with other parents to talk and share their experiences of bringing up our children. Each session explores a particular theme about parenting and family life – a couple of examples are 'It's not just me' and 'Boundaries and battles'.

**WHO'S IT FOR?** - Parentalk is for parents of children up to early teenage years. It is suitable for parents from all different backgrounds and structures.

We are hoping to run another Parentalk in the near future. If this is something you or someone you know would like to attend, please get in touch.

A big thank you to the parents who helped trial the sessions, it was very much appreciated. Also to Sheila Smith who came along and supported me. Thank you!

## The Man from Nazareth

John Clark

Upon a grassy slope he stood, surrounded by his mates  
He told the smelly rabble they'd be numbered with the greats  
The sad, he said, should wear a smile 'cos all would soon be well  
And warned the rich, and arrogant, that they could end in hell!

"Who is this fellow," someone asked, "I find him rather odd,"  
"Oh, just a bloke from Nazareth who says he's Son of God  
They say that he's a healer and his touch brings certain cure  
Some reckon he can raise the dead, but I'm not really sure."

Three years passed, 'twas Passover, the sun was blazing down  
The narrow streets were crowded in Jerusalem Old Town.  
A terrible procession along an alley came –  
Two thieves, and another, on a Pilgrimage of Shame.

A passer-by glanced over, then stopped and caught his breath,  
"I know that other fellow, it's that chap from Nazareth!  
You say they're going to kill him? I really don't see why;  
OK he's rather different, but a decent sort of guy."

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There was a great commotion in a crowded street  
Where city folk and peasants, and foreign merchants meet  
A little group were shouting, their faces flushed and red  
A funny thing though, everyone knew everything they said!

Their Lord from Nazareth, they cried, had come to them once more  
The same man who was crucified a little while before.  
He'd come, they claimed, to save the world, to purify the bad,  
Some folk thought that they were drunk, others said "They're mad."

But many had seen miracles before their very eyes  
So this Messianic Message, how could it be lies?  
You say he's risen from the dead! It's very plain to see  
He's put his muscle where his mouth was that's good enough for ME.

I know that he 'made it through' I know that he's my friend  
And he'll be ever with me until the very end  
And when my soul goes stumbling down the shadowy vale called DEATH  
He'll be there to greet me, my King from Nazareth!

## ***On a personal note.....***

*(Notes from the diary of the Pastoral Assistant.)*

I enjoyed growing up in a home where music was appreciated and listened to every day – and yes, the old joke is true – even the sewing machine was a Singer!



I can't imagine a world without music. It would be a sad world indeed. Music can lift our spirits and even change the atmosphere in a room. If you don't believe me, let David, the song-writing shepherd-boy convince you.

His boss, King Saul, had some sad, depressed, tormented days, so to help him feel better, David would pick up his harp and play some music for him. It worked! (See 1 Samuel chapter 16 verses 14-23.) Saul felt much better!

So, don't be surprised if you hear music playing when you come into our hall or churches. We're letting God's gift of music set the tone and do its amazing work of helping us all feel better, so be sure to tune in and enjoy. Some of the time it may be Christian C.D.s or tapes you'll hear. I never did learn to play the harp!

*Vera.*

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*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.*

**Mr. William T. Cook (Tom sen.), Alvah, Banff**  
**Mrs. Grace Urquhart, Huntly**  
**Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Inverurie (late of Alvah)**

*“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.”*

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*We are delighted to welcome into our Church family by baptism:*

**Master Casey Ian Burgess**

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## Ministry of Flowers

January flowers were donated by Mr. & Mrs. G. Youngson, Mrs. Lorraine Robertson, Mr. & Mrs. T. McLennan and Mrs. Brenda Hepburn.

February's flowers were donated by Mr. Stephen Pratt, Mrs. Margaret Sivewright and Mrs. Linda Kaczmarek.

March's flowers were donated by Mrs. Frances Raymond, the Reid Family and Mrs. Isabel Cook.

April's flowers are donated by Mr. & Mrs. K. Donald, Mrs. Shirley Barron, Mr. & Mrs. G. Youngson and Mrs. Ruby McQueen.

May's flowers are donated by Mrs. Pat Morrison & Mrs. Dorothy Thomson, Mr. & Mrs. Ian Cameron, Mrs. M. Conon and Mr. Gordon Mustard.

The Flower Group have had to cover several dates since the beginning of the year and are very grateful for all the donations in the flower box. There are still several dates free later on in the year if anyone would like to add their name to the calendar which can be found at the back of the church.



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Banff Parish Church - Charity No. SC 015501

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Easter activity morning with Easter story and crafts	Thurs. 11th April	10.30am- 12pm	Banff Church Hall
Hot Cross Bun Café	Fri. 12th April	10.30am- 12pm	Banff Church Hall
Kinloss Military Wives Choir	Sat. 27th April	7.30pm	Banff Parish Church
Banff Flower Show with teas served by Banff Guides	Sat. 27th and Sun. 28th April	1-3.30pm	B.B. Hall
Messy Church	Fri. 10th May	5pm	Banff Church Hall
Deveron Camera Club Coffee Morning	Sat. 11th May		Banff Church Hall
Congregational Coffee Morning	Sat. 18th May	10am-12pm	Banff Church Hall

## **Regular Activities**

### Weekly:

Tots and Teas	Tuesday	10-11.30am	Banff Church Hall
	Wednesday	1.15-2.45pm	Banff Church Hall
KidZone	Wednesday	3-4.15pm	Banff Church Hall
Open Door @ Kirk Café	Thursday	2-4pm	Banff Church Hall
Midweek Service	1st Wednesday	2.15pm	Doo'cot View
Banff Kirk Session	1st Wednesday	7pm	Banff Church Hall
Evening Service	1st and 3rd Sunday	6pm	Banff Church Hall
Friendship Group	1st & 3rd Tuesday	7pm	Banff Church Hall
Midweek Service	2nd Tuesday	3pm	Airlie Gardens
F.I.T.T.	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7pm	The Manse
Midweek Service	4th Tuesday	2.30pm	Banff Care Home
Book Club	Last Thurs. of month	2.30pm	Banff Church Hall
Busy Hands	Last Sat. of month	10am	Banff Church Hall

**Some of our regular activities take occasional breaks. For up-to-date information please check Facebook or the weekly bulletins.**