

The Bridge

August/September 2018



Banff & King Edward Parish Churches
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Dear Friends in King Edward and Banff.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children' Revelations 1:6, 21:6-7

As I write we are just back from a lovely holiday in Cornwall, where the balance of heat and shade, resting and doing suited both Marie and me. Sadly, the balance has got hotter and too hot for many, not least our farmers, while elsewhere in the world floods have been a problem. Climate change does seem to be getting closer, and I suppose we all increasingly have to be alert to doing our bit; getting the balance right in our own lives?



On holiday we visited Land's End where much was made of the many people who have travelled between there and John O'Groats. They had a video showing in just a few minutes the speeded-up journey of all the places in between. It was very interesting and makes me think what our life journeys would look like speeded up. Where have we got stuck, fallen back, gone off track, done well?

Many places at Land's End claimed to be the first and last something in England, and many items were sold with 'first and last' written on them. It reminded me of the unique claims in the bible that God is the first and last in the texts above. Here Revelations gives us a picture to assure us God is, was and always will be the first and last, the beginning and the end; we come from God and return to God, but also, he is with us in between on the way. If we follow him, we are his children and whatever goes on in the world, He is with us (it also warns us in strong language that if we deliberately, continuously disbelieve and turn away to what is evil and immoral we will not end up where we want to be).

Most of the stories about Land's End were about the journey from John O'Groats, and how people kept going the whole way, not giving up or being diverted. We also have choices to keep journeying all our days and following the signs we are given, letting him guide and refresh us at the beginning, in the middle and at the end of the journey, as we share his refreshment and care with others.



Nelson Mandela said in his autobiography: “when I walked out of prison [at age 72], that was my mission, to liberate the oppressed and the oppressor both. We have not taken the final step of our

journey, but the first step on a longer and more difficult road. For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others. I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made mis-steps along the way. There are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom comes responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended”.

Thank you to all those who have been so encouraging to Marie and me about the next step in our journey of life – our baby is due around the start of October. I used my holiday to read up on cots, prams, travel systems, snüzpods etc, and can now ‘talk the talk’, but am barely ready to ‘walk the walk’ of actually caring for a real little person, as I suppose every new parent feels. We have been sharing together books about practicalities including some funny ones about men's misunderstandings, and one about spiritual and emotional aspects of giving birth by Lucinda & Will van der Hart who is pastoral chaplain at Holy Trinity Brompton church. Such a book helps and challenges us with insights and questions about how we hope to be a family and what family values we will live out rather than just talk about. I suppose that is a question we all need to let challenge us at every stage of life's journey. May we all remain open to God's signs and refreshment as we continue our journeys to the very end, by living out His values in real ways, sharing real care with those around us.

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Boys Brigade new session information

We would be delighted to meet and welcome new boys who would like to join us.

Our new session starts with the Anchor Boys on Monday 27th August. Anchor boys should be in Primary 2 and 3. All boys to meet at the B.B. Hall from 6.00-7.15pm.

The Junior Section meet on Thursdays from 30th August, 6.00 until 7.15pm. Boys in Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 are welcome.

The Company section meet on Thursdays from 30th August from 7.30-9pm. This is for boys in S1 and upwards.

All Sections meet in the Boys Brigade Hall on Seafield Street; entry by the side door.

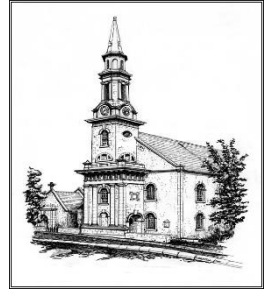
We look forward to starting our new session and welcoming our old members back to the Company.

Please encourage any boys of an appropriate age to come along and try us out; the Company is an important part of our church family and great fun is had by all involved.



Banff Parish Church of Scotland

On Sunday 10th June Banff Parish Church held its Stated Annual Meeting. In a change to the usual format, the meeting took place during the service to allow more people to attend. In case you missed it, here is a summary of the information that was shared.



The information for this meeting is taken from a Report of the Church's activities for the year ending 31st December 2017. Copies of the full 26-page Report are available to anyone who wants them, as is a two-page summary of the Annual Accounts.

The Report covers the Church's activities and achievements over the year and a review of its finances. I'll also be saying something about the recent Stewardship of Money Programme. This is distinct from the Stewardship of Talents database which is very much alive and kicking, not to say hitting the Life and Work headlines; evidence that – as with much of what we do – we are ahead of the game compared with many other churches.

This has been the second full year since we adopted the Unitary Constitution. As far as today's proceedings are concerned, there isn't any danger of being voted on to the Congregational Board, because that has been done away with. Instead, the Kirk Session, guided and informed by the Talents database, is free to delegate just about anything, to just about anybody.

Over the year, the Congregational Roll dropped from 569 to 541, mostly due to deaths, although attendance at weekly Sunday worship is slightly higher at about 90. There were two baptisms and over 30 families were regularly involved in Messy Church. Karen succeeded Lillian as Children and Family Worker, hitting the ground running with the Circus Club during the summer, and following up with a whole range of activities.

We continue to develop our partnership with the linked charge of King Edward, and with the wider Christian community through participation in Banff Churches Together. We are particularly pleased to see a revival in Schools Chaplaincies. We are also active in the wider community, through numerous activities, including having a voice on the community council.

Turning now to the accounts. The full Report is hefty, due to the requirements of charity law, so we have re-formatted the detailed figures into a simpler

version for this meeting. So here we are, at the start of 2017, with £28,520 in the bank, and a further £40,000 in a separate account – basically the Grigor legacy.

Income over the year starts with the Weekly Freewill Offerings which, with Gift Aid, netted us £65,073, along with other income streams as set out on the front page of the summary. There's a figure of £376, labelled '3rd Party Collections', which is the proceeds of the Christmas collections, and is in the bank as at close of accounts on 31st December, but is paid over early in January. So it's not really ours, but has to be shown, otherwise the accounts won't balance. Over the year, fundraising to support external charities ran to £3,868.

During the year, we paid out various sums totalling £146,712. The excess of expenditure over normal income was £46,356.

Carrying that forward, let's look at the Special Receipts which helped bridge the gap:

- The GoForIt Grant of £6938 is financial assistance towards the Children and Family Worker post.
- £16,602 comes from a fund held by 121, the Church of Scotland headquarters. It's our money, essentially raised from the sale of property arising from Union of Churches, but it's held on our behalf, and we can only draw on it for payments towards Church fabric – in this case essential work to the Steeple. It's a substantial fund, but when it's gone it's gone.
- We also got a grant of £5,000 for the steeple work, and because it was work to a Listed Building, we were able to recover the VAT. All good stuff.
- The remaining £10,000 represents money from the Grigor legacy to finance the Children and Family Worker.

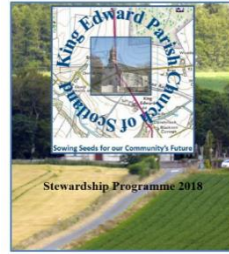
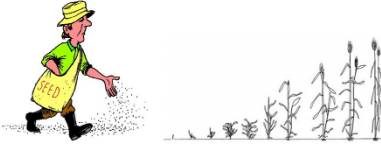
Even with these 'Special Receipts' our General Fund has taken a hit of £4,216.

As can be seen, the Legacy fund is slowly but surely being depleted, and we ended the year with over £14,000 less in the bank than when we started. So the Stewardship of Money Programme was an essential step. The previous Bridge outlines the outcome of this Programme so you can see that for further information.

There were no questions.

Thanks to Jim Buchan for leading the meeting and providing the information for this summary.

King Edward Stewardship Gathering



Sowing seeds for our community's future

The King Edward Stewardship Campaign Gathering on 16th June, 2018, allowed the final sharing of information, and celebrated all the work done by volunteers in King Edward Church and Hall. David led-off the event with an instructional and enlightened view of the achievements of the Church using “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?” as a backdrop. This was both humorous and informative on what the church and congregations contribute to the national church and beyond. Also included were a video recording of the 1995 dance in the Hall, and a thank you message from King Edward primary school, thanking David, Vera, and especially Eleanor for their assistance throughout the year. The choir completed the Church event with some beautiful songs chosen by Eleanor and accompanied by Stephen Pratt, who is an able deputy to Eleanor at present.



The presentation in the Church was followed by Afternoon Tea in the hall where the ladies did an excellent job of preparing and serving the visitors. This was complemented by “the drama group” giving a hilarious Doric sketch involving Vera, Margaret and Katherine. Another sketch featured Eric, Eveline and David (who did his usual very humorous ad-libbing) on sowing seeds, especially the mustard seed mentioned by Jesus to describe the importance of

faith. The choir (Margaret, Eveline, Nancy, Margaret and Katherine, with Stephen I think singing baritone) sang very well, with more songs chosen by Eleanor. All around the hall, a display of old historic photos of weddings and the church in bygone days had been set up. Comments as the guests were leaving were very positive. They felt the show would make a very good concert, to be held regularly, giving evening entertainment for the community – even the “daddy dancing” was entertaining on two videos!



King Edward SWI – Dates for your Diary.

Wednesday 19th September
7.30pm

Fashion Show by Catwalkers Ellon.
Tickets £6

Wednesday 17th October

Talk on Blind by Olive Bligdon

Wednesday 21st November

Crochet Night with Linda

New Members welcome.

**Come and join us for fun and friendship with a fine cuppa
and home bakes.**

Tots and Teas

Karen Cumming

Our Tots and Teas group is for little ones from birth to 5 years along with their grown-ups, whether it be parents/grandparents or carers, all are welcome.

The Church hall is open and the kettle is on for families to pop in between 10am - 11.30am on a Tuesday OR 1.15pm - 2.45pm on a Wednesday. We provide snacks for everyone, with pancakes, quavers and pink wafers being a favourite with the children.

Our group is free, however, the kind donations the families give are put towards snacks and new toys and equipment for the group. So far we have bought books, jigsaws, wooden food for the kitchen and an activity block. More items will be purchased for the start of our new term. We also gave a donation to 'Children in Need' and Banff Tesco 'Relay for Life'.



Everyone loves a good story...Tots and Teas enjoy their 'Bookbug' session.

There is lots of room to play and a variety of toys for all ages of children to enjoy. The ride-in cars and the dolls' prams are very popular. Soft jigsaw mats are laid out at the bottom of the hall for the comfort of our babies, along with our story corner where you'll always find someone enjoying a story or two. An arts and craft table is set up if the children or adults are feeling creative, activities vary. One of our highlights is the fun we have singing songs and rhymes at the end of the session with Bookbug...there's no chance of forgetting as the wee ones soon remind you it's time. We are blessed to have Sonia join us monthly for a 'Bookbug with Makaton' session. We have fun as we try to copy Sonia as she uses Makaton signing alongside songs and rhymes.

We count our blessings weekly to have such a warm, friendly atmosphere within our group, where old and new faces gather together and we watch as friendships blossom between families.

The Fund Raising Group

A dedicated group of several ladies and men formed the Fund Raising Group in 2011.

For the first two years we concentrated on raising money to partly refurbish the Manse before our Minister came to Banff.

In 2013 we were able to make a large donation towards the work which was to be completed on the Church Steeple.

Since 2013 we have all worked enthusiastically to raise funds. To succeed in this we have organised various events including

- Our very popular and successful Scottish Lunch
- A Table Top Sale
- A Fashion Show
- Coffee Mornings
- Providing soups at lunch time and afternoon teas during the Coast Festival week-end.

We organise the teas for the German Orchestra, **Chamber Philharmonia Cologne**, when they come to our Church to perform each year in July.

We have held **KAGA evenings** in the Church Hall, where our ladies model handbags, scarves, gloves and jewellery etc.

Our most successful venture is our popular **Thrift Shop** held every July. This is a most rewarding week full of fun and fellowship and we are so grateful to all who donate furniture, bric-a-brac, good clean clothing, toys and books. Unfortunately we are unable to accept electrical goods.

At the end of each Thrift Shop we find homes for all our unsold items. Books Abroad are able to accept all our unsold books; china, glassware and bric-a-brac are taken to our local charity shops and last year we were able to deliver our unsold clothing to the refugees in the North East.

We are delighted to contribute to the work of our Pastoral Assistant. Recently we have contributed towards the purchase of new chairs for our Hall, our



brightly coloured table cloths, and new shelving for storage at the back of the stage. We have provided the paint supplies needed to decorate the Children & Family Worker's Office and the Front Entrance to our hall which was decorated by a happy band of volunteers. The bus drivers had to re-sit their driving test and the cost of this was covered by the Fund Raising Group.



After the New Year we have the pleasure of booking and inviting the Military Wives from Kinloss to perform in our Church. We look forward very much to hearing

them and welcome you all to come and enjoy the performance given by these very talented ladies.

We wish to thank you all for your contributions and the donations we receive for the work of our Church.

Finally, the team would like to thank all our willing helpers who give of their time at these fundraising events, without the extra help we would struggle.

Thank you all.

TO DATE WE HAVE RAISED THE FANTASTIC AMOUNT OF WELL OVER £32,000.

THIS YEAR'S THRIFT SHOP TOTAL TO BE ADDED TO THIS AMOUNT: £3316.27.

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL.

Just an early reminder!

We know it seems a long time away, but our annual Shoe Box appeal is approaching. We will put the deadline date for collection in the Bridge once it has been confirmed by Blythswood and leaflets will be available in the church at a later date.

There are folk who would like to fill a box but don't have any empty shoeboxes—if you have such boxes please hand them in at the church hall.

For more information please contact Maureen Forsyth
(maureen.forsyth@sky.com).

Banff – A Poem by James Lawson

Coming o'er the Brig o'Banff

The river running bye

The portals o' the old school

Were first to catch the eye.

St. Mary's Kirk, whose clock has chimed

The hours of passing day

a landmark for the faithful

who come along to pray!

Stroll along the Castle Gate

and down the Water Path

A Medieval Castle

Once stood here in the past.

Nothing by the hand of man

was ever meant to last!

The old kirkyard bears witness

to the folk from days gone by

The weathered stanes wi' faded names

Will always catch the eye!

A wonderfully modest example of service to others

We are so very fortunate, indeed blessed, to have within our two congregations so many talented people who so willingly give their time for the benefit of others. We are often aware of this within the church as we see volunteers working with various groups on a regular basis or giving up their time to assist at coffee mornings, concerts or the annual thrift shop.

There are of course those within the church who give their time to community projects. We don't always hear about their contribution or the projects involved. It was our great pleasure therefore to speak with one of our faithful members with regard to her commitment to a local group, a commitment which has so far lasted forty-two years.

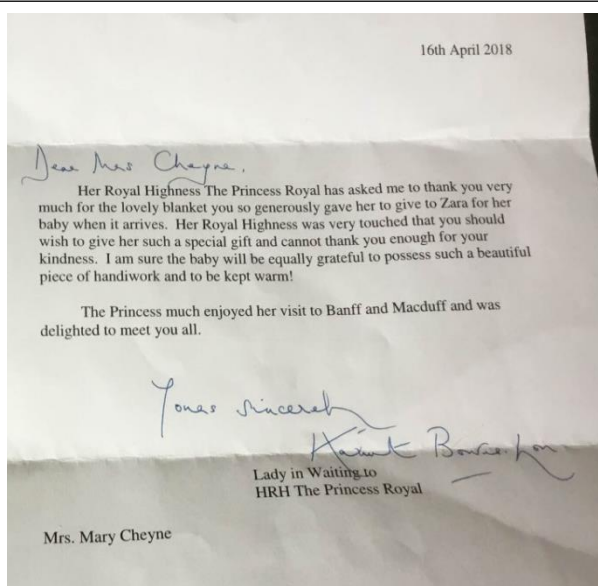


Mrs Mary Cheyne lived at Bachlaw Lodge just outside Banff as her husband, Bill, worked at Brydock Mills. Their two daughters attended school in Banff. Their daughter, Kathleen, attended the former Ramsay School and her mum walked her there every day until a place on a bus was offered. In May 1976 parents and friends of children at the school formed a support group which they named ENABLE. Initially a small group, it offered friendship and support to parents of children with additional or complex support needs along with their families.

Mary has been a member of the group since it was formed. She was able to become more involved as a volunteer after moving to Banff on the second of January 1977. Her commitment to the group has become a labour of love which has brought her a lifetime of fun and happy memories. She admits she has seen it all, even the joy and pain of young love! She has a very clear memory of the weekend camps they used to attend. One particular memory still makes her laugh all these years later. A certain young man called Nicholas (well known to us here in the church) was particularly keen on one occasion that Mary and her friend Linda Mitchell should look at the flagpole. Mary laughed as she

remembered the moment they looked up at the top of the pole to see their nightdresses flapping in the wind!

Mary went on to serve as secretary for thirty-seven years and continues to volunteer at the regular Thursday evening meetings. These days Mary takes the register as the families arrive at 6.30pm for their two-hour meeting. The children play games and enjoy snacks as the adults catch up and enjoy joining in. They celebrated their fortieth anniversary at the Fife Lodge a couple of years ago and continue to go from strength to strength. They now number over eighty members with twenty carers and ten volunteers, including Mary. They meet these days at the Deveronside Social Club since the demise of the local community centre. Although self-funding, they have enjoyed and appreciated much moral support over the years from Councillor John Cox. Mary was keen to acknowledge this support.



Mary's letter from the Princess Royal.

Mary has recently received a really nice letter on behalf of the royal family. One of her other talents is her ability to knit the most beautiful creations. She made a beautiful cot blanket for Zara Philips upon the birth of her baby and received a lovely thank you letter. Mary tells us she just really enjoyed making it and was glad they liked it.

Mary had another royal encounter recently. She was invited by the

Macduff Brownies to attend their royal wedding on the nineteenth of May to coincide with Harry and Meghan's special day. Mary was the guest of honour. As Queen Mary she wore her crown with pride and enjoyed the festivities. She chuckled as she told us about her well-deserved "royal" invitation.

Banff Poppy Project

Our church and community project to commemorate the centenary of the end of WWI is now well underway, thanks to you and to the generous donation of wool from the Spotty Bag Shop!

Many thanks for all the poppies we have received already, but don't worry, we are still looking for many more! If you haven't handed your poppies into the church yet, the deadline is 30th September.

For more information, including details on how to get wool and patterns, please see the church

Facebook page or the display in the church, which includes contact details.

Alternatively please join us at the Busy Hands Group on Saturday 25th August to knit or crochet a few poppies together.



Where have you been knitting your poppies? Send in the most unusual or far-flung photos of you and your needles and you might just see them in print!

ENLIST NOW!

All money raised will be donated to Poppy Scotland; help us reach our target of £1,918!

Joint Service Sunday 26th August

Banff Kirk Session has agreed to hold a joint service of Banff Parish Church with Portsoy Parish Church in **Portsoy Church hall**, Seafield Street, Portsoy on Sunday 26th August at **10.45am**.

Transport can be arranged by church bus or by car; if you can offer or need a lift please speak to Ian Cameron or Elinor Smith.

Normal service as usual at King Edward Church at 9.30am.

Community Corner

Friends of Duff House, with other organisations, recently hosted a Memorial Dedication service at Duff House marking the loss of life during the bombing of the prisoner-of-war camp on 22nd July 1940.

Vera Lumsden conducted the service, ably assisted by Stephen Pratt and members of Banff Parish Church choir. Also taking part were Peter Voss, Consul General of the Federation Republic of Germany, and Roger Goodyear, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire.



Banff Churches Together are involved in planning and organising a number of events to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I, including a community and church service for Banff and Macduff at Banff Bridge with a commemorative walk from the Bridge on the evening of 11th November. Our churches have also sponsored a story-

writing competition for children. Look out for further information in church bulletins or on Facebook.

Chalmers Hospital has been celebrating the 70th anniversary of the NHS, including a celebratory Tea Party! Two of our volunteers, Pat and Sheila, helped to serve teas, and the Banff Manager, Lesley Mackenzie, emailed to say how excellent they were and that their help was greatly appreciated. Pat said that, on the day, people they served were asking if they were from Friends of Chalmers and they were able to say no, they were from the church.

Just some small examples of how we can use our time and talents to make a difference in our community and show that the church is here for those outside our walls as well as inside them!



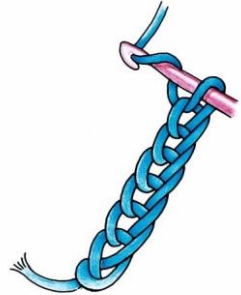
Would you like to crochet?

Beginners Class in Boys Brigade Hall, Seafield Street, Banff.

Starting Tuesday 28th August for 6 weeks from 2pm-4.30pm.

Contact Linda Thom
(01261 815714)
for more details.

Look forward to crocheting with you!



A sign from outside an American church reminding us that at times, the hot weather can get the better of all of us!

Plaque of Sir Patrick Duncan displayed at King Edward Church

Fortrie farm Loon, Patrick Duncan Governor-General of the Union of South Africa 1937- 1943
Married Alice Dold in 1916 - Knighted by King George VI

Mr E. Wilson (elder King Edward Church) was first contacted by son *John*, wife *Pam* in 2006, then grandson *Andrew* in 2017.



Patrick Duncan, from Fortrie Farm, King Edward, married Alice Dold (Germany). Their son, Patrick Duncan, was a South African anti-apartheid activist. He said that “When you’re really poor, everything you see is something you can’t have.” As a result of his stance on apartheid he was faced with the choice to “move abroad or face jail”.

Sir Patrick and Alice, at home, faced two World Wars with their families on either side. Their son Patrick also fought against South Africa’s stance on apartheid, alongside Mandela. Families in the UK at present find ‘Brexit’ difficult to discuss! – imagine the discussions in the Duncan’s home. Nonetheless both Alice and Patrick have expressed praise for their son, admiring his brilliant stance on apartheid and defending his right as an individual to lead his own life. Their son Patrick admires his parents and is equally open, praising his parents. Both show the strong love which bonds them together



Sir Patrick Duncan was a member of St Andrew’s Church Pretoria and a Plaque similar to King Edward’s is on display.

and this reflects positively on the upbringing in Scotland, Germany and South Africa within the Christian faith.

Zwai Mtyhobile is searching the archives of St Andrew's Church in Pretoria for further information and photos; details will be included in future Bridge editions.

Sir Patrick's sister Janet Duncan was the owner of the Dounemout family farm, grandparents of Alison Dickson Duncan Davidson. The family farm of Fortrie/Muirton was passed on from John Duncan (brother of Sir Patrick) and Jeannie (nee Wright) to their son John Duncan, wife Janet Taylor.

The memorial stone erected in King Edward Church (taller stone), the second stone, along with other stones in the Church yard were shown by Eric Wilson to Duncan family members who visited the Church in the last 10yrs from South Africa. Eric in his youth in 1971 was employed by the Dickson/Duncan family at Fortrie/Muirton and knew the history of the farms and the area.



1) Andrew Duncan (son of Sir Patrick) and his wife from Pretoria, South Africa visited King Edward Church in 2007.

2) Sir Patrick's grandson Andrew and his wife Kathy visited King Edward in 2017. Sir Patrick (the oldest son) gave up his rights to the farm and set off on a different career path. The peculiar thing about this was that in his retirement he was donated a farm in Pretoria (South Africa) which he renamed Fortrie Farm, where he spent his remaining days until his death in 1943.



The South African government named a section (290 acres) in Cape Town harbour "Duncan Dock". This photo shows Alison reading the Plaque. "This Dock has been named after His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Patrick Duncan, P.C.,

G.C.M.G., K.C., Governor General in recognition of his services to the Union of South Africa opened it in 1943.

Contributions from Alison Dickson Duncan Davidson, E. Wilson and D. Finnie.

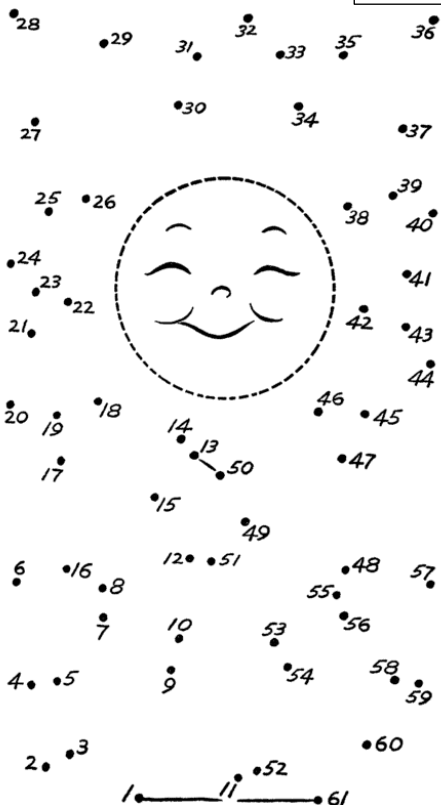
Puzzle Page

When the puzzle is completed, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn an interesting Summer fact.

AUGUST	JULY
BARBECUE	RELAX
BASEBALL	SANDALS
BEACH	SHORTS
BIKING	SOCCER
GOLF	SUNBURN
HATS	SUNSCREEN
HOLIDAY	SUNTAN

Summer Word Search Puzzle

S	U	M	S	A	N	D	A	L	S	J	M	H	E	R
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Riddle title: **A man**

I love God.
 I am clever.
 I am a minister.
 I love Jesus.
 I like the church.
 I am happy.
 I am cool
 I am tall.
 I am smart.
 I wear a collar.
 I tell stories.
 Who am I?

- by a pupil at King Edward school

Classroom Capers

King Edward Primary School contributed some fantastic work for the Stewardship campaign. Here's a taste of what they think about their church!

Mr Locke is very funny
Really caring, loyal and joyful.

Long work shift...

On time all the time (joke)

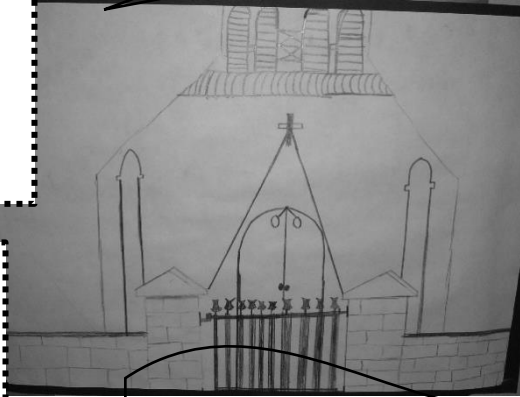
Comes on a Friday to

King Edward.

**Ends the assemblies with a
little prayer.**

- by Ashton

I like the Church Services with
the whole school because I get
to read out to the public – Eva.



Haiku

Mr Locke is cool
The church is very
old

Mr Locke is nice
- by Jake

Did you know?

Behind King Edward Church hall was a
train station!

Wow!

There have been
28 ministers at
King Edward
church since 1567.

I like how when we are at a church
service Mr. Locke includes up to
date songs etc. – Evie.

Voice of an angel
Everyone likes her because she is so kind
Responsible
And amazing
- by Evie

Minister
Responsible

Loves the church

Opens the church every Sunday

Caring

Kind

Epic

- by Charlie

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.

Mrs Helen Barron, Bellevue Road, Banff
Mrs Helen Lamb, Doo’cot View, 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.”

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We were delighted to celebrate the marriage in our church of:  
23rd June: **Sarah Munro and Kevin Sopel, Banff**

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Ministry of Flowers

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

5th August	Mrs Alice Hay and Mrs Hazel Gordon
12th August	Mrs Amanda Graham
19th August	Mrs Lydia Leask
2nd September	Mrs Rosie Blanchard
9th September	Mr & Mrs I Cameron
16th September	Mrs Moira Gess
23rd September	Mr & Mrs P Ingram
30th September	Mrs Pauline McNaughton



The Flower Group are extremely grateful to all who donate for the flowers on a Sunday and there are still some dates left on the calendar available to anyone who would like to add their name.

Contact person: Pat McLennan (Tel. 815737)

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Minister: Rev David I W Locke MA M.Sc., BD Tel: 01261 812107
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Pastoral Assistant: Vera Lumsden

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King Edward Parish Church - Charity No. SC 015077

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Holiday Club	Wed. 15th-Fri. 17th August	10.30am	Banff Church Hall
Family Breakfast and activities	Sun. 19th August	10.30am	Banff Church Hall
Messy Church	Fri. 31st August	5pm	Banff Church Hall
King Edward Kirk Session	Monday 3rd September	7.30pm	K.E. Church Hall
Open Doors Weekend	15th and 16th September		Banff Church and Hall
Books Abroad coffee morning	Sat. 22nd September		Banff Church Hall
Macmillan Afternoon Tea	Fri. 28th September		Banff Church Hall
Church coffee morning	Sat. 6th October		Banff Church Hall
Joint Service	Sun. 26th August	10.45am	Portsoy 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	3-4.45pm	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
Monthly lunch	1st Thursday	Noon-1.30pm	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
Bible Study & Prayer Group	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7pm	Banff Kirk Lounge
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 a break over the summer months. For up-to-date information please check Facebook or the weekly bulletins.