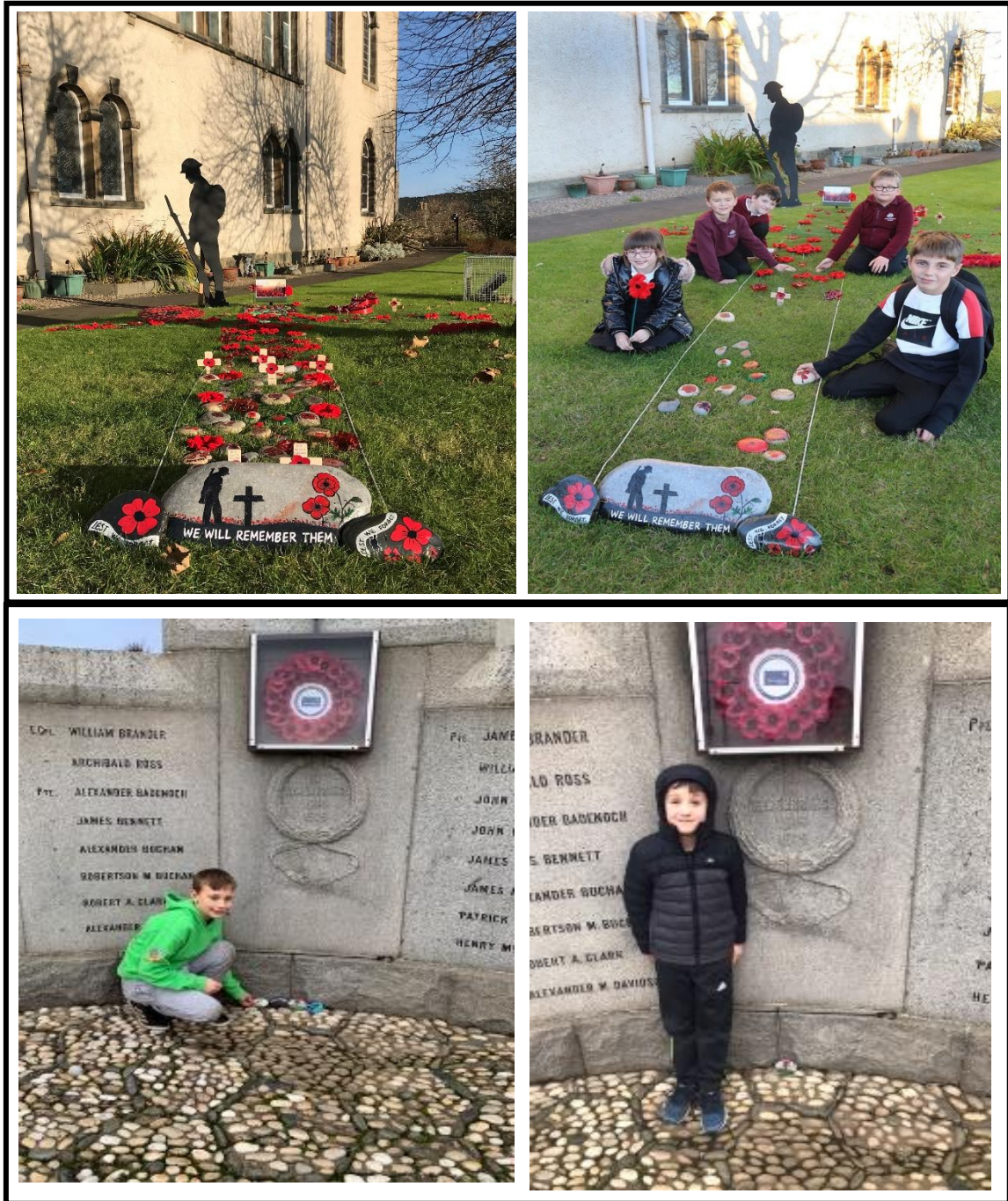


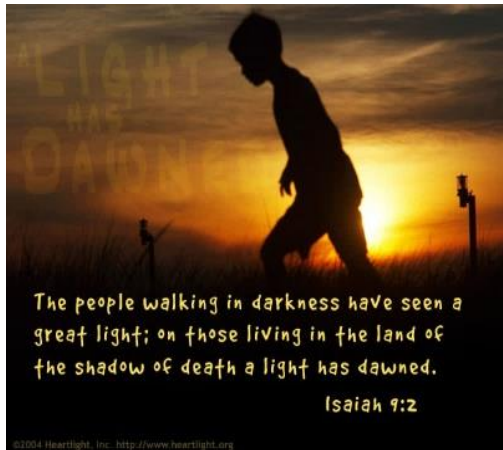
The Bridge

December 2020/January/February 2021



Banff & King Edward Parish Churches
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Dear Friends,



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us [Isaiah 9, John 1]

For many businesses, voluntary organisations, charities and people, **it's been a warlike year where survival has been a key part of life**. Folk in King Edward were perhaps brightened by the good harvest but then we, as others, have suffered the loss of two dear church members recently. Moira Smith was a much-loved church member whose cheery kindness meant a lot to us. And very recently the sudden death of Gavin Elrick has hit many of us very hard. As our Church Elder, a local farmer and Senior Consultant at Scotland's Rural College, he did so much for our church, community and beyond. We feel and pray for their families and friends. A fuller tribute to Gavin will appear in due course.

It's been a very hard year for most of us but **at last there is some light at the end of the dark tunnel**, with vaccines around the corner. We are not there yet but Christmas comes to remind us of the light and give us new hope: God is with us - Immanuel. And thankfully **there are seeds of hope in how many have adapted**, including churches as our Bridge magazine highlights.

Maybe **Remembrance** is a good example. As the details inside suggest, we had to adapt without being allowed normal services in church and none at the War Memorials. I was touched by how many children and adults utilised the church garden poppy crosses to express their remembrance and indeed by how one old soldier saluted at that temporary cross as his way of paying respect to the fallen.

I was also touched by how meaningful our prior recordings inside church of organisational Colours were, and the laying of wreaths and readings by Forces' Veterans' Andy Taylor and Stuart Law. In addition, instead of formal services at war memorials, individual representatives laid wreaths with much meaningfulness and at Alvah for example Keith Donald also said the time-honoured words as well. At King Edward we had a short service inside the church and also outside with wreaths being laid.

Our **services of Holy Communion** were another example of change, with bread and drink in church being prepacked in small glasses at each person's place and shared online with people at home. I am told various people at home found it helpful.

Our churches have reopened in different ways; Banff twice a month – in the new year on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. King Edward opened for Remembrance and small prayer gatherings every 6 weeks. However with no singing out loud and masks being worn it's not ideal. It's the best we can do given our circumstances, and those who do come find it good to be back in the church buildings. Moreover the online and phone services have helped people feel they are not apart from church and not alone, and we had a lovely letter of appreciation from Doo'cot view home.

There has been even more adaptation and good things going on in our church – as you can read about inside, including the many ways we are trying to let the light of Christmas shine out anew. Some things just cannot be done, and we have to accept that...like normal services of old or meeting up the way we used to. Christmas will be different but we will have a decorated tree and advent wreath in church and lights outside.

Inside you will also find a short **article by Captain Bill Shepherd Master Mariner**, a Banffer and member of our congregation, suggesting an amazing career in which he adapts to changing circumstances - hopefully Bill will write more for us in the future. Perhaps we are all now learning to adapt as our forebears did in time of war, learning how to keep going somehow even although we are at our limits, by new ways of working together just as our forebears did.

But it's getting harder for our churches to keep going with fewer volunteers and leaders active. The virus has meant there are fewer volunteers able to do things so for example our Bridge magazine really does need a few more folk willing to help produce it in the new year; and more help is needed with all the Christmas activities. We all have to keep going and adapting – if we cannot help physically, most of us can do something to help the light shine, especially to encourage others. Maybe with a phonecall, a letter, a card to a neighbour we don't normally contact; a word, a smile, a decoration shining out from our windows. Christmas is all about the Word being made flesh - let our words shine out this Christmas as light to others.

May the light of Christ's coming shine out to you anew and through you to others. I pray you have a blessed Christmas,

David

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Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2020

Maureen Forsyth

A total of over 200 shoe boxes were sent away to Blythswood this week, of which 112 were from Banff Parish Church. The Church's 112 boxes included large donations from Banff BBs and King Edward Primary School. A huge thank you to all who contributed this year in these very difficult times.



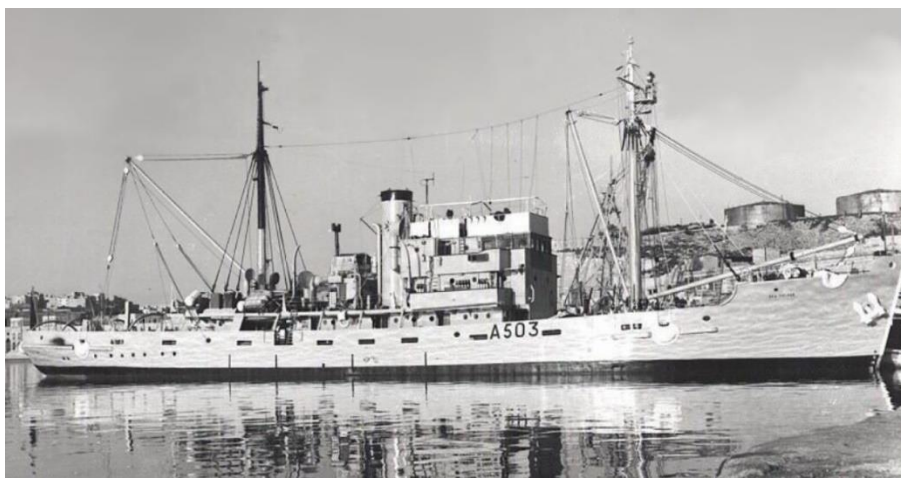
Do you have a story to tell? Crafts, recipes, faith, life...whatever it is, we'd love to hear from you! We are very happy to accept articles from anyone and we would love to hear from you. Send your contributions to TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com or pop them through a church letterbox.

Captain William D Shepherd F.N.I. – Master Mariner

When Isabel John asked me if I would prepare an article for the magazine, my first reaction was “why me?” It cannot be denied that my career has taken me to many places around the world and there are experiences which may be of some interest to readers of the Bridge magazine. So, I agreed to give it a try.

I was born in Banff in 1933, educated at Banff Academy, and attended St Mary’s Sunday School. I joined the Merchant Navy in 1950 where I spent my early career in the New Zealand Shipping Company and the Ben Line Steamers Ltd.

After this I entered Marine Services (Naval) in 1960, serving as Chief Officer and relieving Master in RFA Sea Salvor, (7th mine sweeping squadron support ship) based on Malta with a Maltese crew.

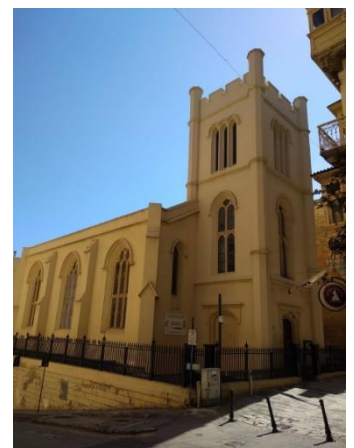


Royal Fleet Auxiliary ‘Sea Salvor’

Winifred and I attended the Scot’s Kirk, Valletta during our two-year tour.

Scot’s Kirk, Valetta --->

I became a Salvage and Mooring Officer with the Ministry of Defence Navy and was in charge of several salvage operations, including the burning banana boat BARRAD CREST which exploded in Plymouth Sound in 1974.



‘Barrad Crest’ – Plymouth Sound 1974

In 1975 I joined the Directorate of Marine Services as Head of Operations and Planning.

In 1982 I was heavily involved in commissioning mooring and salvage vessels for support of the fleet in

Ascension Island, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia. On completion of the Falklands War I was invited (along with The Bath support committee members) to a celebration lunch at 10 Downing Street with the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.

Subsequently I served as Marine Services Manager (MSM) HM Naval Base Rosyth from 1991 to retirement in 1994. One month after retirement, I was recalled to oversee the completion of HMS Ocean building at Kvaerner's Govan yard on the Clyde, who, after HMS Ocean had departed, asked me to become their Trial Master.



HMS 'Ocean' – Amphibious Assault Ship

My last command was with the joint American and Russian venture, the SEA LAUNCH COMMANDER specifically designed as mission control ship for launching commercial satellites from the equator.



'Sea Launch Commander' vessel – with 'Odyssey' rocket launch platform

This ended my career, full circle, under the red ensign. **W.D.S.**

With sincere thanks to Bill for providing us with an insight into his diverse and interesting life as a Master Mariner. Delighted he agreed to accept the 'why me?' challenge. Isabel John.

Introducing...Casey Burgess

Hi my name is Casey, I go to Sunday Club, Messy Church and KidZone but have not been able to go. I do miss the macaroni that Maureen makes at Messy Church. Everybody has to stay



safe. Hopefully I will get back to all the things I've missed over the months. I enjoyed the activities that were sent out to me. I did some. I did the sandals with wool.

Look forward to seeing you all soon. God bless.

From Casey Burgess



Thank you so much for getting in touch Casey. We have all missed seeing you in and around the church, but hopefully it won't be too many more months before we can all meet together again.

Positive Thinking

Last week, as I have been doing throughout this last few months, I made some phone calls to people that I know are on their own. My hope was that a chat would lift their spirits and cheer them in these difficult times.

Little did I know that I would be the one to be uplifted!!

First I spoke to a lovely lady who is not old but is blind. She is a member of my book group and we enjoy chatting about what we are reading. She is always very positive but during our conversation she said "What we need to do is stop thinking about all the things we cannot do, and start thinking about all the things we can." That certainly made me stop and think.

Next, I spoke to another lovely lady who is well into her eighties and used to attend a keep fit class. We chatted about the fact that some people have gone back and agreed that we were not yet ready to do so. She then began to tell me about her bedtime routine. No, not cocoa and a hot water bottle. She has an exercise routine! As she reeled off all the exercises, touching toes, stretching, balancing, sit-ups and more I was overwhelmed by how this lady could get on with life in such a down to earth fashion when so many around (me included) are only seeing doom and gloom.

Yes, times are hard but there are positives around if we look for them. As the Monty Python actors used to say, "Always look on the bright side of life."

Re-opening of Banff Parish Church

Since closing our doors for lockdown in March in accordance with government instructions, we have continued to reach out to the congregation in various ways. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who phone members regularly, cards are sent out, one or two different ways of visiting have been achieved and our website and Facebook pages continue to reach out to everyone, our younger members included. The



Kirk Session now meet on Zoom as do other working groups in a continued effort to move forward and reach out to our community despite the constraints of the ongoing pandemic.

Church services are available online these days and you can now listen in on your phone. This allows us to continue with Sunday worship albeit in a rather different way for all of us. Throughout the lockdown a dedicated “task force” of eight volunteers worked very hard to reopen our church within the strictest of government guidelines. We are now open for Sunday services twice monthly. The online service is still available as is the phone in facility for those who are still unable to join us. Each of us must decide when it is right for us to return to church in person. The guidelines with the points system are just that – guidelines issued by the government which we are required to share with our members. If you feel well and ready to return to services, we would be delighted to see you. Don’t worry about safety in the church. We are very well prepared and elders will be very happy to assist you.

We have held two Sunday services so far, the latter being on Remembrance Sunday, after which we placed knitted poppies on the cross marked out on the ground outside. There was a simple but poignant display on the grass area which allowed others in our community to show their respect for those lost to us in wars. Our next service will be Communion. If you wish to join us for future services, remember to phone or email the office to allow us to accommodate everyone.

We hope you are able to join us for worship soon in a way that is right for you at this time and we look forward especially to the time when we can all be together again in our church sharing worship.

In the meantime, if we can help you or someone you know in any way, please contact us through your elder, at the church office, the session clerk or let David, our minister, know.

Kindest regards and blessings to each of you

Margaret Henderson, Session Clerk.

King Edward Parish Church is also opening for prayer approximately once every six weeks. For more information contact the Minister.



The **Busy Hands** group have certainly kept busy during lockdown. Nan has knitted over seventy children's hats to go to Syria via Edinburgh Direct, and Mary has crocheted 18 blankets for the Neo Natal unit in Aberdeen plus 10 for Syria.



Well done ladies – we're sure the recipients will be delighted.

Did you have something keeping you busy during lockdown? Send us a picture or drop us a line – we'd love to hear from you!

If you would like to receive your Bridge by email rather than have it delivered, please email info@banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk and ask to be added to the email distribution list.

Early in lockdown we had a sign on our church door with the words 'Coronavirus has closed our doors but we are still here for you' – we certainly are and have been! Here is a snapshot of some of the things that have been happening.

Worship

- Weekly services on Facebook and on website.
- Maundy online communion.
- Services on Deveron FM.
- Services now available on demand by telephone.
- New page on website with resources to support worship online.
- Joint services with Macduff and River Church Banff.
- CDs available on request (6 regularly being delivered).
- Tuesday thought for the day on Deveron FM, Facebook and website.
- Sunday Club Packs hand delivered and/or emailed weekly.
- Try Praying.
- Private Prayer time in church at beginning of lockdown.
- Trial service at end of August.
- Participation in the Church of Scotland week of prayer for church and country.
- Use of online pulpit supply when Minister not available.



Contact (Members, adherents & Children and Family Work (CFW))

- Early in lockdown letters and fliers offering support were sent/delivered or emailed to all (members and adherents) on our congregational roll and to our CFW contacts.
- Update letters sent from Minister & Pastoral Assistant.
 - Contact by personal phone call or card to every member, adherent & CFW contact by Pastoral Assistant.
 - Coronavirus Word Quiz.
 - Bridge Magazine distributed (members, adherents & all CFW contacts).
 - All letters posted on church noticeboard.
 - Website & Facebook updated regularly.



Support

- Early in lockdown letters and fliers offering support – shopping, picking up prescriptions etc.
- Cards sent out by Pastoral Support Group.
- Flowers delivered by Minister as appropriate.
- Phone 'befrienders' making weekly (or more frequent) calls.

Contact with Community

- Cards and letter of support to all local businesses and local organisations.
- Cards and letter of support to all farmers and farming contractors directly and via National Farmers Union.
- Tea-bag cards sent to all members of the Friendship Group, Book Club, Busy Hands and Kirk Café.
- Book Club by Zoom.
- Banffie, Press and Journal, Life and Work published and online articles.
- Minister active in community meetings for community support – Community Council, Banff Development Partnership, Community Resilience Group, BACAC, Presbytery and generally sharing amongst local churches.
- Strengthened cooperation between Banff PC, Macduff PC and River Churches highlighted in Life and Work article.
- Banff Parish Church joined the Community Hub of volunteers for the pandemic and individual members joined as volunteers.



Projects

- Sunflower seeds sent to all members, adherents, CFW contacts and Boys' Brigade. Seeds were offered to other groups and individuals through the Minister's letter and Facebook (response from community play group and individuals).
- Church Garden looks great, including sunflowers and Pray Now banner.
- Marathon in a Month – a project to promote our work in the community and to raise funds to enable that work to continue.

CFW/Schools

- Windmill project for Pentecost. Windmill packs sent to all CFW contacts.
- Letter to school staff.
 - New page on website with resources for young families.
 - Cards to uniformed organisations at start of term.
 - Dedicated family page on website.
 - Activity posts on Facebook for Tots 'n' Teas and KidZone each week.
 - Card & prayer card sent to parents of children starting school.
 - 'Stepping Up' booklets distributed to all P7 children (shared project with BACAC).
 - Offer of support and prayer to Banff Primary and Banff Academy.



Finances

- The finance group have met by Zoom regularly and have made great progress in stabilising our finances which have been hit hard by the effects of lockdown.

Other

- Elders have continued to contact and support folk in their district since the closure of the church through calls, cards, delivering flowers etc.
- The website is being updated weekly and has seen a considerable increase in views.
- Increased posts on Facebook – pictures, words, videos etc (spiritual, inspiration and amusing).
- Facebook page has also had a considerable increase in page likes, reach and engagement.
- Zoom is being used by groups to meet regularly (Finance, Communications, Session & others).



Our Harvest Hamper offered basic supplies to anyone passing by. Look out for the Advent Hamper from 6th December.



Harvest 2020

Our Harvest Hamper is open from the 1st of October

The Hamper is packed full of food and other supplies for anyone to take what they need. Please come and help yourself - no referrals needed.

If you have something to spare and would like to contribute to the box, please come and do so.



You can find the Hamper outside the hall door.

Thank you to Tesco and Strachan's chemist for kind donations.



Harvest

Our Harvest celebrations looked a bit different this year but we still did our best to give thanks for God's gifts and to share what we have with those less fortunate than us. Here are some of the highlights.



These two boys certainly look like they enjoyed drawing apples on our tree!



Our Tots enjoyed their first walk, collecting autumn treasures and using them to create Harvest pictures.

The October holidays saw the return of Bookbug with Makaton, a story and rhyme session for younger children. Meanwhile our older KidZone children received Harvest activity packs to keep them busy.

HARVEST THANKFULNESS WREATH



Report from the Children and Families Group

It's been a busy and challenging year for all of us but we're so excited about some of the work that's been happening to support children and families in our church. Please read on!

We have all missed the opportunity to meet physically with others so it's been great that we've been able to restart our Tots group, albeit by taking a walk in the woods rather than meeting in the hall. The toddlers don't mind the mud and the mums are glad of the chance to chat with someone different – win-win!

Meanwhile we've been keeping in touch as best we can with our other families through phone calls, letters, cards and activity packs. You can see on pages 12-14 some of the activities we were involved in over Harvest and we're keen to keep developing more 'in person' activities, even if they have to be completed individually rather than in groups. We're currently working on plans for some Christmas activities. Some details are on page 18 along with activities organised by other groups, but look out for more information soon.

Of course we are not the only group within the church that seeks to support families and it's been really helpful to have joint meetings with others, particularly the Outreach Group who have a wealth of experience in this area. We're looking forward to continuing to work with an ever-increasing range of people, within and without the church.

And that's where you come in! Karen, who finished as our Children and Family Worker in July, and before her Lillian, have done sterling work in building connections with families and planting seeds of faith which the Messy Church and Worship teams have been trying to grow. Our next step in nurturing and supporting these families is to help them know that they matter to us and are part of the church community. So it's vital that as many of you as possible join in with our activities for children and families, whether that's by coming along to a Tots and Trees walk, joining in by hanging a star in your window or sending a Christmas card to an 'unknown' neighbour (see page 19), or by commenting on one of the Facebook posts. The activities we plan are for everyone, not just for families, so please do join in. You might even enjoy yourself!

Let's work together to share the great love and friendship of Jesus Christ with a new generation of families in our communities.

*If you'd like to get involved please contact
childrenandfamiliesbanffparishchurch@outlook.com or speak to one of the group; you can
find our pictures on the Families page of the church website.*

Remembrance with a difference!

The current restrictions on meetings meant that unfortunately our usual commemorations of Remembrance Sunday were not able to take place. Both Banff and King Edward Churches were able to hold a small service in the sanctuary but outdoor events were not permitted. However our churches are nothing if not creative and chose to see this as an opportunity to remember in a different way. Both churches planned small 'gardens' of remembrance where individuals could come to take a moment in silence and lay either a poppy or a painted stone. As you can see the results were well worth the effort. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a meaningful experience for so many.



Banff Church was lit in red



P4 children from Banff Primary painted poppies on stones to contribute to the lovely display

Children from King Edward Primary were also busy laying painted stones – see the front cover or page 20.



The Boys' Brigade were well represented; some came down to lay their own stones



Our toddlers painted stones before going on their 'Tots and Trees' walk.

Banff and King Edward Parish Churches

CHRISTMAS 2020

Online services on Facebook every Sunday

Sunday 20th December

**Live Christmas service in Banff Parish Church at 11am
Places must be booked (see contact details below)**

SPECIAL FAMILY ONLINE SERVICE

(date to be confirmed - details will be on Facebook)

MESSY CHURCH @ HOME

Packs will be delivered soon.

Tots & Trees Walk

**Wednesday 9th December 10am at Duff House
(Contact Sheila Smith for details Tel: 815440)**

**Coming soon to Banff Parish Church Facebook
Christmas Storytime with Sonia and Bookbug and
Sheila and puppets**

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

**There will be a 'take if you need' hamper beside the door to the
church hall from Sunday 6th Dec until Sunday 27th Dec.**

BANFF PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS GARDEN

**We would be delighted to have your help decorating our
Christmas tree, please add a tree decoration as you pass
home made or purchased decorations are welcome.**

www.banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk

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News from Banff Academy: Scots Language Award

The Scots Language Award provides opportunities for learners to study the history and development of the Scots language. It also helps learners develop their ability to understand Scots and communicate in the Scots language.

This year the award went to our very own Banff Academy.

The school's Dr Jamie Fairbairn teaches geography using Scots.

He said he has always used Scots weather words in class. He explained that the census shows that over 50% of people in this area can speak Scots so, as the English department were also studying Scottish texts it was decided that students



should be given the chance to engage with their mother tongue. A class was started and success followed.

The project gained encouragement from Education Scotland, funding with the help of the school librarian and a visit from Scots poet Matthew Fitt.

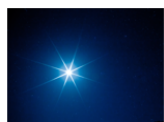
Dr Fairbairn said, "To date 94 pupils have passed the Scots Language Award, giving them vital SCQF points. As well as that 1450 junior children have engaged with Scots in their

learning, writing poetry, doing research, learning vocabulary, studying culture and gaining confidence. We have had Scots Language Weeks and projects with 'Caged Beastie.' We've also worked with Duff House, Education Scotland and the Elphinstone Institute." As a result of this the school has received a British Educational Research Award grant to help with further resources.

Iona Fyfe from Huntly was awarded the title of Scots Performer of the Year.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

(Summarised from an original article on Grampian online)



Cards of Cheer



Do you know everyone in your street? Here's another chance to make someone smile. This Christmas, we challenge you to pop a spare Christmas card through the letterbox of someone nearby that you don't really know. Or you could make your own card. You never know, you might even get one back!

King Edward School News

I hope you all enjoy the latest news from King Edward School. We hope that you are all safe and well and we are very proud and privileged to share our work and achievements with the community.

Audrey Clark
Head Teacher



Remembrance Day



Here is a selection of photos of the children laying their painted poppy stones that they designed as part of Project Nova run by The Forces Employment Charity. They laid them at a war memorial or grave of their choice.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal



Mrs Forsyth on behalf of Banff and King Edward Churches picked up our Christmas boxes for the Blythswood Charity Shoebox Appeal. We thank our families and staff for their generosity and hope our gifts bring smiles to faces this Christmas.

Retirement

Photos from a socially distanced, emotional farewell fly cup for our jannie, Findlay. 26 years of hoovering leaves, fixing things, fire drills and testing the water. We wish you good luck, health and happiness in your retirement.



We are currently unsure if we will have sufficient material for a March/April/May issue of the Bridge. If you have something you would like to submit, the deadline for this is likely to be 5pm on Thursday 18th February. Please send your contributions to
TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com

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 David Riddell, Banff.

Mrs Helen McGowan, Banff.

Mr William Morrison, Banff.

Mrs Moira Smith, Longmanhill.

Mrs Christina Thain, Banff.

Mr Gavin Elrick, King Edward.

“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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## Ministry of Flowers

It has been a difficult, worrying and frustrating time for us all this year and we pray that we will be able to return to some sort of normality in the next few months. We have missed arranging the flowers in the church and then sending them out to folks after the service as we know that they are much appreciated. However be assured that you, the congregation, have not been forgotten and we hope to get back into the swing of things after the New Year albeit probably a bit differently.

The papers would have you believe that Christmas is cancelled but the "Reason for the Season" will never change it's just how we celebrate it that has. Whichever way you spend Christmas the Flower Group send you our best wishes and pray that we can look forward to a more peaceful New Year.



**BANFF PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND** - Charity No SC015501  
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| Outreach Co-ordinator             | Vacant                                                                                                                        |                       |
| Resources Group                   | Mr. Jim Buchan                                                                                                                |                       |
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**KING EDWARD CHURCH** - Charity No SC015077

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| Treasurer                  | Mrs. Sandra French    |              |
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| Church Officer/Hall Keeper | Cliff and Jayne Pirie | 821680       |
| Organist                   | Mr. Stephen Pratt     | 833113       |
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| Guild President            | Anne Robson           | 821230       |
| Hall Committee President   | Mrs. Jayne Pirie      | 821680       |



# **Banff and King Edward Parish Churches**

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Services in Banff Parish Church on 6th and 20th December – contact the Church office to book your place. Thereafter on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month unless advertised differently. All welcome.

See page 18 for details of other Christmas activities and events.

## **Regular Activities**

|                  |                                  |        |                                                             |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tots and Trees   | Wednesday 9th December           | 10am   | Book your place: contact church office for more information |
|                  | Wednesday 13th January           |        |                                                             |
|                  | Wednesday 27th January           |        |                                                             |
|                  | Wednesday 10th and 24th February |        |                                                             |
| Friendship Group | Tuesday 19th January             | 7pm    | By Zoom: contact church office for more information         |
|                  | Tuesday 2nd February             |        |                                                             |
|                  | Tuesday 16th February            |        |                                                             |
|                  | Tuesday 2nd March                |        |                                                             |
| Book Club        | Thursday 28th January            | 2.30pm | By Zoom: contact church office for more information         |
|                  | Thursday 25th February           |        |                                                             |

**For the most up-to-date information please check Facebook.**

## **Our Sunday Services are still running!**

Each week our Minister is recording a 30-45 minute service. Anyone can listen via Facebook – you don't have to be a member or signed up, just search for 'Banff and King Edward Churches Facebook' and click on the link – or via the Resources page of our website –

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

You can also listen to our services on a landline by dialling 01261 303464. The cost would be as for a normal local phonecall of that length.

We are still distributing CDs of the services; if you would like to receive one please contact the church office.