

The Bridge

December/January 2018/9



Banff & King Edward Parish Churches
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Dear Friends,

A lot has changed since last Christmas, not necessarily good changes if we've lost a loved one, or if our health has started to fail.

However, one **good** change we've celebrated recently is the birth of Isaac Forrest Watson Locke, born to David and Marie on 10th October. All seems to be going well. Isaac is thriving and David seems to have recovered from the birth. We are all delighted for the Locke family. Welcome, Baby Isaac!

We're also delighted to have Christine, our Student Minister with us for her first placement. We hope she enjoys her time at Banff and King Edward churches as much as we enjoy having her here. May this be a valuable time for her. Welcome, Christine!

We're also delighted with the work that's gone on in both churches, providing stunning poppy displays for Remembrance Sunday. A special 'thank you' must go to the ex-serviceman and his rota of companions who stood guard outside Banff Church on the Saturday night into Sunday morning, to make sure the Poppy Cascade put up outside the church wasn't tampered with overnight. This was an extremely kind offer and a fitting tribute to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. Thank you to our night-watchmen, and to our army of poppy makers!

Another change this year has been the number of events held in Banff Parish Church Hall – especially the increase in weekly children and family groups organised by Karen, our Children and Family Worker. Well done, Karen!

However, we're greatly saddened that in King Edward Church we've had to accept the resignation of Eleanor, our Organist, and husband Ray who has been an active Elder – due to Eleanor's ill-health. Our thoughts and prayers continue for them and their family; and our thanks go to Stephen who has meantime taken on the task of Organist and Choir Master in both churches. Thank you, Stephen!

Throughout the years, there have been many changes in hymns and worship songs available, but it's been a real joy to turn the clock back and record a CD of very old hymns many of us remember from childhood. As mentioned elsewhere in The Bridge, the CD is now available to buy for a donation. Money raised will go into church funds.

Perhaps you can tell of many other changes this past year has brought you or your family. If it's a change you'd like to talk about confidentially at any time, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us in the church.

As this year draws near the end, may we get ready to celebrate the birth of the One who will never change – God's Son, Jesus – the same yesterday, today and forever – our Saviour always.

"Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ." (MP 702)

May we all know the peace, joy and love that come from knowing Him, as we celebrate His birth together.

With love in Christ Jesus,

Vera.

Shoebox Appeal 2018

This year we have sent off 190 boxes to Blythswood – a magnificent total and significantly increased on last year. Many thanks to all who contributed either by filling boxes or donating money – all in Banff and King Edward Churches, Banff Boys Brigade and King Edward Primary School.

Please be sure that these boxes will make all the difference to someone's Christmas this year.

Thank you again.



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One Person’s Church Life Journey

Eric Wilson

For those of you that need an introduction my name is Eric Wilson. I have been a member of King Edward Church for over forty years and an elder for the last twenty-three years. I have been brought up in the life of the church since Sunday school days in Morayshire, remembering my mother and father taking us there. If not mother and father then my older sister took us, my younger brother kicking and screaming all the way.

We moved to Banffshire and attended Doune Church; the then minister was Graham Walker. My teenage years saw my church life falter until I met Florence. Her mother was an ‘ever present’ in the church and guild and it was then that they introduced me to King Edward Church. I was struck by the friendliness in this country church, which made it easy for me to resume church life again. I joined this church after we married here along with another fifteen communicants, mostly if not all young men; how days and priorities change! I think I’m the only one of those sixteen that now attends regularly.

I hope I’ve served King Edward Church well. I have been Fabric Convenor for many years and having seen other churches close, because of poor maintenance, have been determined to keep King Edward’s building in good repair. We have recently installed a lightning conductor, completed extensive roof repairs and tree topping, and the Health and Safety campaign is upon us as well and it is ‘big’, so we are going to be just as busy in the near future.

Answers to the Christmas Quiz on page 21.	
1. Advent	12. Germany – it was Latvia but
2. More than one, the Bible doesn't	Latvia was part of Germany then
3. say how many	13. King Herod
4. Deep pan, crisp and even!	14. Just like the ones I used to know
5. Elizabeth	15. Carpenter
6. St. Nicholas	16. The Anglo-Saxons – it means
7. 'no el'ii	'good health'
8. Bethlehem	17. Shepherds
9. 364	18. A sixpence
10. 1840s - 1843 by Sir Henry Cole	19. Gabriel
11. Three – Dasher, Dancer and Donner	20. In a manger

Thanksgiving

Joyce Millar

As many of you will know Thanksgiving is a major holiday in the United States of America.

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged by most as one of the first **Thanksgiving** celebrations in the colonies.

For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. In 1941 the date was fixed as the fourth Thursday in November. This year it was celebrated on 22 November.

The Thanksgiving dinner is very much like our traditional Christmas meal with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce. One unusual side dish is green beans cooked in a tin of Campbell's cream of mushroom soup! Pudding is traditionally pumpkin pie.



Another tradition of the holiday is the Thanksgiving Parade. These are held in many cities and towns across the country. The Macy's parade in New York City is the most spectacular and is attended and watched by millions of Americans.

However, for me what is significant about this holiday is that it delivers just what it says.

This is a day when family and friends gather together to give thanks for all that has happened in the previous year. Everyone in the country can celebrate the holiday by adding their own particular tradition but there are no exclusions because of religion or race.

No presents are given. In fact, many people treat it as a day of volunteering to help others less fortunate than themselves.

When living in the United States we were privileged to be included in a family gathering which encompassed all ages from a six-week-old baby girl through teenagers to a ninety-year-old man.



As we sat around the table each person told what they had to give thanks for in the past year. It was an emotional but very sincere time which meant a lot to everyone present.

So, this year as we begin our pre-Christmas preparations running

around buying presents, stressing about what we are going to eat and drink, and who we are going to share the day with perhaps we should stop and think about Thanksgiving Day.

Then we might remember the true meaning of Christmas and give thanks for all our blessings especially the birth of that very special baby – our Lord Jesus Christ.

Seasonal Snippets (taken from *Tit-Bits From Trinity: Wise and Otherwise*, published March 1933).

Looking for a gift idea?

“Have you heard what the young fellows of Aberdeen are giving their sweethearts for a present this year?”

“No, what is it?”

“Oh, a stalk of lipstick.”

“Why lipstick?”

“Well, you see, they get it a’ back again.”

– submitted by J.M.R.



How to have a harmonious Christmas Dinner...

An American and a Scotsman went into a restaurant to have lunch together at a somewhat busy hour. The waitress brought their order along and hurriedly placed it on the table, and says, “Now, help yourselves.” The Scotsman at once helped himself plentifully, and the American observing this, turned to him rather crossly: “I thought you would have taken the smallest helping seeing that you helped yourself first.” “Indeed!” says Scotty, “would you have taken the smallest helping had you been in my place?” The American: “Yes, of course!” “Well,” says Scotty, “what are you complaining about, haven’t you got it?”

– submitted by C.B.

Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. [Genesis 17 v2-3] ... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, [Isaiah 9.6] there was no room at the inn [Matthew 2; 7]

Surely our time was past to have a child? But then our hopes rose and when we doubted, we read the events of Abraham and Sarah, and how in their old age, they had just about given up hope and God reassured them and in time Isaac was born.

These verses reassured us powerfully at the time and helped us trust over the



remaining months of uncertainty and difficulty. And we increasingly knew we had to name the child to come Isaac if a boy. The name Isaac means 'he laughs' which we both thought a good approach to life, and we were also encouraged to find out it has become one of the more popular boys' names in the UK. So then when our little boy came we just knew he was Isaac. And named him this as Marie cradled him for his first 30 minutes of life.

And then suddenly he was whisked from us as the midwife cried out for help, when Isaac seemed to stop breathing and went blue. We held hands and prayed as I wondered, is this

what God's plan was... just 30 minutes of life?? We had to just trust once again; be it minutes or decades, God cared for him and would be at work in all the professionals around. And in time, Isaac was 100% fine, and we are so thankful to God.

It was mind-opening to be with Marie through her pains of birth and see her courage and determination despite the pain. I know it's what every woman in labour feels but what a privilege for a man to be there and share. I have renewed respect not just for Marie but all women.

There being **no room at the inn**, was how we felt a bit before the birth as Elgin hospital could not deal with us because they lacked the expertise and Aberdeen was reportedly not yet able to accept us. Within 24 hours we travelled twice to Elgin and home, and then to Aberdeen not knowing whether there would be a place for us, with Marie hurting at each bump on the road. My thoughts took me briefly to the even longer journey Mary and Joseph had without even a

basic room at the end. In time it gave me new insight to their courage, strength, hope and faith.

During agonising contractions, while we were at Elgin the previous night, Marie asked me to read her something to try and take her mind off the pain. All I had was our pocket Gideon New Testament and Psalms. The psalms seemed best for the timing of contractions!! Each psalm lasted just about the time of each contraction and did help us get through. The midwife seemed impressed that a church minister actually used his bible in practice! A pointer maybe for other times of difficulty?

It all does make me want to press for further improvements in our maternity services in this region; it's not easy travelling long distances. And I for one want to press for further improvements in capacity at Elgin and Aberdeen. Once we were admitted, care was wonderful, and staff dealt with all emergencies, but more needs to be done to restore the expertise at Elgin and ease the pressure on ARI, so there is more room at the inn!

So we went home, and I am so much more aware of the joys and worries of parenthood. Life is always a challenge it seems, and you never know what is next. But we were helped throughout by knowing, in the journey and through the trials, God is with us. Yes, we have to be ready to accept whatever outcome God has in mind – no room at the inn – but there can be surprising next steps in the midst of it, whatever our age or stage: as Mary and Joseph found, Christmas can bring hope in unexpected ways to anyone.

Thank you to everyone in our two congregations and communities who prayed or wished us well, or sent us cards or presents; the support and love and friendship offered has been wonderful; thank you. We have not yet managed to thank people individually; but hope you will understand that nappies come first! It has also been so good to have Isaac in church with us and see how he has been welcomed as any child is. We are delighted that our kirk sessions have agreed to hold a joint service for the occasion of Isaac's baptism, and this is now scheduled for Sunday 27th January. We hope as many of you as are able will join us then. Baptism is very much a start of a journey for him, and knowing the congregations both can play their part in supporting him is great. Thank you all.

Isaac, Marie and I wish you all a Christmas full of peace and new hope.

David

KidZone is our after-school group for children who are in primary 4-7. We meet every Wednesday during the school term from 3pm – 4.15pm.

Each week has themed activities - week 1 is Lego, week 2 is art, week 3, sport and week 4 craft. The months that have five Wednesdays we have science. I have discovered this is not one of the talents I have been blessed with. 9 times out of 10 our experiments do not go as planned, however there is much delight

if they do...from me not the children! Other activities and board games are also laid out for the children to choose from, along with our new chill-out tent which is really popular with those who want to colour, read or have quiet time.

After a hard day at school the children are always hungry. Snack is provided with a choice of toast, biscuit, fruit and juice. Before moving on to our activities we have circle time where we listen to each other's news and stories. Over the last couple of months we've introduced 'Singing Space' with Vera, which we enjoy at the end of our session.

Extra KidZone sessions have been laid on during school holidays. Our most recent was in the Tattie holidays where we enjoyed a

morning of harvest themed activities before having lunch together.

I would like to thank all our KidZone families for their continued support. Also a huge thank you to all the volunteers who help me one way or another.

Blessings

Karen



Banff Poppy Project

It was back in February when someone first suggested the idea of a knitted poppy display to mark the centenary of the end of World War One, but with so much happening at the time it was put on the back burner for a few months. In the spring, the Busy Hands Group decided to make a knitted display. The idea of a cascade of poppies was suggested and so the Banff Poppy Project was launched.



In April, the first call for knitters went out on Facebook and in the Church Bulletin. Would we have enough volunteers? Could we knit enough poppies? How many would we actually need? Around the same time we also asked the Spotty Bag Shop if they would be willing to donate a few balls of wool for the project. They certainly were! And not just a few balls, but 1000 balls in total. We certainly had enough wool, too much in fact. We decided to share the wool with the Macduff Poppy Project since we knew they were also working on a poppy memorial.

Over the spring and summer poppies arrived at the church from every direction. Many came from Banff and King Edward, of course, but also from Fife, Aviemore, Whitehills, Portsoy and several other places. Men, women and children all joined in knitting and crocheting poppies.

The initial idea of a cascade grew to include a display of upcycled poppies. The Boys' Brigade and the Friendship group transformed used plastic bottles into striking red poppies. The children from Messy Church and KidZone painted pebbles for a pebble poppy. The finishing touch came in the shape of a soldier silhouette.

Stitching the poppies onto the net for the cascade was a far more onerous task than we had realised, but many hands make light work. Former servicemen, members of the community of Banff, Aberchirder, Whitehills, Macduff and Portsoy joined in with this stage of the project.

Originally, we planned to install the display early on the morning of Remembrance Day. Adric Ingleby, an ex-serviceman himself, had a better idea. He suggested installing a day earlier and he volunteered to 'stand guard' through the night. Twelve volunteers from the church offered to take turns pairing with Adric through the night. In the early hours of Sunday morning a

friendly face appeared with a flask of tea for the watchmen – a welcome surprise.

In the spring, we hoped that the display would provide a fitting focus for the Banff Churches Together Service of Remembrance. The poppy display certainly did that, but it was much more than that too. It became a focus for the whole community. Throughout Saturday and Sunday there was a steady stream of visitors. Each person had their own reason for coming to see the display. Many spoke about how the remembrance display was uniting the community. Here are some of the comments we heard or received:

“I painted some of the stone on that poppy at Messy Church, my name is on the back of the poppy for ever” – a P6-7 boy to his pals as they skate-boarded past the display.

“I wish my mum could see this, she knitted some of the poppies. Thank you so much for including her poppies in the display” – her mum passed away last month.

“I want to thank you for the beautiful remembrance display. My Grandparents were married in King Edward Parish and several generations of Hepburns are buried there as well. Thank all the contributors to the poppy display and express our Hepburn Appreciation from Canada” – on Facebook.

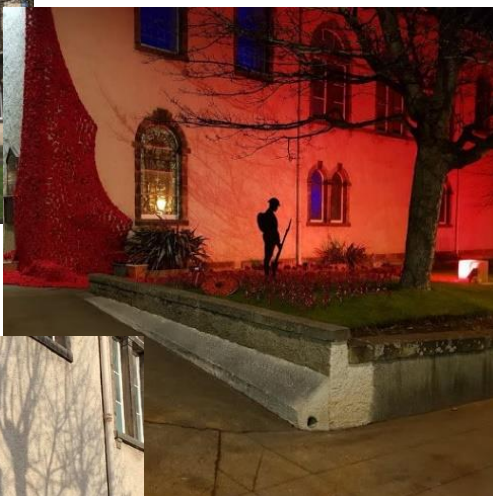
“Just wanted to say how nice your poppy display, with Tommy and poppy garden, beside the church were. I thought the way it had been laid-out was very moving and meaningful. Well done to your folk who prepared this.”



We are extremely grateful to Des Cheyne and the Spotty Bag shop staff for the donation of wool and to Barry Cheyne of Stuart Cheyne Bodyshop who painted the soldier.

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually who contributed to the Poppy Project. Something that started with a small team just grew and grew. It has been wonderful to work with so many people from the church, the community and even beyond the boundaries of

Banffshire and Aberdeenshire. Please know that we are truly grateful for your part in this display. It really was great to work alongside you on this act of remembrance.





King Edward Remembrance Service 2018

Sunday 11th November at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marked the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. To celebrate the primary sevens of King Edward School laid a poppy wreath at the war memorial at King Edward Church to end their learning context of World War 1.

Our project saw us knit near 500 poppies with the help of some volunteers from our community and some were sent to us from as far as Wales! The poppies were then made into a wreath and a display of them seemingly pouring out of the font was on display along with our pebble poppy wreath.



The collection at the Church door was for Poppy Scotland and the whole school are doing an Enterprise Project to raise more money for this worthwhile cause. The purple poppy in this photo represents the animals that died as part of the war.

We read out a poem about peace written by Gregor Smith as part of the Service.

Written by Beth Close, Charlie Gray, Jacob Mitchell, Jake Watson, Harry Gray and Emily Morgan.



Community Corner

Once again our churches have been busy working for and alongside our wider communities. Illustrated on the front cover are two small examples; read on for a little more detail.

Banff and Macduff Remember event at Banff Bridge.

Banff Parish Church worked alongside Macduff Parish Church and the River Church, Banff, to organise an evening commemoration on Banff Bridge of the centenary of the end of World War I for our local community. Hundreds of people attended from Banff, Macduff and the surrounding area. Thanks must go to many in our churches and community, not least Deveron FM who provided amplification and broadcast the service live, pupils from our primary schools and Academy who gave powerful readings, Banff Parish Church Choir who led singing, and bugler Lorna Christie. The cover photo shows people from both communities linking arms across the bridge, symbolising light and hope for the future, young and old together. To conclude the service two beacons were lit and Banff church bell rang out to coincide with national remembrance events. Thank you to all who helped make this a memorable and fitting community remembrance.

Defibrillator for King Edward

Well done to the King Edward hall committee who worked with another local charity to purchase and provide training for a life-saving defibrillator to be installed outside the King Edward Hall. More details and pictures in the next Bridge.

BANFF PARISH CHURCH GIFT AID CLAIMS

Our claim for recovering gift aid has been unavoidably delayed this year. Please bear with us while we work on the claims. We will endeavour to process the claims over the next two or three months.

Please get in touch if you have any concerns: Church Office 01261 818211 or email info@banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk

The Bridge Project

One of the many groups which meet in our hall is the Bridge Project which helps young adults with learning disabilities to become more independent. As the students came to the end of their course they volunteered at our Thursday afternoon Open Door café. They did a wonderful job serving and chatting to everyone. Many students have obtained placements in local and supermarket cafes and all are willing volunteers for any of our events so do keep them in mind.

The students had a wonderful graduation ceremony in the Church Hall and all family and friends were rightly proud of their achievements.

Here is some further information provided by the group.

The Bridge Project is an Aberdeenshire Council partnership between Day Services and The Employability Team working with adults with learning disabilities. It has been delivered in Ellon, Inverurie, Peterhead, Fraserburgh and currently Banff.

The workers in Banff are Denise Whyte Local Area Coordinator and Sarah Ball Employability Support Worker.

It is an individually designed project that is specifically aimed at individual's needs and expectations, to encourage and increase confidence and development of Employability Skills, Independent living skills, Healthy Living & Confidence to Cook, Independent travel, Increased engagement in the community and Widening social circles.

This has been done through an ASDAN Personal & Social Development certificated course.

This year's group meet weekly at the Deveronside Community Centre and Banff Parish Church undertaking a variety of workshops.

It is key to the success of the project to find venues and employers in the community filled with supportive and encouraging people who will be positive role models to our clients to support change and new skills being developed.

Bridge has worked with communities to develop and facilitate workshops achieving an Adult Achievement Award for their role in facilitating a conversation cafe in Fraserburgh last year.

The Bridge Project have found that local communities both encourage and support Bridge members to become more active and confident in their community and what it has to offer.

Everyone has benefitted from the project and some have gone on to volunteering and work placements in the local community.

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Looking for the perfect Christmas gift?

NEWSPAPER BAGS

We all like to take a wee gift, like a fancy piece, to a friend when we are visiting, but what do we carry it in?

I've found an answer whilst aiding someone else in the process –
NEWSPAPER BAGS!

The main objective of the scheme is to raise money to help provide education and shelter for the street children around Delhi train station. They create useful items like tote bags from old Indian newspapers.

They are distributed by:

New Overseas Traders

or BAFTS supplier – Telephone
01672 851 166

or www.theindiashop.co.uk



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Friday 14th December

King Edward Primary School 1.30pm in King Edward Church
Parents and members of the community are very welcome.

CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH Banff Church Hall at 5pm

Sunday 16th December

3rd Sunday of Advent focusing on LOVE

9.30am in King Edward - 11 am in Banff

Family Candlelit Service at 6.30 pm in Banff Parish Church Hall

Friday 21st December

Banff Primary School 9.30am in Banff Parish Church
Parents and members of the community are very welcome.

Sunday 23rd December

4th Sunday of Advent focusing on JOY

9.30am in King Edward - 11 am in Banff

Monday 24th December

King Edward Church 7pm (Informal Carol singing at 6.45 pm)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

JOIN US FOR TEA & MINCEMEAT PIES AFTER THE SERVICE

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE Banff Parish Church

11.15 pm Carol singing 11.30 Watchnight Service

Tuesday 25th December in Banff Church at 10 am

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE- short informal service for all

Sunday 30th December and Sunday 6th January

King Edward 9.30am Banff 11am Thoughts for ending and starting the year.

Sunday 13th January at 6.30pm

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

A special service for remembering loved ones at the start of the new year.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ANY OF OUR SERVICES AND EVENTS
WE WISH EVERYONE THE PEACE ONLY CHRISTMAS CAN BRING

On a personal note.....

(Notes from the diary of the Pastoral Assistant.)

Snow White's seven friends used to enjoy whistling while they worked. I enjoy singing! And I've had many opportunities to enjoy singing while I've worked recently – singing with children in school, in KidZone, and in the uniformed organisations; singing at services, including Care Home services where we enjoy singing old hymns.

Talking of old hymns, be sure to get a copy of the CD of old hymns our church choirs and friends from the congregations have recorded recently, with the help of Lynn and Bob from Deveron FM. An ideal Christmas gift, so be sure to get a copy (or two). It's called "Tell Me The Old, Old Story", and is available in both churches for a donation.

As if that's not enough singing, Lynn and Bob asked to record our choirs singing traditional Christmas carols for them to play on the radio in the run-up to Christmas. Be sure to tune in to Deveron FM and sing along, as we get ready to celebrate that old, old story of Jesus and His Love brought to us that first Christmas. Altogether now, one, two, three....

May you have a blessed Christmas.

Vera.

An insight into a traditional favourite...

Mince Pies, like Christmas Puddings, were originally filled with meat, such as lamb, rather than the dried fruit and spice mix as they are today. They were also first made in an oval shape to represent the manger that Jesus slept in as a baby, with the top representing his swaddling clothes. Sometimes they even had a 'pastry baby Jesus' on the top!

During the Stuart and Georgian times, in the UK, mince pies were a status symbol at Christmas. Very rich people liked to show off at their Christmas parties by having pies made in different shapes (like stars, crescents, hearts, tears, and flowers); the fancy shaped pies could often fit



together a bit like a jigsaw! They also looked like the 'knot gardens' that were popular during those periods. Having pies like this meant you were rich and could afford to employ the best, and most expensive, pastry cooks. Now they are normally made in a round shape and are eaten hot or cold.

A custom from the Middle Ages says that if you eat a mince pie on every day from Christmas to Twelfth Night (evening of the 5th January) you will have happiness for the next 12 months!

On Christmas Eve, children in the UK often leave out mince pies with brandy or some similar drink for Father Christmas, and a carrot for the reindeer.

From www.whychristmas.com

Fancy a change?

Why not try this vegetarian alternative to traditional mincemeat? Makes 24 mince pies when used with pastry made from 1lb. of flour.

- Take **one small cooking apple** and grate it (including the skin) into a large bowl.
- Melt **2oz. butter** and add it to the grated apple.
- Mix in the remaining ingredients: **3oz. sultanas, 3oz. raisins, 3oz. currants, 1½oz. chopped peel, grated zest of one lemon, ½ tsp. mixed spice, one tablespoon brandy** (or apple/orange juice), **3oz. soft brown sugar** and **one banana**, well mashed.
- Leave the flavours to develop while you prepare your pastry, then assemble your mince pies.

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• Thank you for the very warm welcome and continued support and constructive feedback. I wish you all a very happy Christmas.
• *Christine.*
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Puzzle Page

Here's a Christmas Quiz with 20 questions for you to try!

Answers on page 4.

1. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
2. How many Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus?
3. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?
4. What was the name of John the Baptist's Mother?
5. Who brings presents to children in Holland on the 5th/6th December?
6. How many letters are in the angelic alphabet?
7. In what town was Jesus born?
8. How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?
9. In what decade was the first Christmas Card sent in the UK?
10. What country did the family escape to?
11. How many of Rudolph's eight companions' names start with 'D'?
12. What country did Christmas Trees originate from?
13. Who was the 'King of the Jews' who ordered the babies to be killed?
14. What's the second line of "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"?
15. What was Joseph's job?
16. Who started the custom of Wassailing?
17. Who were first people to visit the baby Jesus?
18. What's lucky to find in your Christmas Pudding?
19. What Angel visited Mary?
20. Where did the baby Jesus sleep?



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 Frank Burnett, Macduff**
- Mr Charlie Masson, Macduff**
- Mr James Smith, Banff**
- Mr Michael McLennan, 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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## Ministry of Flowers

The Flower Group are very grateful to all who have donated to the flower list for this year. Those who receive the flowers are most appreciative and it is a good way to let people know that they are in the thoughts of the congregation. We are also very grateful to those who put donations in the Flower Box as this covers any extras that are needed for the arrangements. The Flower List for 2019 will be in church shortly for anyone who would like to add their name. Should someone have already put their name down for a date of your choice please speak to Pat and we can sort something out, we know that some dates are special to people and we have no problems with having two arrangements on the same day.

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| 2nd December  | Mrs Irene Tewnion    |
| 9th December  | Mrs Elizabeth Rennie |
| 16th December | Mr & Mrs T McLennan  |
| 23rd December | Mr Stephen Pratt     |
| 30th December | Mr & Mrs K Donald    |



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# **Banff and King Edward Parish Churches**

Banff Parish Church - Charity No. SC 015501

King Edward Parish Church - Charity No. SC 015077

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Messy Church

Fri. 14th December

5pm

Banff Church Hall



Please let us know of any events  
you would like advertised here  
by emailing  
**[TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com](mailto:TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com)**

## **Regular Activities**

### Weekly:

|                       |                      |             |                   |
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| 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    |
| F.I.T.T.              | 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 occasional breaks. For up-to-date information please check Facebook or the weekly bulletins.**