

The Bridge

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A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy.⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening".

1 Samuel 3:8-10

Dear friends in King Edward and Banff.

For those of you I have not yet met, please let me introduce myself; my name is Christine McWhirter. I am a student minister, currently undertaking my first practical ministry placement with Rev. David Locke supervising me.

I began my placement with David in September 2018 and have been gratefully overwhelmed by the warm welcome and continued support and encouragement from the congregations and communities in King Edward and Banff. I am learning a lot from David, Vera and the members of both congregations and communities.

As we have now started a new year, I have taken some time to reflect on memories from 2018 and the new chapters beginning in 2019.

It has been a joy for me to be part of several important events during my time in King Edward and Banff so far, including the various special 2018 Remembrance services, recording the Old, Old Story CD and the annual Memorial Service.

I have also experienced several challenges since starting my placement including leading full services myself in the King Edward and Banff churches and leading an assembly at King Edward primary school.

If we experienced ill health or bad news in 2018 then it can be good to try and leave some things behind, while holding on to what is good, and focus on the possibilities and challenges coming in 2019. I am particularly grateful to be leaving behind memories of sitting my first set of university theology exams in December last year!

One event some may be looking forward to is the joint service on 27th January for the baptism of Isaac Forrest Watson Locke – perhaps a challenge and a hope

for us all is to look outward to share others' special moments, not least the young?



When I was first starting my journey into training for the ministry, two scripture passages were particularly vivid in my mind. The first is from 1 Samuel 3 when God called Samuel and the second is from Luke 24 when Jesus walked with two disciples on the road to Emmaus. What particularly makes me smile about these two passages is the theme that Samuel and the disciples did not realise initially who was speaking to

them. It reminds me I need to be actively praying to speak to God and have an open mind to listen to what I am being called to do.

I find revisiting those two scripture passages at the start of a new year helps me to think about what I am trying to achieve in the year to come and to remember God is with me as I journey forward. It also helps me to question of myself; “what am I being called to do?” and; “how will I go about achieving that?”

As our lives move forward into 2019, we all face a variety of challenges and changes in our churches and in our personal lives. I hope we can all be open to welcoming and sharing joyful events in others around us. In all these things in life we can ask ourselves; are we listening for God calling for us? Are we opening our eyes and minds to what God wants of us at each stage of life?



I look forward to continuing to work and learn with you all as we journey into 2019.

Wishing you every peace and blessing,

Christine

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Defibrillator for King Edward

As promised in the last issue, we now have more details of the defibrillator recently installed in King Edward. The defibrillator was purchased with £700 raised by the hall committee plus other donations of £700. Prompt action saves lives when someone has a heart attack and the first few minutes before an ambulance arrives can be vital, so well done King Edward hall.

A number of other defibrillators are also available around Banff and Macduff; make sure to look out for them when you are out and about.

On Sunday 25th November, Sandra and Gordon McKandie officially commissioned a lifesaving **defibrillator at King Edward Community Hall.**

The funding of the defibrillator was achieved by King Edward Community Hall represented by Mrs. J. Pirie and Mrs. D. Ritchie, Mr. Duncan Gray, a local resident, representing Muirden Energy and “Keiran’s legacy” represented by Keiran’s parent’s Gordon and Sandra, who have campaigned tirelessly to raise



From left: Mrs. D. Ritchie, Gordon McKandie, Mrs. J. Pirie and Mr. Duncan Gray.

funds in his honour, to ensure more vital defibrillators are available to help increase the chances of survival for patients who find themselves in similar situations to Kieran. Keiran McKandie was 16 when he lost his life in March 2016, after a collision involving his bicycle and a car on the B9010 near Craigend in Moray. One example of “Keiran’s legacy” is the successful deployment of defibrillators in Police Scotland’s north-east division where

they have been used 39 times, with one instance proving vital in saving a 52-year-old man's life.

A Training Course organized by Keiran's legacy in the Hall on Monday and Tuesday 19th and 20th November was attended by around 20 local residents, who learned along with other technical details how the **Public can get access** to this facility. In an emergency, **call 999**, ask for the **ambulance service**, they retain a **code** for access to the yellow case containing the defibrillator, enter this code into the keypad and remove the defibrillator. The code is also available in the **Community Hall, Church, Primary school** and from the **Hall keeper** next door.



King Edward Volunteers with Trainer Yvonne Murray

Christmas Card Sales

Thank you to all those generous people who supported the Christmas Card sales 2018. Total funds collected (sales and donations) amounted to £273.50 to be credited to the Church General Fund.

Keith Donald

Keeping Connected!

Communications Group

At the start of the new year we've been encouraged in a number of services to be open – to new challenges, new opportunities and new people. One way of doing this is by connecting with people in different ways, and as it's a year since the re-launch of the church website, we thought we would remind everyone of what's on it!

The church website is a great place to go if you're looking for a new way to connect with people this year. The **Activities** page has brief details of all the groups that meet within the church, what they do and when they meet. **What's On** gives a weekly overview and **Community** has links to some of the other local groups that we are involved with.

If you're wanting to introduce someone new to the church and they are not sure what it involves, then the **Worship** page has details of our usual services plus a helpful guide on what to expect. Plus there is a helpful page dedicated to **The Bridge** magazine, in case you have mislaid your copy!

One of the most exciting parts of the website is the ability to submit requests for prayer or **pastoral care** via an online form. Sometimes it is hard to ask for help face-to-face, so this form allows you to request prayer support in a low-key way. It's also a great way for people in the wider community to ask for help from the church without having to overcome the barriers they might feel in coming to a service. Please do let friends and neighbours know about it, especially if they seem to be going through a rough patch.

Of course, the website is only one of the ways in which our churches are trying to connect with people! This magazine is one of the other ways and the editorial team are keen to get feedback on how effective it is, so please have a think over the next few weeks about what you would like your church magazine to look like. The weekly news **bulletin** is another way and a few people pass their bulletin to others when they have finished with it; how else could we share our weekly notices with the community?

If you want up-to-the-minute news about church activities then **Facebook** is often the best place to go, and that's what many of the young families associated with our church do. However there is always room for improvement and we as the Communications Group are always looking for ways to improve the way we as a church communicate, both within the church and with the wider community. Please do let someone know if you have any ideas, although lack of time and people can mean it takes us a while to implement new suggestions!

Although I would like to begin by wishing everyone “A Happy New Year” I recognise that many of us will face difficult times in the coming months whether through old age, illness or other challenges. At our most recent Kirk Session meeting, David reminded us all that, even in difficult times, we can find peace and joy in Jesus Christ and I pray that will be your experience this year. David also highlighted the example of Euodia and Syntyche from the book of Philippians and encouraged us all to work peacefully together.

When we work together, amazing things can happen. A good example would be some of our Remembrance Day activities. The beautiful and moving poppy display outside our church was greatly admired and appreciated and provided a focus for reflection and prayer for church goers and those who have no church connection. It only happened because a large number of people committed to working together collaboratively and so it brought hope and comfort to many more people.

The Banff and Macduff Remember Service at the Bridge on the evening of Sunday 11th November was the culmination of a great deal of joint work involving ourselves, the River Church and Macduff Parish Church and it too was a blessing to many in our community.

Since that evening a small group has been looking at other events where we could bring our communities together. On Saturday 2nd March, it is planned to have a Big Quiz in Macduff’s Market Street Hall to raise funds for Tearfund as well as to create an opportunity for people to come together. There will be more information coming out shortly but do consider keeping the date free and getting your friends to form a team of four.

It is also planned to have a Big Church Picnic at Duff House on Saturday 6th July and again more details will be available soon but pencil it in your diary now.

Under the same heading of working together and reaching out, the Kirk Session heard from Mrs Karen Smith, New Pathway Co-ordinator, who explained the mentoring scheme being implemented at Banff Academy. She encouraged Kirk Session and church members to consider volunteering for an hour a week to help individual pupils develop confidence and self-esteem. Training and support

are given to all volunteers. There are leaflets at the back of the church which provide a bit more detail.

The Kirk Session Conference is scheduled for Sunday 20th January where we will be looking at our priorities for 2019. I will report back on our thoughts and discussions but in the meantime if you have ideas on what we should be doing, please get in touch with me.

Finally, the Kirk Session was delighted to approve the request to have a joint service with King Edward for the baptism of Isaac Locke. We give thanks that Isaac arrived safely in October and we look forward to seeing him grow and develop with the prayerful support of us all.

Thank you!

Stewardship of Talents Group

In October, as planned, the choirs of Banff Parish Church and King Edward Church came together to record this CD of well-known hymns, many familiar to a certain generation. The CD was successfully recorded at the church in Banff one Sunday evening with the support of Stephen, our organist. The Stewardship of Talents group would like to say thank you so very much to the members of our congregations who also came along to lend their voices to the recording. Thank you for responding to our appeal in the Bridge. Your support was greatly appreciated by all involved. The recording has proved popular, especially so in local care homes where it will continue to bring back happy memories by encouraging everyone to sing along.

We are also very grateful to Bob and Lynn from Deveron FM for all their support and technical expertise. They spent considerable time getting things just right and they were so patient. All this in addition to joining us on several different occasions on Thursday evenings, carefully trying to achieve the best sound possible. The Stewardship of Talents Group are very grateful for all your efforts which allowed us to make an idea a reality. Undoubtedly the recipients of the CD will enjoy the fruits of your labours. Thank you so much!

Fancy a challenge?

CrossReach, the social care arm of the Church of Scotland, have launched a Christmas Card competition. All ages can enter and the deadline for entries is 1st April. For more details see below.

Design a CrossReach Christmas Card for 2019

We will print the winning entry as a card and sell it through the CrossReach Christmas Card & Calendar Collection 2019 catalogue and website. The Winner will receive a certificate and a supply of their winning design as printed Christmas Cards.

Competition Guidelines

- › The card must be an original design
- › Submit your card design on a sheet of paper/card no larger than A3 size
- › Computer generated designs must be original and printed out as a hard copy
- › Avoid textures, 3D effects or metallic colours, which can be difficult to reproduce in print
- › You can suggest a Greeting and/or Bible verse for your design
- › Please enclose an appropriate stamped addressed envelope if you wish your design(s) returned to you

The competition is open to all supporters of CrossReach of any age.

Remember to write the name of the person or group who designed the card, age (if age 16 or under) and a contact person's name, address and telephone number on the back of each entry.

While copyright of all entries remains with the entrants, by submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to grant an irrevocable, perpetual and worldwide licence to CrossReach Trading Ltd and CrossReach (as the parent company) to use it for the purpose of their Christmas cards and any promotional material.

Closing date: Monday 1st April 2019

Send your entry to:

**Christmas Card Competition
CrossReach, 47 Milton Road East,
Edinburgh, EH15 2SR**



Thank you

To the congregation and community of King Edward, a very big 'Thank you' for the very generous gifts I received from you all on Sunday 23rd December. I was overwhelmed by everyone's attendance there at the presentation. As I said then, I have been at King Edward for a long time and have thoroughly enjoyed being your organist. Many happy memories to keep.

Eleanor Wilson.



Eleanor and family with members of the congregation at her presentation.

Eleanor was responding to the presentation made by King Edward following her retirement after many years of inspiring and dedicated service as church organist and choir leader, as Junior Choir leader, school music leader and so much more. Many thanks Eleanor.

The church is pleased that Stephen Pratt has now accepted and been appointed as Eleanor's successor in addition to continuing his work at Banff.

Did you know?

Hall-keeping Team

I wonder how many of our readers realise how much Banff Church hall is used by members of our community.

On Mondays during term time we have The Mary Aiken Dance School meeting in our main hall.



Downstairs in the lower hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays we add a musical element as The Deveron River Brass rehearse their pieces. On Saturday mornings lessons are given to interested youngsters.

Also on Tuesday mornings between 10 and 11.30 Tots & Teas meet. This is always a busy time with lots of interesting toys, games and stories. Tots & Teas also meet on Wednesdays from 1.15 to 2.45pm.

For older children in P4-P7 we have KidZone, our after-school club, on Wednesdays from 3.00 until 4.15pm. Again there are lots of different activities for the children – Lego, games, arts and crafts – ending with a sing-along.

Don't let us forget the adults! Every first and third Tuesday the Friendship Group meets with a varied programme of speakers and in-house activities. On Thursday afternoons we have Coffee at Kirk Café which is open to everyone and is run as a drop-in space between 2-4pm so is ideal for anyone who wishes to catch-up with friends or to hold that all important meeting!

Thursday evenings we have our own choir rehearsing for the Sunday service. All welcome!!



The last Thursday of the month is Book Club at 2.30pm. Over the last couple of years we have read numerous books from all genres. Some have been enjoyed more than others, but all have initiated lively discussions. We usually end the conversation by putting the world to rights!

Finally, on the last Saturday of the month from 10.00 to 12.00 our Busy Hands group meet and this does just what it says. Hands are busy knitting, sewing and crafting while tongues are kept busy too!

Other activities in the lower hall include a monthly meeting of the Epilepsy Committee. The Alcohol Anonymous group meet there weekly on Saturday afternoons and Kirk Session monthly on Wednesday evenings.

Some of you might be saying “what about Fridays?” but no worries: every five or six weeks Messy Church fills



our hall with many families from our local communities for an evening of worship, fun, and food.

We have also had the pleasure of hosting the Bridge Group which you may have read about in previous editions. This group of young adults with learning difficulties used the main hall and kitchen to improve their cooking and social skills and hopefully a new group of young people will be using our facilities again at the end of March. Meanwhile the present group are still meeting on Mondays in the lower hall to consolidate their achievements of the previous year.

Think that's all for now but keep an eye open for all the coffee mornings, afternoon teas and concerts that crop up throughout the year.

Everyone is welcome at all the activities in our halls so please join us on any day of the week. If you know of a group who would like to use our space please ask them to contact the Hall-keeping Team via the Church Office on 818211.

King Edward man conquers America!

Cliff Pirie

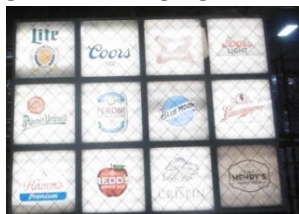
Fed up with the winter weather? Needing inspiration for a summer break? Last year Cliff Pirie embarked on an epic tour of the U.S.A. Here, he shares some of the highlights with us.



The main issue at the start of the trip from West Virginia, travelling through Pennsylvania and onto Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, was dealing with the differences – driving on the wrong side of the road – the steering wheel was at the left side – and the traffic light system (on the red light you can drive and turn right if the road is clear, in some States)! There were different animals from in the U.K., and it is a driving offense to hit a buffalo as they have the freedom to roam in some States. We also saw other animals including chipmunks, groundhogs and elks as well as several larger herds of Aberdeen Angus.



We stopped along the way to visit landmarks we were interested in, but some of these sites have very large advertising signs.



The sites we visited – the Harley Davidson site and the Minnesota State Capital



building – were very impressive, but the sight that made a lasting impression on me was the Badlands – it feels like you have stepped into a different world.



The Devil's Tower and the area known as "The Badlands" – the sheer size, the sense of endlessness and changelessness – it's difficult to express how they affected me. The name Devil's Tower originated in 1875 when Colonel Richard Irving Dodge, an interpreter, misinterpreted a native name to mean "Bad God's Tower". Native American names for the monolith include: "Bear's Tipi" or "Bear's Lair". According to the Native American tribes a group of girls went out to play and were spotted by several giant bears, which began to chase them. In an effort to escape the bears, the girls climbed atop a rock, fell to their knees, and prayed to the Great Spirit to save them. Hearing their prayers, the Great Spirit made the rock rise from the ground towards the heavens so that the bears could not reach the girls. The bears, in an effort to climb the rock, left deep claw marks in the sides, which had become too steep to climb. Experts are predicting a large earthquake in the near future, in the badlands which cover a large area.



I was struck by the effects of weather on the landscape. Wind, rain, ice etc. over the centuries erodes the ground as shown in the photo. The land changes and forms fertile ground beside the stream at the bottom.



The “Mount Rushmore” site was the work of miners over the years (sorry but could not control the weather and this is the best photo we managed as occasionally it closed in and we could not see anything). The site is still progressing. The scale model of “Crazy Horse” is 1/34th of intended size (due to be completed 2078).

The golden spike was the final spike in the construction of the First Transcontinental Railroad across the United States connecting the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads on May 10, 1869. The photo below is of a re-enactment of the placing of the golden spike.



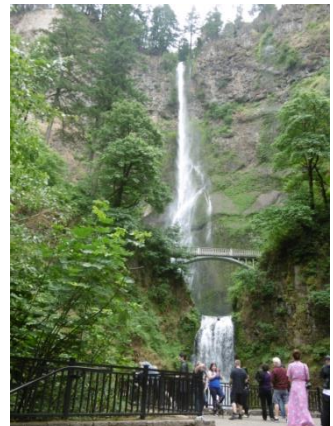
The engines were spotless and all done by volunteers (not a Health and Safety officer in sight, we were allowed close to models and exhibits); maybe we can learn from them! The Oregon Trail is a 2,170 mile historic East–West, large-wheeled wagon route in the United States that connected the Missouri River to valleys in Oregon. The eastern part of the Oregon Trail spanned part of the future state of Kansas, and nearly all of what are now the states of Nebraska and Wyoming. The western half of the trail spanned most of the future states of Idaho and Oregon. The eastern half of the trail was also used by travellers on the California Trail and the photo shows the split: straight on for the West and Oregon or left for the South and California. The photo on the right is a view of Benson Bridge with the upper cascade of Multnomah Falls behind. The bridge sits 150 feet above the lower cascade.



The small, deep pool between the two tiers of Multnomah Falls (see photo below) was a swimming hole until Labour Day 1995, when a 400 ton boulder, loosened by erosion, separated from the basaltic cliff side and fell more than 200 feet into the upper cascade pool above Benson Bridge. The boulder drop caused a 70-foot wall of water and gravel to splash over the bridge. A sign near the waterfall says the rock was the size of a school bus. At the time, a wedding party was standing on the bridge posing for pictures, and twenty received minor injuries.

Other states we visited included Iowa, Minnesota, S. Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Utah and Oregon. A total of 13 days to travel 4874 miles at a cost of \$784 dollars – less than 3 dollars per gallon!

Next time (!) I would travel by car and use hotels which would be cheaper and more comfortable. There are many other memories like the Indian ladies dress and the Evel Knievel site which was the only site where the locals were not very friendly or made us very welcome.



End of the trip: Gerry in Pacific Ocean - Astoria, Oregon,

Cliff is considering showing his photos and giving a talk about his USA trip – anyone interested?

Academy Chaplaincy report

David Locke

Banff Parish Church, along with the River Church Banff, Macduff Parish Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and OLMC Roman Catholic Church, is part of the Chaplaincy Team working alongside staff at Banff Academy to seek ways in which we can support young people there.

Initially we were involved in presenting assemblies at the end of each term. We are also invited to attend termly multi-agency meetings where school guidance staff meet with police etc. to seek solutions to issues; and chaplains, with our knowledge of community, can make some helpful input.

The Headteacher has been very encouraging to church and chaplaincy involvement, partly seeing us and our congregations – you! – as providing helpful links to the community. Recently our relationship has developed further and following various presentations, Karen Smith, daughter of Hughie Gordon, who runs a mentoring scheme at the Academy for pupils, came to the Kirk Session to seek more mentors from within the church. It's not a major time commitment for any individual – one hour a week – but it can make a real difference – and already some in our congregation have expressed interest.

We have also been involved in giving mock interviews to some pupils to give them useful experience for facing university interviews. We also met with a group of enterprising pupils who are planning a tea dance in the Spring aimed at helping older or vulnerable people in the community feel more included.

The Academy has particularly appreciated pupil involvement in our annual Remembrance Services and in this year's special WWI Remembrance, and how the churches helped lead the community in these events.

At the moment each Chaplain has responsibility for a particular School House – mine is Crovie House – but that may change as we explore different ways school and church can co-operate and be mutually helpful; one guidance teacher has suggested that pupils could in the summer term happily come and help some of our organisation's events for e.g. work experience. We are exploring further opportunities to support pupils; if anyone has ideas or wants to help, do let us know.

It is heartening how our church is being welcomed to play a part in the life of the school and to help our Academy in its upwards path. We have indeed seen a great strengthening in spirit and achievement at the Academy, to the point it was recognised as one of the most improved schools in Scotland.

Community Corner

Presentation of Banff Quaich to local elder.



If you look closely at these pictures, you may recognise the familiar faces of Banff Parish Church elder, Ian Cameron, and his wife Mary. Ian was recently presented with the Banff Quaich by Councillor Mike Roy on behalf of Banff and Macduff Community Council.

The quaich, which was originally donated by Banff Churches Together, is for outstanding voluntary service in the community. Mike Roy spoke about how Ian had done exactly that in helping shape thousands of boys over the years for the better, through his outstanding work in leading the Boys Brigade here in Banff.

Also presented at the meeting in Macduff Town hall was the MacDuff Quaich which went to Mrs. Mary Duguid for her services to the safety of children.

Thanks and congratulations to both recipients.



Scottish Food Banks – a little background information

This time of year can be difficult for many people as the colder weather can mean increased heating costs, and bills for items put on credit cards before Christmas fall due. With this in mind Margaret Henderson, who has been involved with Banff Churches Together, has put together the following information for us.

Data on food bank usage is not collected centrally by the Government. The Trussell Trust is the largest food bank provider and has been reporting a sharp escalation in demand over the last few years. This increase in demand has also been recognised by other organisations such as Citizen's Advice Bureaux, the British Red Cross, Church Action on Poverty and Oxfam.

There are many reasons for food bank usage e.g. benefit delays, benefit changes, low income, debt or unemployment. Individual situations vary. While our politicians argue about these reasons, usage continues to grow.

Many of us are unaware of the true level of food bank usage in the U.K. In addition to those recorded by the Trussell Trust, there is a range of other, smaller, local community food banks, like the one here in Banff. Our local food bank is run by Banff Churches Together, a group which involves volunteers from each of the Christian churches in Banff working together to serve our community. For further information, visit us on Facebook at Banff Food Bank - Home/Facebook.

If you would like to donate to the Banff Churches Together food bank, a collection box is available at the back of the church. A collection point is also available in Tesco. If you would like to volunteer to help with the food bank, speak to Tom McLennan.

Want some ideas about how to share your faith with the next generation? Read on...

Bible Reading Fellowship, who publish the *Upper Room* daily readings used by some in our churches, have published a *Parenting for Faith* course.

Who is it for?

Anyone! Parents, grandparents, godparents, aunties, uncles, friends...anyone that wants to help a child they know get to know Jesus better.

What's involved?

There are eight videos that can be watched as part as a group or online at any time. There are also some questions to help reflect which again can be worked through individually or as a group, face-to-face or online.

Why Banff and King Edward?

A couple of people in our congregations are interested in watching the videos and working through the discussion questions. If you'd like to know more or want to be kept informed, please speak to David or Marie Locke.

On a personal note.....

(Notes from the diary of the Pastoral Assistant.)



Of all the gifts I received this Christmas, one of my favourites has got to be a “life-changing loo”. No, I haven’t had a bathroom upgrade, but someone living in poverty in some other part of the world has – or rather, through this Oxfam gift I was given, some community, school, or home has been given life-saving, life-changing clean water and a much-needed toilet.

It’s estimated that 2.3 billion people in the world don’t have a loo. This means that, in poor communities, many teenage girls drop out of school because of lack of proper toilets. Women and girls are vulnerable to being bitten by snakes, or being attacked, when they go to the toilet in the bush. Every two minutes, a child under the age of five dies because of dirty water or poor sanitation.

Through donations to organisations like Oxfam, or Tearfund’s Toilet Twinning scheme, we can enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, basic sanitation, and to learn about hygiene education.

As someone who grew up in the days of outside toilets and no hot running water, I appreciate the “luxury” these days of our decent sanitation, and I’m entering this new year with the desire to do more for those living with such basic hygiene needs. Do you have a similar cause in mind this year, where we’d want to do for others what we’d want done for us? Perhaps we should act before our resolve disappears down the plughole!

Happy new year!

Vera.

The deadline for the April/May issue of the Bridge is 5pm on Thursday 21st March. Please send your contributions to
TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com

Puzzle Page

Lent this year starts on 6th March. Use this word search to help remind you what it's all about!

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



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. Jane Ann (Dolly) Smith, Banff
Mr. Charlie (William) Alexander, 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 are delighted to welcome into our Church family by baptism:*

**Master Isaac Forrest Watson Locke**

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Ministry of Flowers

The Flower List for 2019 is available in church for anyone who would like to add their name; there are plenty of spaces left. 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.

The Flower Group are extremely grateful to all who donate for the flowers on a Sunday or put donations in the Flower Box. 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.

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please consult a printed copy in the church or contact the
church office.***

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

Boys' Brigade Coffee Morning

Sat. 2nd Feb.

10am-12pm

BB Hall



Please let us know of any events
you would like advertised here
by emailing
TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com

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
F.I.T.T.	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7pm	The Manse
Midweek Service	4th Tuesday	2.30pm	Banff Care Home
Book Club	Last Thurs. of month	2.30pm	Banff Church Hall
Busy Hands	Last Sat. of month	10am	Banff Church Hall

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