

The Bridge

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Dear Friends in King Edward and Banff.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. What should we do? Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized. in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. [Acts 2]

Welcome to our new Bridge edition; our thanks to Janet Simpson for 19 years of service as Bridge editor- amazing! And thank you to the new Bridge team; already we can maybe see slight differences. One is that they are calling themselves a team; it probably takes a team to take over from Janet and all she did. We also thank Trevor Leuty for many years of faithful service as Banff Church Treasurer, and for the many other ways he has helped the church along with his wife Jean. We wish them well as they move on to pastures new, and again we hope to have a team for the Treasurer tasks in the future. **Teamwork seems to be the way forward for the church** for we have fewer individuals to do all the tasks that need to be done. Please be part of the team and keep sending in stories, news, pictures etc., about church, community, life; and do praise our new team, rather than criticise inevitable mistakes.

Inside you will see details about **the stewardship programmes** run by both churches. The focus of the programmes has been similar in highlighting how important our churches still can be to our community and how **in sharing, caring and giving of ourselves together through church we can all make a real difference.** King Edward's programme is to come shortly and emphasises more a farming theme, of how we can all sow seeds through the church for our community's future. For our community needs people **to sow seeds of spirit by caring sharing and giving together.**



Sunday 20th May was Pentecost Sunday when we thought more about how we can open up to the spirit that we and our community need. It was a life changing day in many ways, for the followers of Jesus found new hope, and spirit, like a flame in their hearts, a wind blowing through them, giving them new courage, inner peace and openness to other people. And inspired by that spirit, Peter, who had previously denied Jesus publicly out of fear, stood up publicly and spoke about how God had promised He would pour out His Spirit on all people, and that young and old would be able to have new visions and dreams of hope.



We were helped in Banff on Pentecost Sunday, by sharing with Mark Ball who was baptised as a member of the church: Mark spoke sincerely of how he has valued the spirit of acceptance he has found in the church and the power of prayer in his daily life. At the end of our service, children who had been in Sunday club rejoined us, having made signs of the Spirit with flags and balloons. They paraded through the church as we all sang together and helped lift all our spirits! It's a good sign of how the Spirit can come and touch us all, come into our midst as we let others in, as we share together; the spirit at work in real ways when people open up and share together across the ages.

Do you ever yearn for more spirit? Well we learn from Pentecost that it needs us to be humble enough to open up again to Jesus, and also to keep sharing together wherever we can, for the Spirit comes especially as we live and work together serving others. **Jesus does not promise an easy life** nor that even in church things will be plain sailing. It's been a difficult time for some in our churches due to health, work, personal problems, and yes sometimes even pressures within the church. How do we get through? Well we look to Jesus and see how he does not promise that all will suddenly be perfect for us here, **but does promise the help of His Spirit that can give us strength to get through** whatever we face in the way He did. For the Spirit of Jesus is the Spirit we saw in his journey all the way to the cross and beyond, through life's trials, and yet shine out in new ways for others. Our challenge is to open up more to that Spirit, for we so easily don't! Open up in prayer, open up in gathering together when we can, open up in letting others in; open up to fresh starts being possible.

Perhaps an example was in the recent Royal wedding of Harry and Meghan which seemed to inspire many; as did the American bishop who spoke about the dreams we can have to change our world, when the fiery spirit of love, the spirit of Jesus, leads the way. The wedding was perhaps not only a fresh start for the couple but also in some ways for the royal family, adopting new ways, new openness to others. That spirit, that possibility of fresh starts, is there for us all, and can help us through trials, even have dreams of a better way forward. What must we do? Turn again and have the humility to open up anew to the Spirit and to others, supporting the church care, share and serve together, and in doing so, share the Spirit of hope with others.

David

King Edward successes!

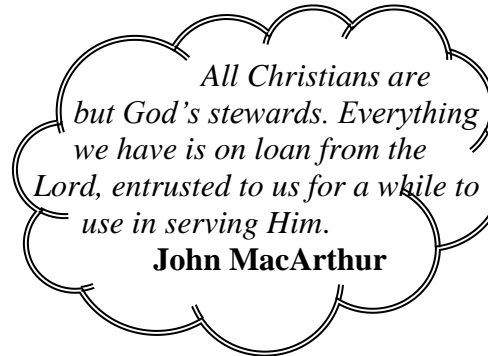
It was the Turriff Group Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) Bulb Show on Saturday 10th March with the theme of the Inter Institute Competition, "Take Two



Colours." King Edward chose black and white which provided a striking display and won Second Prize. Several prizes were also won in individual categories so well done King Edward ladies.

As well as a 2nd prize at Turriff Group Bulb Show, the B.C. Ferguson Trophy was won by Eva Collins. The theme this year was a

"Bracelet in any Craft". Eva was the first winner of this trophy in the history of King Edward, this reflects the standard of work all the King Edward SWI achieved.



John MacArthur



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Banff Parish Church see RED!



The Busy Hands Group have launched their 'Knit-a-Poppy' campaign which will run until the end of September. This is a church and community project to commemorate the centenary of the First World War; we hope to have enough poppies to create a cascade of poppies in or outside the church.

Can you help us again this year...needles ready?

Following on from our popular 24 hour knit-a-thon last year when we knitted blankets for Chalmers Hospital, we hope that as many people as possible from Banff and beyond will grab their needles and knit (or crochet) poppies with us.

We are encouraging those making a poppy to have their work sponsored for £1 a poppy (optional) with all donations going to the Earl Haigh Poppy Appeal.

Can you help? Would you like to make a few poppies? Or could you sponsor some poppies or even donate wool?



Banff Parish Church Busy Hands Group...knitting together with and for the community.

***Busy Hands** is an opportunity to socialise with others who enjoy keeping their hands busy whilst they chat! Bring along whatever you are working on, knitting, crochet, sewing...whatever! We meet on the last Saturday of most months at 10am in Banff Church Hall. It would be great to see you there. Tea and coffee are provided.*

Please use your own pattern if you prefer. We are happy to receive different styles and sizes of poppies.

Poppy 1

A pair of 4mm needles and red wool

A small black button

Cast on 60 sts using 4mm needles and DK red yarn.

Rows 1-8 (K2, P2) to end.

Row 9 (K2tog) to end. [30 sts]

Row 10 (S2kpo) to end. [10 sts]

Break off yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining 10 sts and pull tight, then fasten off yarn.

Join the edges of the poppy together and sew the black button in the centre of the poppy.

Poppy 2

A pair of 4mm needles and red wool

A small black button

Cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1-4 Knit.

Row 5 knit 3 together to end of row.

Rows 6-9 knit.

Row 10 Knit 2 together to end.

Rows 11-14 knit.

Row 15 knit 2 together to end.

Cut wool leaving tail to pull through remaining stitches and tie off.

Sew button in centre.

All Stitched Up!

Those in our Busy Hands Group are kept busy knitting squares to make blankets for people in Chalmers Hospital and Doo'cot View. These blankets are greatly appreciated.

Would you be willing to help by stitching some squares together to make the blankets? This could even be done in the comfort of your own home.

If this is something you could help with, please contact Roseanna Youngson (Tel. 01261 833329) for more information.

THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Banff Parish Church Fellowship Group held their first Monthly Lunch on 6th January 2000, Betty Taylor (Andy's wife) being the first co-ordinator. Included in the Fellowship Group were Jean Kinghorn, Ruth Gatt, Alice Hay, Hazel Gordon and Rosie Blanchard. Monthly Lunches have always been held on the first Thursday of the month except for July and August. Our first profit banked was £2.12p.

In August we hold an afternoon tea on the first Wednesday. We also hold a Fellowship Supper in September and a Christmas Meal in December.



The format of the Monthly Lunches has changed over the years. In the beginning, after lunch, a short service of worship was held with a variety of members of the community and the church leading. After the service we enjoyed the CAMEO Club (come along and meet each other); an afternoon of light entertainment or talks from the likes of Vera, Jim Givan (Macduff) and Dr. Anderson.

In 2007 Betty retired and Rosie took over as co-ordinator. The CAMEO Club finished at this time along with the after-lunch service.

We have always served a happy crowd, with good fellowship for anyone in the community whilst also making funds for the Church. Currently, we just hold the lunch of soups and sweets; everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you in the Church Hall.

Banff Stewardship – The story so far...

Jim Buchan

So the stewardship programme has concluded. What was the outcome?

Before I address that question, I would like to set out the wider context.

In agreeing to run the programme, Elders invested considerable time and energy in assessing what our Church is, and what it does - guided, perhaps, by a worship song that opened a key Kirk Session meeting:

*The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
Knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
To live and to share out the good news of God.*

*The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
Where all are forgiven and start once again,
Where all are accepted, whatever their background,
Whatever their past and whatever their pain.*

*The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
To reach out and touch folk wherever they are --
Conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
To challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.*

*The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
Knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.
The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying
To live and to share out the good news of God.*

– Carol Rose Ikeler

The Stewardship Planning Group, with the invaluable support of the Church of Scotland Stewardship Consultant, Fiona Penny, duly took up its remit, and put the programme together. Now, it was inescapable that this was to be a “stewardship of money” programme. The most casual of glances at our annual accounts confirms that the Kirk's general account has run at a deficit for some time. So that was, as it were, a punch that the Planning Group was never going to pull. However, a Stewardship Programme has a far broader purpose than an appeal for funds.

To borrow the words of the hymn author, the Group set out “to reach out and touch folk wherever they are ... to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.” After extensive discussion, and prayerful consideration, the Group arrived at the now-familiar wording: Sharing, Caring, Giving; Faith in our Community. This was, and is, far, far more than a mere motto or slogan. It sets out the core message, of

informing and exciting our Church Family about all the activities we carry out – both inside and outside our walls. It inspired and informed the whole range of activities that made up the programme – particularly the information pack distributed at the special events.

The programme itself focused on this series of events in the Hall, attended by around 120 members of our Church Family (over and above the able and energetic team of organisers). The “buzz” generated at these was truly inspiring. There was a genuine atmosphere of engagement, which made all the hard work worthwhile.

Returning, then, to the question I posed at the start: what was the outcome?

The suggestion board yielded a list of comprehensive, useful and constructive suggestions. Some helpful comments on how the Stated Annual Meeting could be improved have already been implemented. The remainder are on the Kirk Session’s agenda, to be worked through over the next series of meetings.

There were 186 responses, yielding:

- 28 new Gift Aid declarations;
- 30 new Standing Orders;
- 8 new weekly freewill envelopes; and
- a number of one-off donations, totalling nearly £9,000

In conclusion, I think the programme has fulfilled its purpose. Our Church wants to continue – indeed extend – all the good things that we do, as outlined in the brochure. Our Church Family is now in a better position to share that vision, through stewardship of our time, talents and money.

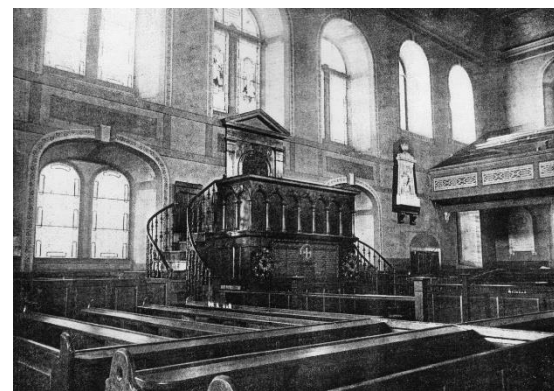
In closing, many thanks to the planning group, and to all others – too numerous to mention individually (but they know who they are) whose dedication and energies made the stewardship programme happen.

Finally, thank-you to all who received our visitors, attended the special events and responded to the programme.



Church Changes?

Nothing stands still, and our Church building is no exception. The present Parish Church building was built in 1789-90. The spire was added about 1839 and contained a bell – a significant change to the outside of the building. Inside the Church four iconic columns supported the galleries which formed the side of an octagon. The original pulpit was on the south wall. The Church was renovated in 1877 when the pulpit was altered and a harmonium introduced. Five stained glass windows were also inserted in the south wall – a major innovation!



Banff Parish Church prior to the 1930s

1927 saw major changes which were again quite revolutionary. Thanks to the generosity of the Misses Martin a chancel and apse, an organ chamber and vestry were all added to the building. Another three stained glass windows were inserted in the new chancel and the position of the pulpit was changed.

Other changes within the building were made when several rows of pews were removed at the back of the church to accommodate furniture from Trinity and Alvah Parish Church. This also created an open space where members of the congregation can gather before and after the service. Later more pews were removed in the middle of the church to allow people with wheelchairs and pushchairs to sit comfortably and to ensure a safe exit in case of emergency.

Perhaps there will be more changes to our building in the future but one thing we can be sure of is that there will be no change in the continuing love of Our Lord Jesus Christ for all who worship there.

(This information was extracted from “Banff Parish Church, A Brief History”. More information is available at www.banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk)

Messy Church: the Royal Wedding comes to Banff!

Messy Church is for all ages. It is a way of being church which is particularly suited to families, but is welcoming to people of all ages from 0-100 years old! It takes place in more than 30 countries worldwide and gets about 500,000 people involved each month.

Our own Messy Church meets every 4-6 weeks in the hall from 5pm. We have new themes each session, which relate to the bible. So far this year we've 'done' Love and Easter, as well as our most recent wedding theme. We start off with crafts, then worship followed by a meal together. We have anything between 40 and 70 adults and children attending.

The theme for our most recent Messy Church was prompted by the royal wedding and was tied to Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding as an example of how He blesses couples. The crafts were related to this theme of change and blessing. For example, white paper was marbled and then made into multi-coloured flags, and food colouring was added to rice in bottles to change the colour like the wine. Children also made eternity rings. Everyone then went through to Church and David explained how weddings happen in church, with everyone parading in twos down the aisle. There was then a pretend mass wedding ceremony, with singing of 'give us oil in our lamps'; and all paraded out in twos to the grand music

of 'one more step along the world we go'. This turned out to be a good way of helping the adults participate in worship in church as well as the children! All then went back to the hall for 'wedding feast' – our normal delicious Messy Church meal together, this time an offering of



Our Messy Church families pose for their wedding photographs!

sausages, chips, beans and macaroni cheese; something Windsor castle could not match! Beforehand Moira said grace. A good time was had by all and it was good to introduce families to how, in time, they could have weddings in our church

Our next Messy Church is on the 15th June at Duff House (weather permitting) for a BBQ.

Off to Tanzania!

When my son, Mason, and his friend, Aiden, said they were going to Africa to build houses for unfortunate families and we needed to raise £2,800 I was overwhelmed! How could we possibly ask people to donate such a huge amount???

Over the past year we have done small fund-raising things such as a craft fair and sold lucky squares but our deadline was approaching and we were still £700 short. That is when I happened to mention to Rev. Locke that I was thinking about holding a soup and sweet but as we hadn't done one before we were unsure where to start, that's when Banff Parish Church and the congregation stepped in!!

Members of the church flooded in with tips, donations and advice on how to make this a success...and it was a huge success. The Church Hall was a perfect setting to hold our soup and sweet and was still beautifully decorated from Christian Aid lunches, which created a perfect atmosphere. The support we received before the event and on the day was incredible, for once I was left speechless, and those who know me well will understand that me being speechless is a hard task! The weather was nice to us on the day which brought the crowds queuing 15 minutes before we were due to open and by 12 noon the place was full! Mason and Aiden did a great job by going around to answer questions about their trip and personally thanking people for the support and the church members who were their worked extremely hard, for which I'm truly grateful!

The guys are due to leave on the 18th of June for 2 weeks with the organised charity, The Vine Trust, assisting to build homes for families which have been torn apart by AIDS. Many are orphaned at a very young age due to this illness. A very humbling but rewarding trip. Photos to follow on their return!!

Many, many thanks to Banff Parish Church and your congregation for your continued support to Mason, Aiden and myself for making the last fund raiser a huge success...proud to say over £1,300 was raised.

Jane Mason



Two of my helpers get in the mood!

News from the Banff Kirk Session

Elinor Smith

First of all, a warm welcome to the new Bridge Team – the Kirk Session was delighted to receive volunteers to edit the Bridge and we are all looking forward to working with the team by contributing articles, ideas and feedback. Janet, our church secretary, is enjoying a well-earned rest from the Bridge after an amazing nineteen years of service for which we all give heartfelt thanks.

Back in March, we were looking forward to the stewardship programme events with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. I am happy to report that the events were happy, vibrant sessions when lots of us were simply blown away by the range of activities that our church is involved in to support people in our church and community. We have received around 165 responses – some have made donations, some have taken out standing orders, some have increased their standing orders, some have requested FWO envelopes, some have chosen to continue as they are doing and quite a number have opted to gift aid their donations. We are very grateful to you all. If by chance you have not responded and still wish to do so, it is not too late – just post your response into the office or drop it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning.

Thank you to all those who took time to add suggestions or comments to the “Can we do More?” board. We were really encouraged by the person who wrote *“What an excellent presentation and all are to be congratulated and thanked for a stupendous effort. I hope and pray that it will bring the desired rewards.”* We have taken up the suggestions about the Stated Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday 10 June: a simplified version of the accounts will be available prior to the meeting to give people a chance to read them in advance of the meeting; the service that day will finish around 11.45 and move straight into the Stated Annual meeting so that everyone will have a chance to attend and the bus can still leave at the usual time. The various groups are considering the other suggestions – if you are wondering what is happening with anything you have put forward, please get in touch as it will take time to work through things.

The Kirk Session is excited by all the good work being done through the Children and Family Worker project. We are encouraged by the good attendance at Tots and Tea, KidZone and Messy Church and we appreciate all that Karen, our Children and Family Worker, does to expand this field of work. Karen’s post is partially funded for a fixed period by “Go for It”, a Church of Scotland fund administered through Edinburgh and partially funded by a legacy that our church was fortunate to receive some time ago. The Kirk Session has voted unanimously to continue this post with the proviso that we find appropriate new sources of

funding. So if you are reading this and have experience of attracting grant funding, please get in touch, we could use your expertise.

We were sorry that Mr. Leuty decided to resign from being Church Treasurer for personal reasons. We have thanked Trevor for all the contributions that he and Jean made to our church family and we wish them both well for the future. We are now in the process of making new arrangements to ensure that our church finances continue to be well managed. We envisage we will have a small team doing this work and if you are interested in contributing to this, please get in touch in the usual way by speaking to me or by phone or email.

Community Corner

Two very encouraging bits of news highlighting what can be achieved when we work together. This month, the information comes from Banff Churches Together who have been seeking action and clarification from community councillors.

Memorial Garden update.

Banff Preservation Society have contacted the council and the community council to complain about the poor upkeep of the existing war memorial garden in Duff House grounds, which was planted to mark the centenary of the start of WWI. We raised this as a concern with the council a couple of years ago and they did a one-off tidy up.

One idea to mark the end of WWI is that the schools take more of an ongoing interest in that garden’s upkeep. The Lord Lieutenant is exploring having a fresh service and memorial at that place around November 11th this year.

Chalmers Hospital Minor Injury Unit receives community support.

A Public Engagement Event held to inform a review of Banff Minor Injury Unit and development of services in the community was well attended. Lots of positive comments were received about the services offered at Chalmers. The church, through our representation on the Community Council, also stressed the importance of the Chalmers Unit.

At this time no decisions have been made regarding future provision of services, but we have been assured that the interest shown by the community, and the information gathered from those who attended the Event, will inform the review and future development of services.

Busy Banff Boys' Brigade!

Our Boys' Brigade company recently held their annual display in the church hall. The boys demonstrated the many skills they have acquired throughout the year watched by an enthusiastic audience which included the inspecting officer, Mr Vinny Ruparelia, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire.



The junior section demonstrated maze marching accompanied on the bagpipes by Owen Chalmers, a very talented young piper. The section was led by two boys whose skills in leading and concentration were plain to see. The dedication of all the boys involved made the end result fascinating to watch.

The audience was further entertained by the 24 strong trumpet band. The marching band played a selection of tunes, ending with a drum solo and two senior boys providing a fine rendition of "Highland Cathedral".

The boys also demonstrated their acting skills to the delight of the audience. So taken were they with our minister David's talk on his work as a Street Pastor in Glasgow, that they chose to act out a typical scenario in a short play.

The Anchor Boys also impressed with their acting skills as the Seven Dwarfs, although there were more than seven on this occasion, all beautifully turned out. They also entertained the audience with their songs and exercises.

At the display six senior boys, Scott Paterson, Logan Golias, Conan Howard, Duncan Berstan, Ritchie Matthews and Mark Ireland received their President's Badge. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant also presented the Queen's Badge, the highest award possible, to Scott Urquhart, a really proud moment for all concerned. In order to gain this award Scott had to complete 30 hours of community service which he did at Brighter Horizons. He also completed 30 hours of BB service working with the Anchor Boys and 15 hours at the gym. He was then required to complete 15 hours in a chosen area of special interest. Scott chose life-saving.

In addition to the annual display, the lads of Banff Boys' Brigade are always willing to take part in Battalion events throughout the year including 5-a-side football, swimming, badminton, table tennis, cross country and Top of the Form. In addition to all these activities and the preparation for their annual display, the

Junior Section attended camp in Inverness. Plenty of fun and fellowship was had by all who attended and the food was good too! The various activities on offer included swimming, trampolining, ten pin bowling, a trip to the cinema and a walk to Bucht Park.

The Company Section boys will attend camp later at Badaguish near Aviemore where they will be joined by the 1st Buckie company. The boys are looking forward to enjoying quad biking, go-karting and the obstacle course along with other fun activities with their friends from Buckie.

We would be delighted to meet and welcome any new members who wish to join us. Details of meeting times will be posted in the Bridge at a later date.



Back row: Mrs. Ruparelia; Mr Vinny Ruparelia presenting Queen's Badge and Certificate to Scott Urquhart; recipients of President's Badges and Certificates Mark Ireland, Connon Howard and Duncan Berstan. On the right Captain Ian Cameron. Seated left to right: Ritchie Matthew, Scott Paterson and Logan Golias.

Thrift Shop

The Fundraising Group are holding a Thrift Shop in our main hall from Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th July.

We would be please to accept any donations of adult and children's clothing and shoes, books, toys, bric-a-brac and items of furniture. Sorry, we cannot accept electrical items.

Please call Ian and Mary Cameron, Ron Smith or Moira Gess if you need anything collected.

If you have two or three hours free that week and would like to help at the Thrift Shop, please call Mary or Moira.

We hope you have all noticed the fresh new look to our entrance to the main hall, decorated by volunteers. With your help we hope the Thrift Shop will be the success it has been in the past and enable us to continue to support the renewal plans for the hall and other projects.



Joint Services July 2018

Once again our Kirk Sessions have agreed to host joint services during the month of July. Services will begin at 10.30am. If you would like support with transport please contact the church office.

Sunday 1st July	Banff Parish Church
Sunday 8th July	King Edward Parish Church
Sunday 15th July	Banff Parish Church
Sunday 22nd July	King Edward Parish Church
Sunday 29th July	Banff Parish Church

King Edward Guild

The guild ladies would like to THANK church members and the community of King Edward for their donations and support at their annual coffee morning on Saturday 5th May. It was a great success!! We raised £2,800.

Our guild meetings have now finished and we resume in the autumn. Throughout the year we have had various speakers. For our first meeting, we had Jim and Moira Givan who gave a musical selection and spoke on our guild theme "Go in Love". Irene Finlayson spoke to us on Books for Abroad, Muriel Thompson spoke on "Little Drops Charity" India, and Sheila Steele gave a demonstration on book folding. All examples of 'love in action'.

Our harvest tea and Christmas Eve services were both planned and presented by the guild, with the collection for both going to Tearfund: £500.

King Edward has a good team of ladies who work well together and support the church, community and the guild projects. We would love to have more ladies and men join us!! Please think about it!

Eleanor Wilson



King Edward Guild event 5th May 2018

Eleanor Wilson, Edith Hay, Ann Robson, Sandra French, Brenda Bruce, Linda Milne
Volunteers Raymond – Monica – Helen – Angus – Kathrine – Cathrine

Guild raised £2760 so far as of 5-5-18



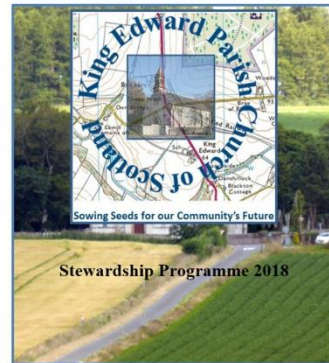
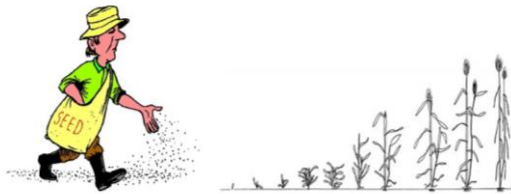
Margaret Brown, Margaret Marshall, Nancy Simpson, Ann Robson
Volunteers – Eva, Florence, Margaret, Irene, Violet, Monica, Jimmy, Andy, Eric, Cliff.

Eleanor Wilson, who wrote this, is in our prayers as she takes leave of absence for a period of time from her role as church organist at King Edward.

The \$20 and the \$1 Joke

Two well-worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired – a twenty and a one. As they travelled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life he had, travelling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, Atlantic City," he said. "I even went on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?" "Oh," said the one dollar bill, "I've been to the Methodist church, the Episcopal church and the Lutheran church." "What's a church?" asked the twenty.

King Edward Stewardship Gathering



On the 16th of June King Edward Parish Church are holding a fund-raising gathering for the Church and its work in the Community, entitled 'Sowing Seeds for our Community's Future'.

This will look at how our regular giving enables all the work that the Church does as part of our Community.

There will be display boards about our history and current activities and the general life of the kirk, locally and worldwide; it will include input from King Edward Primary school, videos, and hopefully performances by our choir and drama team plus insights into the church finances. And of course a lovely afternoon tea with fancy pieces and sandwiches.

All interested in our kirk will be very welcome. If anyone has photos of King Edward church events over the years, e.g. weddings or other events, we would be pleased to get a copy for the display.

Living in Harmony with Others

Keith Donald

Many years ago I was employed as an electronics technician in the Applied Psychology Department of the RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine. One of our areas of interest was the selection of appropriate location, colours, and shapes of indicator lamps in an aircraft cockpit. The more vital to the operation of the aircraft determined how central to the pilot's field of view the lamp would be located. Lamp colours, red, yellow/white and green related to warnings or status indication.

The choice of lamp shape was an interesting one and related to the animal instincts of the human mind. The human male form is generally accepted as bony and angular and associated with the aggression of a fighter – meaning potential danger. The female form, on the other hand, is round, warm and cuddly – meaning safety and harmony. This knowledge led to the choice of square and triangular lamps for warnings of danger and round lamps to indicate a state of safety.

In your everyday life, as you meet and mix with others, what shape of lamp do you carry? How easy it is for a self-centred person to find fault with others and criticise their efforts, to argue and maybe even pick a quarrel. Their lamp is a triangular one, maybe even red in colour. How much nicer it is to listen, give praise and expressions of gratitude and live in harmony with those you meet in everyday life; to carry a warm, round and happy lamp to shine for all to see.

Mark 4:21-25

²¹Then Jesus asked them, "Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of course not! A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light will shine. ²²For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light. ²³"If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

²⁴Then he added, "Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more you will understand - and you will receive even more. ²⁵But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them."

A Hymn for Gardeners

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

But what we never mention though gardeners know it's
true,
Is when he made the goodies, He made the baddies too!

All things spray and swatable, disasters great and small,
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.

The fungus on the goosygogs, the clubroot on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.

All things etc.

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook though green may be his
thumbs.

All things etc.

But still we gardeners labour, midst vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits our neighbours will somehow bypass
ours!

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

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. Isobel Barclay, Banff Care Home, 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 the following new members:

By baptism: **Mr. Mark Ball, Banff**

By transfer: **Mr. Jim Fisher, Whitehills**

**Mrs. Ruth Fisher, Whitehills**

**Mrs. Isobel Watt, Airlie Gardens, Banff**

## Ministry of Flowers

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

|            |                        |            |                                           |
|------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 8th April  | Mrs Shirley Barron     | 15th April | Mr & Mrs K Donald                         |
| 22nd April | Mr & Mrs P Samuel      | 29th April | Mr & Mrs G Youngson                       |
| 6th May    | Mrs Eveline Sutherland | 13th May   | Mrs Pat Morrison &<br>Mrs Dorothy Thomson |
| 20th May   | Mrs M Conon            | 27th May   | Mr Gordon Mustard                         |
| 3rd June   | Mr & Mrs J Millar      | 10th June  | Mrs Karen Wilson                          |
| 17th June  | Mr Stephen Pratt       | 24th June  | Mrs Isabel Angus                          |
| 1st July   |                        | 15th July  |                                           |
| 29th July  | Mrs Georgie Paterson   |            |                                           |

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

Contact person: Pat McLennan

**BANFF PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND** - Charity No SC015501  
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**Pastoral Assistant:** Vera Lumsden

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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**

|                                   |                                                       |         |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Banff Stated Annual Meeting       | Sun. 10th June                                        | 11.45am | Banff Church                |
| Messy Church BBQ                  | Fri. 15th June                                        | 5pm     | Duff House grounds          |
| King Edward Stewardship gathering | Sat. 16th June                                        | 2pm     | King Edward Church and Hall |
| Joint Services                    | Sun. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th July – see page 17 |         |                             |
| Thrift Shop                       | Wed. 11th to Sat. 14th July                           |         | Banff Church Hall           |

### **Regular Activities**

#### **Weekly:**

|                            |                         |             |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Tots and Teas              | Tuesday                 | 10-11.30am  | Banff Church Hall |
|                            | Wednesday               | 1.30-3pm    | 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 |
| King Edward Kirk Session   | Next meets in September |             |                   |
| Friendship Group           | 1st & 3rd Tuesday       | 7pm         | Banff Church Hall |
| Midweek Service            | 2nd Tuesday             | 3pm         | Airlie Gardens    |
| Bible Study & Prayer Group | 2nd & 4th Tuesday       | 7pm         | Banff Kirk Lounge |
| Midweek Service            | 4th Tuesday             | 2.30pm      | Banff Care Home   |
| Book Club                  | Last Thurs. of month    | 2.30pm      | Banff Church Hall |
| Busy Hands                 | Last Sat. of month      | 10am        | Banff Church Hall |

**Some of our regular activities take a break over the summer months. For up-to-date information please check Facebook or the weekly bulletins.**