

The Bridge

March/April/May 2020



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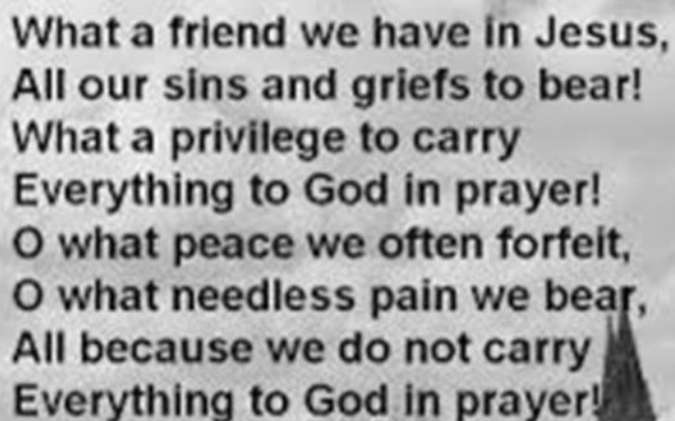
Dear Friends in Banff and King Edward

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,... [during his baptism Jesus] saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!' [Mark 1 v 1,9-14]

It will shortly be the period of Lent when we remember the time Jesus was led into the desert to face deep trials and temptations. The odd thing is that this happened just after Jesus was baptised and heard assurance from God that He was God's much-loved Son. Life it seems is always a mixture of highs and lows – for Jesus and for us. One of the ways we can trust Jesus is that He lived a life like us, its highs and lows, and so can relate to us, understand us, and help us. It was after his time of trial that Jesus seemed strengthened to go out and develop his public ministry announcing the good news of God's way of life and challenging us all to open up and believe and respond.

Jesus drew on his previous times of assurance, growing in spirit and understanding to help him through his desert time, as can we if we open up to Jesus and learn of Him. **Lent is a good time to open up more, and find that strength and assurance for whatever the future holds.** Do join us in our church services; and if you want to explore more, I will be pleased to see how I can help.

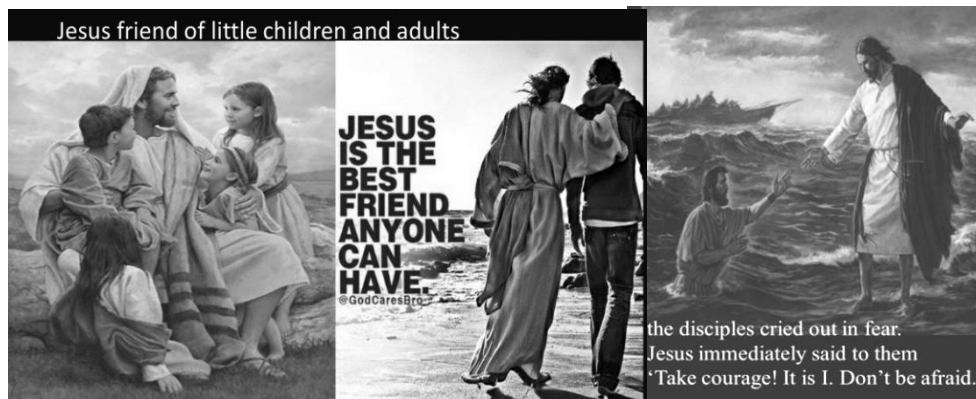
We are looking this year more closely in church at the different ways we can encounter and see Jesus. I focussed on Sunday 16th February on knowing Jesus



What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

as the true friend we can trust, as in the famous hymn, 'What a Friend we have in Jesus.' This was written by Joseph Scriven, who had known much heartache and loss, but also found Jesus to be the true friend who helped him through. He wrote this apparently to provide reassurance to his mother for her time of trial.

We know Jesus perhaps from childhood as friend of little children, who welcomed, protected and blessed them. But He is equally renowned as **a friend to adults**, being described



as friend of sinners and all who feel they have messed up in life or are rejected by others. He raised up many people physically but also emotionally, as He does still today to countless people who put their trust in him. As the hymn says, take it to the Lord in prayer



Of course, we can also know Him as Lord, Saviour, Teacher, challenger of what is wrong, and much more. Our journey of discovery this year into the many different descriptions of Jesus is partly inspired by the first chapter of John's gospel where, in addition to John's own description of Jesus as the

Word of God full of grace and truth, we see how the disciples each seemed to discover something different that helped and excited them personally. Just as at a funeral we sometimes find out more than we knew about someone and wish we had known earlier, don't leave it too late to grow in understanding of the different sides to Jesus that can help you in life.

Inside the Bridge you will find stories showing our churches remain very much alive and important to our communities. Christmas activities in particular seem to have inspired or encouraged many and been appreciated within our communities. Nonetheless we must face change especially from a changing society; and you will read how Presbytery is starting its long process of reviewing the future of all churches across Buchan. That future is likely to involve working more together, so it is good that we have already started that process. Banff Churches Together has led the way for 20 years, and is reforming into a grouping of churches of the wider Banff and Macduff areas. We are already planning some joint services and activities over Easter and the summer with Macduff Parish Church and River church, including a Big Picnic on May 10th as part of the VE day Celebrations. We all face ups and downs in life, but are not alone; together with Jesus, we have hope and friendship for the future.

Yours faithfully, *David*

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Good News!

Cliff Pirie held his 60th birthday party with family and friends at King Edward Community Hall on 27th December. His son Christopher flew from West Virginia USA to surprise him that night. Cliff decided that rather than gifts he would prefer to make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Care. Guests on the night of the party kindly donated towards this and a final total of £600 was handed over to Macmillan. Cliff would like to say a big thank you to all who donated on the night.



Thank you!

The following donations have recently been made through our congregational activities. Thank you for your generosity.

Poppy Scotland (Remembrance Day retiring offering)	£329.80
Tearfund (Big Quiz)	£465
Banff Academy Tanzania Team 2020 (Mad Hatter's Tea Party)	£200
Home Start Deveron (Mad Hatter's Tea Party)	£200
Banff Primary School (Mad Hatter's Tea Party)	£200
Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal	149 boxes & donations

I became a committed Christian in 1954, when I accepted God’s gift of forgiveness and eternal life and asked Jesus into my heart, at a “Youth for Christ” Rally in Birmingham. Afterwards I was given a booklet, “Beginning with Christ,” in which were cards with a selection of texts, with the suggestion that I learnt them by heart. I did, and since have found it helpful to learn more verses, which can be recalled to encourage me in my Christian life. The Psalmist did this too (Psalm 119 verse 11) “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

One of the verses was Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8 “by grace you have been saved through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”

What does that mean? What is Grace? What is Faith?

These acrostics help explain:

<u>Grace</u>	<u>Faith</u>
God’s	Forsaking
Riches	All
At	I
Christ’s	Trust
Expense	Him

God’s grace is sufficient for us: 2 Corinthians chapter 12 verse 9.

We can face life and all its problems, knowing that God’s grace is enough: we just need to trust Him.

I love the chorus: “Grace fathomless as the sea, grace flowing from Calvary, grace enough for eternity, grace enough for me.”

God’s grace is enough!

2 Corinthians chapter 13 verse 14 “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.”

Bookbug at Tots and Teas

Sonia Mitchell

I started running Bookbug with Makaton sessions in early 2018 when I got fed up being the only parent using signing at our local Bookbug sessions. My son Daniel uses Makaton to communicate, and it's important to me that his local community know at least the basics of what Makaton is all about. It's a communication tool that supports speech. We use Signing, Symbols and Speech to support Daniel's communication skills, which are developing really well thanks to lots of Bookbug with Makaton sessions and the support of his nursery and friends.



I started running occasional sessions in our local libraries and at parent/toddler groups. Tots & Teas were one of the first groups to make me feel really welcome and the children embraced Makaton signing as if it was second nature to them. My visits to

Tots and Teas became regular monthly events alongside sessions held in local libraries for nursery groups.

Big Bookbug at the Scottish Book Trust heard about my little sessions and was very interested to hear more. In September 2019, they had dates in the diary for coming up to our little corner of Aberdeenshire to record at Macduff Library for their Scottish Theme Week, and wondered if I'd be available to record some songs with Makaton signing for their Song and Rhyme Library on the Bookbug Website, and the Bookbug APP.

The first group that popped into my head for the recordings was Tots & Teas, as the families and children have been supportive right from the start. We had quite a tight turnaround for confirming when we were having the session, where it would be held, and how many families would take part. But a few messages back and forth to Karen and we were all sorted. Very, very nervous, but as organised as we could be for Big Bookbug recording us singing and signing.





We had a practice session the week before, and chose our songs based on the reactions from the children. You can see by their faces in the videos that we picked a couple of favourites! Big Bookbug also donated some lovely books to Tots & Teas as a thank you for everyone's hard work.

You Canna shove your Granny Aff a

Bus, which was published to celebrate Rabbe Burns, is available now on the Bookbug APP and the Bookbug Song and Rhyme library.

In March 2020, the other songs will be released. I've had a little preview of the videos, and the children's enthusiasm for signing is fantastic to watch. You can look forward to the Bookbug Hello Song, Five Fat Peas, Wheels on the Bus, If You're Happy and You Know It, and I Can Sing A Rainbow coming your way very soon.

I'd like to say 'thank you' to Karen, and all the children who took part in the videos (Daniel, Ava, Ethan, Elijus, Emile, Eilidh and Kaitlyn), without them Bookbug with Makaton would not be doing so well, and I really appreciate all the support we've received from our local community.

John Bell Event

John Bell is a prominent Scottish hymn writer and Church of Scotland Minister, many of whose hymns we already sing. He will be leading a weekend of singing workshops in Banff Parish Church on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March.

The Saturday evening session will be an open session for encouraging congregational singing; all are welcome; come along and enjoy a good sing, including some newer hymns.

Saturday afternoon from 3.30pm for all involved in leading church worship

Saturday evening 6.45pm for everyone

Joint Sunday service with King Edward in Banff Parish Church at 11am

Please join us in our Services of Holy Communion as we worship, share and remember together



*to all those who are anxious and searching for peace,
to all who are troubled and long for hope,
to all who feel ashamed and desire forgiveness,
to all who feel life is empty and look for purpose,
to all who have found happiness and want to share it,
to all who care for others and are willing to serve.*

*This church wants to open wide her doors to you and bids you welcome in the
name of Jesus Christ.*

We invite you in the name of Jesus Christ to join us in ‘the Lord’s Supper’ on Sunday, 22nd March at 9.30am in King Edward Parish Church or at 11.15am in Banff Parish Church.

Just come as you are and you will be very welcome. It will be good to have your company strengthening our fellowship and sharing this remembrance that can draw us closer in Spirit, as we share together a little bread and wine or juice.

Anyone who is a member of any branch of the church of our Lord, anyone who loves the Lord Jesus Christ or desires His friendship and help, is welcome. For He said ‘all who My Father gives me will come to me, and I will never turn away anyone who comes to me...for my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have life eternal.’ (John 6:37,40)

Jesus said: ‘Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my guiding support upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls’

Matthew 11:28

On a personal note.....

(Notes from the diary of the Pastoral Assistant.)



It's always a joy to visit King Edward School for class visits or whole school assemblies. Recently, when thinking about "Kindness", and how Jesus says, "Do to others what you'd have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12), we looked at how King David was kind to Mephibosheth (2 Samuel chs. 4&9). Then we thought about how we can be kind to people – even people we don't know, or may never meet e.g. people in the world who may not have the things we have. They may not even have a toilet they can use!!

Since a one-off payment of £60 would sponsor a toilet for one family in the world, the children took part in a 12 question quiz about what they'd been learning about kindness. Each correct answer would raise £5.

AND THEY DID IT! With all 12 questions answered correctly, they raised the £60 needed to provide a toilet, to show kindness to one family somewhere in the world.

Well done King Edward School! Needless to say, as the picture below shows, after completing the quiz, the children were "flushed" with success!

Vera.



Looking back.....

We hope you were able to join us at some of Banff's Advent Festival activities.

The celebrations began when we joined with Macduff Parish Church and River Church for a lantern parade through Banff to a 'Carols by the Bay' service. Thanks to all the groups and individuals who made lanterns and to all who joined in. It was great to start off Advent with the congregations of our two sister churches.

The activities continued throughout Advent with a display of nativity sets in the church, special Advent services when we focused on the Hope, Peace, Love and Joy of Christmas, our first Christingle service and our annual Family Candlelit service when KidZone Choir led us with songs from Hosanna Rock.

The hall was also a hive of activity with something for all ages. The holly wreath and gingerbread house workshops were both fully booked and were great fun on the day! (as you will see from some of the photographs). The Christmas Chaos event wasn't aptly named as it wasn't chaotic at all—it was great fun!

We hope you found or received one of the knitted angels. The angels shared the Good News of Christmas around Banff and beyond. Thanks to all our knitting and crocheting ladies who spent months producing them and also thanks to Chalmers Hospital and local shops for displaying angels.



GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP

From Facebook: *We had a great time, was so much fun :) Thanks for a lovely morning!*



HOLLY WREATH WORKSHOP



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Did you see the silhouettes on the church wall? They were appreciated by many folk in the area.



We all loved sharing Advent and Christmas with you. Whether you came along as a volunteer, took part in the activities, worshipped with us, smiled and thanked us, posted messages of encouragement on Facebook or picked up an angel we thank you all. It was great fun!

One question we were asked again and again was ‘Can we come and do this again next year?’ Our response is “Yes, we are already planning!”

CHRISTMAS 2020

This picture of a yarn Christmas tree (in Italy) has inspired the Busy Hands Group and others to make a similar tree for Banff. We cannot do it without YOUR help. This will be a church and community project – if you know someone, or a group, who would like to be involved please get in touch with Janet on 01261 818211.

The tree is made up of crocheted and knitted squares and attached to a frame. The squares are bright colours with symbols of Christmas, joined together with green wool. We are in the early stages of planning but hope to confirm details of weight of wool etc. very soon.

If you are interested and would like to receive more information please let us know on the number above and we will contact you with details soon.

It may seem very early to begin this but we would be aiming to have a deadline for squares of mid/late October to give time for joining etc.

We contacted a group of ladies from Barra, who made a similar tree last year, they have given us a few tips and encouraged us to make a 'Yarn Bomb tree for Banff'.

Do share the plans for this project far and wide. It would be great to have folk who have moved away from the area crochet or knit a square for the Banff Tree.



STOP PRESS!

We have just been made aware that the services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday will take place at **7pm**, not 6pm as it says on the poster on page 13.

EASTER

Tuesday 31st March 1.30pm

King Edward school Easter service

King Edward Church, open to all in the community.

PALM SUNDAY— Sunday 5th April

King Edward Church 9.30am

Banff Parish Church 11 am

**Service remembering Jesus' brave journey to
change and challenge the world**

Maundy Thursday - 9th April

**Joint Communion Service with our friends from River
Church Banff and Macduff Parish Church**

**7 pm in Banff Parish Church
*remembering Jesus' last supper.***

Good Friday - 10th April

**Banff Churches Together Walk of Witness
Leaving from OLMC Church at 4.15pm.**

Quiet Service in Macduff Parish Church at 6pm

Easter Sunday, 12th April

resurrection, new hope begins

Outdoor Service at King Edward Old Kirk Yard 9.30 –10am

Breakfast in King Edward Hall 10.15 am

Joint special service in King Edward Church 11 am

Easter Praise Evening in River Church at 6pm

**COME AND JOIN US AT ANY OF THE
ACTIVITIES & CHURCH SERVICES**

FACEBOOK: Banff and King Edward Parish Churches for further information.

Banff Scottish Charity Nos: SC015501 and King Edward Scottish Charity No 015077

Christian Aid Lunches

After a period of 13 years Mary and Sheila have decided it's time to give up doing the Christian Aid Lunches during Holy Week. We have deliberated over this for some time but due to health and personal reasons we have decided the time is right, now, to stop.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship while working with the many volunteers who helped us and the members of the congregation community who came to support the cause.

Although it was a very tiring week we had great fun and much laughter.

We would like to thank all those who have helped and supported us in various ways over the years to raise money for Christian Aid.

Banff Parish Church Scottish Lunch

On 25th January the Fundraising Group hosted a Scottish Lunch to celebrate Robbie Burns. Our hall was beautifully decorated with tartan and admired by all. We welcomed a large number who came to the Scottish Lunch. We served haggis (or mince), neeps and tatties followed by dumpling and custard or trifle.

It was a great time of fellowship, meeting many who came from the surrounding areas.

The Fundraising Group wish to thank all our guests and volunteers who came to support and help us and who generously donated to our Sales Table and Hamper Stall.

A grand total of £752.83 was raised.



Radical plans for churches in the Buchan Area

Joyce Millar (Presbytery Elder)

Many of you may remember that when David, our minister, returned from attending the General Assembly last year he highlighted how the church had approved a new “Radical Action Plan” to try to meet today’s needs in the light of a shortage of ministers and aging congregations with fewer volunteers. This will necessitate big changes all over Scotland.

In our area things are starting to move on this albeit at a very slow pace. At the most recent Presbytery* meeting there was much discussion on the way forward which was relevant to all congregations.

This summary of the steps so far will hopefully help to keep you advised of the ongoing discussions.



At a Presbytery level the North East Presbytery Reform Group has been formed. This consists of representatives from the presbyteries of Aberdeen, Buchan, Gordon, Kincardine & Deeside and Shetland. This group will be discussing how an enlarged Presbytery will be managed, staffed and financed. They will consult other presbyteries who have already formed new clusters.

At Church level things are also in very early stages. One suggested model is that which is being considered for churches in the Fraserburgh and surrounding area. The suggestion, made by the Congregations Committee, is that a Team Ministry will be created to cover all these churches. The group would be led by one ordained minister, who would be the Moderator of one single Kirk Session. There would be shared staff made up of individuals with a variety of specialisations and

areas of expertise (e.g. pastoral care, outreach, education, youth work, worship etc.); full-time and part-time, ordained and lay.

This proposal was suggested as a model for the future but other suggestions were made. Aberdeen has already begun plans to radically reduce the number of churches in the city and Shetland has already done so. It was suggested that there should be consultation with them.

The other main issue of the evening was that the satellite churches were not consulted when these discussions were taking place and were only notified of the proposal at very short notice.

Members of some of these congregations attended the meeting and expressed their hurt and disappointment. It is hoped that the committee learned from this that it is essential to consult with all congregations about any proposals they might have. The next step planned is to discuss the possible suspension of the current Presbytery Plan at the May meeting of Presbytery and invite representatives of all local churches to attend that meeting. If the plan is suspended that would mean that no church could call a new minister until Presbytery sorts out its new Plan, which may take some time.

The implications for churches in the Banff and Macduff areas are not clear but we hope to keep you fully informed of any developments in what should offer a realistic way forward for the Church in Scotland recognising the difficult decisions to be made in the coming years.

*Presbytery is the Church of Scotland regional authority responsible for all our local churches in this area, to which we and other churches send representatives.

A HAT TRICK FOR KING EDWARD SWI

We are pleased to announce that for the third year in a row King Edward has won the

B. C. Ferguson trophy. •

The competition this year was for a knitted trauma teddy and was won by our president Linda Thom so well done.

Messy church met on Friday 7th February for the first time this year and we had a great time. David, our minister, led worship where we focused on needing a friend and Jesus being a friend to all. We then worked with a friend to complete the games and made some nice things to give to a friend.



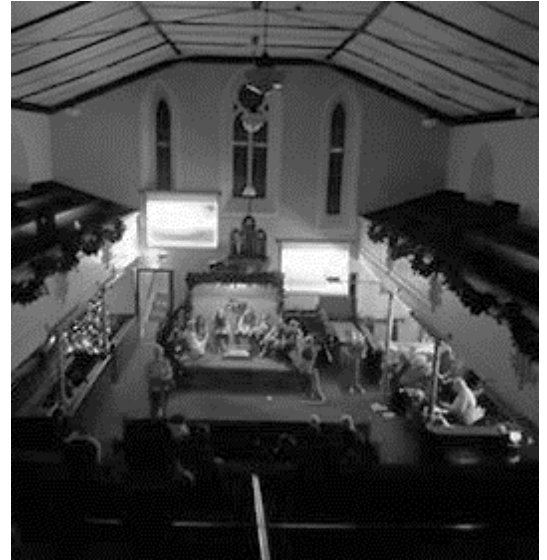
We took this photograph of the Messy Church families in front of the banner we made when we learned more about loving our neighbour. Please pop through to the Hall to have a look.

The upcoming dates for Messy Church are 20.3.20, 15.5.20 and 19.6.20 We would be very pleased to see you.

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

Christmas in King Edward

King Edward church had a wonderful Christmas Eve service, focusing on a traditional fun nativity involving children and adults in the Bible Society version of the Christmas events, entitled the *New Noisy Neighbour*. This new take on the traditional story tells how a mouse investigates the new noisy neighbour in the stable it lives in, at Christmas. Some 140 folk enjoyed the service and most went across to the hall afterwards for some great fellowship.



King Edward school also performed a great nativity Christmas show telling the events of Jesus' birth in song and action and much good humour. Later during the school community church service the children sang again two of the songs from



the show. James Duncan led the way in both church and school in his playing a hymn set to the tune of *Scotland the Brave* on the bagpipes. James' playing was also greatly appreciated at Banff Care Home where the school sang Christmas carols.

Well done to everyone involved.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Traidcraft stall** over the last few months. We have sent a total of £391.75 to Traidcraft. It is hoped to have a stall once a month and I look forward to your continued support.

Joyce Millar



Banff Friendship Group – Dates for your Diary.

Tuesday 3rd March	Quiz
Tuesday 17th March	J G Ross (baker)
Tuesday 7th April	Easter with Jenni (Butterfly Blooms)
Tuesday 21st April	Closing Meeting – A.G.M.

Meetings held in Banff Church Hall at 7pm

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

King Edward Guild news

At our February meeting, President Anne Robson welcomed church elder Cliff Pirie. Assisted by his wife Jayne, he gave a talk and slide show of his epic journey driving across America from east to west in 2018. Members and guests were thoroughly entertained seeing the places Cliff visited and hearing of his different experiences along the way.

Dates to remember:

3 March - members lunch.

14 April (revised date) - AGM and business meeting.

2 May – Church coffee morning in hall.

Meetings are held in King Edward Community Hall on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 2pm. New members welcome.

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

Community Corner

The issues facing people in the King Edward area following the destruction of a number of bridges during the flooding last year remain a real concern. Here we have a copy of the letter our Minister sent to Aberdeenshire Council urging action.

To the Chairperson Aberdeenshire Council Infrastructure Services

I write on behalf of Banff and King Edward Parish Churches, to express real concern about the state of bridges in the King Edward community and about reports of Council inaction on these important links within the community.

Their absence is affecting the lives of many ordinary residents and others as well. For my congregations, it has affected our ability to easily visit people for pastoral care or other social contact reasons, and must be affecting the relative isolation of some elderly or disabled folk, in acting as a disincentive for them to get out and about or for people to visit.

We have congregation members in both Banff and King Edward churches who the situation has adversely affected, for example taking longer for them to get to church, to voluntary activities serving the community and other social events. There are also real concerns about the ability of emergency services to get fast enough to homes to save lives – already I am told that one member of my congregation has been delayed getting to hospital by the ambulance taking a now dead end route. Worries have also been expressed to me that alternative routes which people are forced to take are more dangerous in winter.

It is clearly a serious concern in the community and was noticeably highlighted by school children in their Christmas nativity as a concern of theirs e.g. for those affected in getting to school on time.

King Edward is a relatively isolated community, for which we and others are trying our best to maintain a sense of community, belonging and overcome effects of isolation. The delayed repairs of bridges and roads can only harm this process, and risk further deterrence to people coming to live and work in or develop the area. We have for example found it hard to recruit a church officer to look after and open up our church buildings.

For all these reasons and more, we hope that the Council will take prompt action to help this community.

Yours faithfully,

David I W Locke

Rev David I. W. Locke MA M.Sc. BD

Busy Hands

Busy Hands have been busy again! The group recently donated two vacuum pump jugs for use in the hall and £150 to church funds. Between January 2019 and January 2020, the group donated 1086 knitted and crocheted items to charity. They also receive donations from Macduff Crafters and individuals in the local area.

Charities supported include homeless charities in Aberdeen, local care homes and trauma teddies – these teddies are given to children by the Police and Fire services. Mary and Ian Cameron make regular deliveries of items to Loving Hands (www.lovinghands.org.uk) in Fife who distribute to charities in the UK and abroad.



The following thank you note, received after a recent donation, shows just how much the work is appreciated.

Dear Busy Hands Ladies,

Thank you so much for all the lovely items that you donated for our charities. Such a wide range of handiwork!! Something for every age group, which will be much appreciated by the recipients.

Love to you all and happy knitting from everyone at Kelty Loving Hands.

Busy Hands meets in Banff Church Hall at 10am on the last Saturday of each month. Please do pop in and say hello!

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.

Mary Alley, late Airlie Gardens, Banff

Jenny Raffan, Banff Care Home

William (Billy) Drummond, Banff

Alan McKenzie, Banff

Charlene Stephen, Whitehills

Jessie Barrie, Banff Care Home

James Chalmers, Airlie Gardens, Banff

Mary Jane (Jean) Robertson, Banff

Douglas (Fred) Backhouse, King Edward

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

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*During the service at Banff Parish Church we were delighted to pray God's blessing on Katarzyna, daughter of Bozena and Garry West.*

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Ministry of Flowers

Flowers in January were donated by Mr & Mrs G Youngson, Mrs Sheila Martin and Mrs Lorraine Robertson.

Flowers in February were by Mrs Margaret Sivewright, Mr Stephen Pratt and Mrs Linda Kaczmarek.

Flowers in March are by Mrs Joan McDonald, Mr Stephen Pratt, Mr & Mrs T McLennan, Mrs Isabel Cook and Mrs Frances Raymond.

Flowers in April are by Mr & Mrs K Donald, Mr & Mrs G Youngson, Mrs Shirley Barron and Mrs Nan Sutherland.

Flowers in May are by Mrs Ruby McQueen, Mr & Mrs I Cameron, Mrs Eveline Sutherland and Gordon Mustard.

There are still some dates available on the Flower Calendar at the back of the church for anyone who would like to donate.

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King Edward Parish Church - Charity No. SC 015077

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

World Day of Prayer Service	Fri. 6th March		River Church Banff
John Bell Event – see page 7	Sat. 14th March	3.30 and 6.45pm	Banff Parish Church
Joint Service	Sun. 15th March	11am	Banff Parish Church
Messy Church	Fri. 20th March	5pm	Banff Church Hall
Communion	Sun. 22nd March	9.30am	King Edward Church
		11.15am	Banff Parish Church
Easter services – see page 13			
Boys Brigade Display night	Fri. 24th April	6.45pm	Banff Church Hall
‘Big Picnic’ joint event	Sun. 10th May		TBC
Messy Church	Fri. 15th May	5pm	Banff Church Hall
Messy Church	Fri. 19th June	5pm	Banff Church Hall

Regular Activities

Weekly:

Tots and Teas	Tuesday	10-11.30am	Banff Church Hall
	Wednesday	1.15-2.45pm	Banff Church Hall
KidZone	Wednesday	3-4.15pm	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
Evening Service	1st 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.