

The Bridge

September/October/November 2020



Banff & King Edward Parish Churches
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Dear Friends

How are you getting on? It does not really get easier and the ongoing tensions in households, the effects on wider physical, mental and social and economic health are growing. Life is often a battle and it seems we are still in the middle of it, not knowing which way the battle is going regarding the virus, with us caught in the middle. But know this, God is with us in the middle of it; you are not alone.

In our service on Sunday 30th August we thought about how David the boy shepherd won the battle against Goliath, unexpectedly, with the little he had, because he trusted God. Keep the faith – in times of change and hardship, God promises to be with his people, when they listen to Him. We thought about Eric Liddell the Scottish athlete, and how important to him were God's words; 'Those who honour me, I will honour'; Eric showed how true that is especially in hard times. He won the Olympics against immense obstacles, and is honoured in China, for his missionary work despite being a prisoner of war there and ultimately dying there.



Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but God is not helpless among the ruins. God's love is still working. He comes in and takes the calamity and uses it victoriously, working out His wonderful plan of love.

His words reassure us; God is at work amongst us, not absent from us. When in China and on a very dangerous errand to save someone's life, Eric later recalled: "That night

as I lay down, my thoughts turned to the next day. Suppose I met the Japanese?... I felt for my Chinese New Testament, I constantly carried – it fell open at Luke 16. I read to verse 10, and this seemed to bring me my answer. 'He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much'. It was as if God had said to me: 'be honest and straight'. I turned and went to sleep, and started early the next morning.

A fellow prisoner described Eric as being ordinary but with a secret power: "Every morning about 6am with curtains tightly drawn, to keep in the shining of our peanut-oil lamp, lest the prowling sentries should think someone was trying to escape, he used to climb out of his top bunk, past the sleeping forms of his dormitory mates. Then, the two men would sit close together with the light just enough to illumine their bibles and notebooks. Silently they read, prayed, thought about the day's duties, noted what should be done. Eric was a man of prayer not only at set times...he talked to God all the time, naturally: his life was grounded in God, in faith and trust." Keep going being open to and listening for God's voice and doing the little things He calls you to do well.

On the front cover you see signs of King Edward and harvest. The picture of the harvester in Fisherie was taken by Margaret Henderson, Banff's new Session Clerk. Her background is both King Edward and Banff and she will help keep us going forward together as I know both communities and churches are very much in her heart. I would like again to thank Irene Finlayson for all the very hard work she has done as Banff Session Clerk and joint Session clerk over the past year. She has faithfully, determinedly and bravely worked very hard for us, through all that is going on under the virus and the sheer pressure on those trying to keep our church moving forward when many have become unavailable. We are very grateful and appreciative, as we are to Margaret for taking on the responsibility by herself now.

The top picture on the front was taken from David and Nina Duncan's marathon efforts recently as part of the church's efforts to recoup money for Banff Parish church, lost due to the pandemic's effects. As David said, they did their walks with 160 years between them; wonderful, and a testimony to what we can all still achieve...together. Maybe not in long walks but in the little things that affect others and in sharing, caring and praying.

There are some thoughts about harvest inside the Bridge. But I am wondering how will we celebrate harvest this year; or mark Remembrance Sunday or Holy Communion? Around Easter we held an informal communion together over the internet with each of us taking a little juice and bread in our homes. Since then the church of Scotland has confirmed that as a valid way for these times. Maybe we can do more than we think for communion, harvest and Remembrance – I would welcome suggestions. As you will read inside, we are challenged in these difficult times to “sing a new song”, and be open to new ways forward. On the positive side, the way our churches up and down the land are adapting to offer services in new ways is exciting – thousands are hearing and feeling the gospel in meaningful ways perhaps for the first time. Being open to new ways forward for our times is vital.

As I write I don't know when our churches will reopen – it's not a straightforward process, but we will let you know soon in the case of Banff. Please keep praying for your churches and all working away to show God's care. You are in the prayers of me and others in your church. If anyone is finding it all too difficult, please do pick up the phone and phone me or a church leader.

Yours faithfully,

David

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Short Snippets

Congratulations to six-and-a-half year old Charlie, great-grandson of Pat and Alice Hay, who recently starred in a short film called ***Scenes for Survival – The Longest Summer***. The film reflects on a child's memories of lockdown.

You can view it at

<https://www.nationaltheatrescotland.com/latest/the-longest-summer>



Deveron FM have given very positive feedback regarding the Sunday services and midweek 'thoughts for the day' provided by local churches. Significant numbers of Christians and non-Christians say they are benefitting from the broadcasts including some who would never set foot in a church. Well done David, Hugh and Rob!

The **Co-op** on Bridge Road, Banff has started offering a 'Click and Collect' service. Customers can place their order online and collect it at a convenient time, anything from within two hours to five days. For more information see

shop.coop.co.uk



Place for Pause – Singing a New Song

17th-22nd August was a week of prayer for our church and country, organised and led by the Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, current Moderator of the Church of Scotland. Each morning, hundreds of Christians from around Scotland, as well as further afield, gathered to listen to a pre-recorded reflection. If you missed out, they are well worth listening to and can be found on our website,

www.banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk/Resources

In the evenings we gathered again for live prayer sessions including time to chat and pray with a small group of others in ‘breakout rooms’. Participants were randomly assigned to a group of 6-8 others with the chance to talk together for around 10 minutes. While we were all quite nervous and stilted at first, this proved a great opportunity to find out what’s happening in churches all over the country. One congregation had had a sole nominee preaching in a newly re-opened church with most people listening online and sending in postal votes!



Someone else spoke of how they had united with another congregation at the beginning of April but had not yet worshipped together; their service of unification is taking place next week. It helped us realise that, whatever the challenges in Banff and King Edward, things could be an awful lot worse!

A common theme that emerged was that for everyone, including those few whose churches had already reopened, there was a recognition that what we are returning to is not the same as what we had before, and nor should it be. While naturally this can lead to some sense of loss, most people were overwhelmingly optimistic about what their congregations had achieved over the last few months and the opportunities opening up. There seems to be a determination across the church to continue to develop new ways of sharing our core Christian message.

Perhaps this is why the final day had the title ‘A new song’. We can be nervous of new songs, perhaps preferring the familiar words and tunes. But in most music, there are only 12 notes...but limitless ways to rearrange them. In opening up our churches again we are learning new ways of sharing God’s message, but nothing fundamental to our faith will change. Instead we are challenged to take the same core elements but to re-arrange and re-order them in a way that helps increasing numbers of people come to know Jesus as friend and saviour. None of us knows yet what that will sound like; we just have to keep singing new tunes (and old ones) until we find the balance that fits our church, our people, our community.

Let us make a joyful noise!

Congregational Letter from King Edward Kirk Session

As most of you know our Pastoral Assistant Vera retired at the end of June. Although an official gathering and presentation was out of the question due to lockdown, the Kirk Session decided that we could not let her go without expressing our sincere thanks for all her hard work over the years. She was very involved in our community life and always willing to lend a hand whether it was for the Church, Hall or School and was regarded as a friend by many.

We realise that lots of you would have liked to contribute to her collection and still can do once the Church is open again but meantime we decided to present her with gifts on your behalf. The Session decided on a monetary gift and a small figurine called "Peace on Earth". It is of a child holding a lamb which we thought represented our farming community well. Cliff Pirie surprised us all by making her a garden bench from a pew recently removed from the Church, making sure she remembers us all when she sits in her garden. This was a lovely thought and why Cliff and his wife Jane were chosen to present the gifts. They visited her at the beginning of July at her home in Portsoy as you see from the photographs.



Thank you so much for the kind and generous gifts you've given me. The beautiful card brought tears to my eyes. The beautiful Willow Creek "Peace on Earth" figurine is just perfect. I love it. And as for your very generous cheque – I am totally overwhelmed! Thank you all so much.

I'm so grateful to Cliff and Jayne for delivering your gifts to me. We had a lovely time having a flycup in the garden, catching up on all the King Edward news. I'm going to miss all of you, and miss hearing what you're all getting up to.

Another huge surprise was the beautiful garden bench Cliff had made for me out of one of the King Edward pews! It will have pride of place in my garden, and I will be thinking of you all every time Ian and I and the cat are sitting on it enjoying the sun in Portsoy.

Wherever you are, I hope you will all be well, and keep safe from this virus. I hope when the church and hall open up again you will all enjoy getting back to your Sunday services, and all the activities in the hall that make your social events so enjoyable.

Thank you for all the love, support, encouragement, and friendship you've shown me over the years. It has all been very much appreciated, as have these wonderful gifts you've given me.

Take care and keep safe,

With much love and thanks,

From Vera. x



Church Re-opening plans

Banff Parish Church

Banff Kirk Session have been working hard on the process of re-opening. Initially, this will be for the sanctuary only.

The Church of Scotland has provided detailed guidelines which we are required to implement prior to re-opening. A task force was appointed by the Kirk Session and, after many meetings and a lot of hard work, a way forward was approved. At time of writing there are still some issues and practicalities to be resolved, but we are hoping a re-opening in October will be possible.



The final arrangements need to be approved by Presbytery and we would then hope to write to everybody to let them know the details and procedures. Be assured the church will do our utmost to keep you informed of relevant details once they are available. While it will be great to worship again in the building, the current regulations impose severe restrictions on the style of service and the numbers permitted to attend, and people should consider carefully the health warnings.

For those unable or unwilling to return to church, recorded services and other activities will continue to be provided (see pages 20 and 24). As always, Elders and the Minister are available should you need any pastoral support.

King Edward Parish Church

King Edward Church is considering when to reopen, and how the extensive regulations can be met in practice.

The central church urges each church to go forward at its own pace, reflecting local circumstances, and as with many churches, no final decision has yet been taken to re-open. Online services will continue to be provided and both Elders and the Minister are available should you need any pastoral support. The minister is exploring how best he can undertake online interactive assemblies with King Edward primary, using the Teams technology required by Aberdeenshire Council.



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

Your *Bridge* needs you!

The Bridge is compiled each month by a small team working to bring you interesting things to read that are relevant to our church and community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are very keen to welcome new people to our team. No experience is necessary and while we love it when people write for us, what we need most are great ideas and a willingness to go out and talk to people.

Regrettably, if we do not get some new volunteers or more contributions, we are unsure if we will be able to continue producing *The Bridge*.

If you'd like to get involved, please speak to a member of the team or email TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com – we'd love to hear from you!

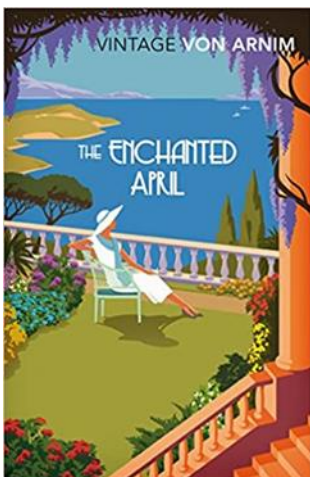
Yarn Christmas Tree Project



Circumstances mean that we are turning this into a two-year project and unfortunately will not be able to have our yarn Christmas tree ready for Christmas 2020.



We are so grateful to all those who have been knitting squares and are looking forward to seeing them all when possible. Please do continue to knit squares when you can as we fully intend to have a gorgeous yarn Christmas tree to help us celebrate Christmas 2021.



Book Club – Thursday 24th September at 2.30pm

The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Antrim is our book for September's meeting by Zoom. Please contact Joyce Millar on 01261 498134 or joyce_millar@hotmail.com for more information.

From a financial perspective, a consequence of the closure of our Church buildings and the loss of our coming together in worship and the many other activities which our buildings host, is that we have lost an important element of our income. This is mostly due to an inability to undertake fundraising activities, but also in reduced giving through offerings. In total, this would amount to £25,000 in lost income (based on the 2019 accounts). We were faced with a substantial deficit in 2020.

Over many years, the church had built up some reserves in the form of savings, investments and endowments (some for restricted purposes) 'for a rainy day'. Lockdown was such a 'rainy day', so the main thrust of our plan has been to use our reserves to pay down the deficit.

We have undertaken a number of other initiatives to try to replace lost income and reduce our costs, including: recovering tax on Gift Aid donations; collecting envelope-based offerings; establishing donate facilities on FaceBook and website; utilising the Government's Job Retention Scheme where appropriate; applying for community grants. We also ran the Marathon in a Month campaign which certainly captured the attention of our large and growing online congregation and the wider community.

As a result of all of these actions, as long as our income and expenses remain on track, we should be in a position financially at the end of the year to continue normal church operations.

However, we have now utilised all our readily accessible reserves. Should there be another set of unforeseen circumstances with a similar effect to lockdown, we have no reserves to call on. Our reserves were built up over many years and from many sources (including legacies, endowments, fundraising activities, appeals). We are now putting together a programme of fundraising over the next two or three years with several streams of fundraising activity that funds our work in the community and rebuilds our reserves.

We would welcome any help you can give, or talents you can deploy. Please contact us at 01261 818211 or janetsimpson@banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk with any suggestions you have.

Expect to hear from us again soon as we roll-out our fundraising campaign.

Marathon in a Month – 26 miles in 26 days

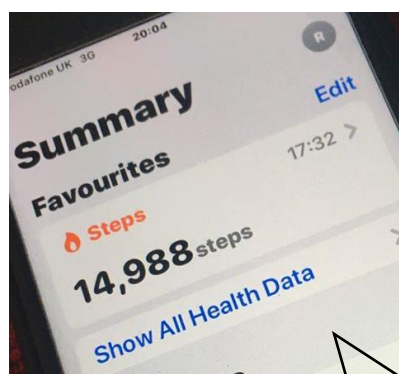
In the absence of the Olympics and Wimbledon, one of the highlights of this summer has certainly been Banff Parish Church's 'Marathon in a Month' challenge! We are so thankful for the incredible response from participants, sponsors and all those who have given a friendly smile and wave or 'liked' our efforts on Facebook. For those of you who haven't seen them,



here are a selection of photos; apologies if we missed you out but the response was so fantastic we just haven't got space for everyone! Thanks also to the Finance Team and their helpers for organising the event.

You can see some more pictures in our celebration video which you can view on our website or at

<https://www.facebook.com/Banff-and-King-Edward-Parish-Churches-472513689469569/?ref=hl> (thanks to Fischy music for permission to use their very apt song).



Day 1: walked a bit further than a mile today!! Climbed Clachnaben near Banchory.

If you're reading a print copy, you can see the photos in colour at [www.banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk/The Bridge Magazine.html](http://www.banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk/The_Bridge_Magazine.html)



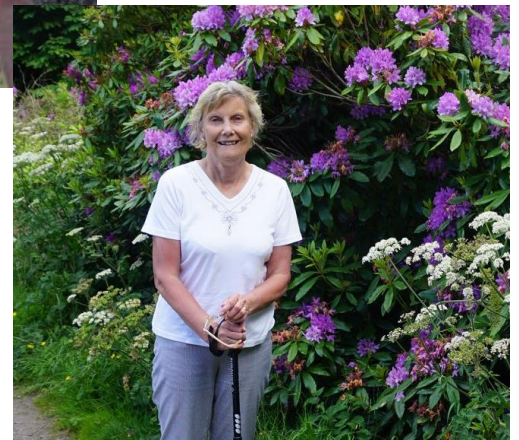
I challenged myself to do the 26 miles in 5 days! I have done it finished on Thursday!



So heartening to see all our churches working together.

Breaking news!!!

Over £8000 raised so far and still counting, with gift aid still to be added!



Marathon masks go international!



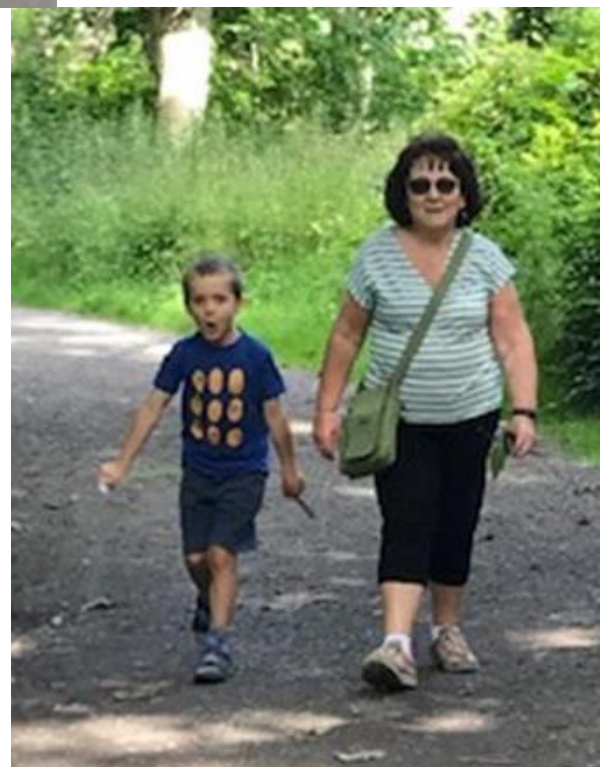
Sponsors and fashion icons Jim and Jean from rural Cheshire (in England) sport a natty pair of Scottish-themed face coverings. This is all part of Banff Parish Church's Marathon in a Month effort to raise funds to continue our work in the community.





I have completed my marathon today and I'm very chuffed with myself. I did a variety of exercise routines for 26 minutes for 26 days and only have a few bruises. I have enjoyed it and hope to carry it on in some form from now on and glad to have helped the church with the money I have raised.

I missed my stair climb on Monday so climbed the stairs 52 times yesterday...I sure am feeling my muscles today!!



Small World!

In the last issue we printed a poem, The Deserted Smiddy, sent in by Tom McLennan. Here, one member of our congregation fills us in on what she believes some of the background to the poem to be, while Tom adds some detail that has come to light since our last issue.

I read the poem in the Bridge which refers to the smiddy at Bogmuchals. Bogmuchals is between Deskford and Fordyce. There was a school at Bogmuchals and along the road was the smiddy, busy at the time shoeing working farm horses in the area.

My grandparents lived half a mile from Bogmuchals and my aunt and father were born there and educated at the school. I have spoken to family – who remember a small shop but not exactly where it was situated. Many of the boys (loons) walked to the smiddy from the school at the end of the day.

The lodge referred to is Fordyce Lodge which is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from Bogmuchals school. The school is long since closed and in its time has been a piggery and general farm building – I haven't driven past for some time so I'm not sure if the school building still exists. I believe the smiddy building is no longer standing.

I did ask if the AC initials meant anything but they couldn't help.

Hope this is of some interest.

A Professor of Aberdeen University sent me links which I could access for myself. One of them was of old maps of the area which I checked and identified the locations of the 'Smiddy' and 'Skweel'.

Robbie Shepherd had also been contacted by the University and in his article in the Press and Journal some weeks ago he mentioned the poem. As a result, he was contacted by the daughter of a woman who had written the poem into a book of poems she kept. The entry indicated that it was written by the woman's neighbour. Apparently, the grandfather of the woman who contacted Robbie Shepherd would have been the 'Smithy' before leaving in 1917 to take over Glenbarry Smithy.

It's a small world and has cleared up the mystery.

Thank you from Vera.....

Dear friends at Banff and King Edward,



Thank you so much for all the flowers, cards, phone calls, letters and gifts sent to me to mark my finishing as your Pastoral Assistant. All are much appreciated. I'm going to miss you all, and pray that God will continue to bless you in both churches in the days ahead.

With love from

Vera.

Books of the Bible Brainteaser

This puzzle appeared on our Facebook page earlier in the year and proved very popular. The names of 16 books of the Bible are hidden in the text; how many can you find?!

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalised, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually take a minister to find one of them! And there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. How many can you find in this story?

What does Harvest mean to you?

The ongoing pandemic means our Harvest celebrations are likely to be very different this year. Here to help us are some memories of past harvests, along with a picture of the gorgeous Harvest table at King Edward church.

Gathering in the corn

I personally find it difficult, and I would prefer to think in terms of thanking God for his goodness generally, to look at work and how to relate harvest to our life today

A celebration

The end of our farming year.

Sharing what we have with those who have so little

Bringing kind and loving people together

When I was a child I used to play in the field and catch the rats with a stick

God's faithfulness

The gifts of God, and that we should thank him for them, always

Profusion

The gathering of all God's gifts, whatever they might be, everything that he gives to us

Golden fields, sunshine...but also countries where there is no harvest, where there is drought and poverty

All the goodies put in a display, and then it brings it home to you what it's all about

I like singing harvest hymns, and I appreciate the way the harvest hymns look forward to a greater harvest.

Hard work

Thanksgiving



Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2020

Maureen Forsyth

Given the strange times we have all been living through in the last few months, I was unsure if there would be a Shoebox Appeal this year, but I have been in touch with Blythswood and they are hoping to go ahead as usual.

So this is just the usual early reminder with regard to the above. I quite understand that this year might be very different for many of you, with health concerns and the restrictions we have had to get used to and many of you may not wish to shop to fill a shoebox, but if you feel you can, then Blythswood would be very grateful.

I will publicise the collection date as widely as possible once I get word from Blythswood but am not sure if there will be leaflets this year due to the danger of passing on infection.



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In the absence of leaflets and in case you do want to start collecting items, the images above and on the next page are copies of the Blythswood 2020 Shoebox Appeal Checklist (from their website <https://www.blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal>).

CHECKLIST 2020

Please tick items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS (ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW):

Please include the following items highlighted in the top box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Toy for boys and girls such as cars, dolls, balls. Please only include new shop-bought toys. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat, scarf, gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets (No chocolate or any other food) 'Best Before' date no earlier than March 2021. No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear | |

Do not include used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns or knives or military figures; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; chocolate or any food other than sweets. Chocolate Eclairs and Chocolate Limes are not allowed; books that are mainly words should also not be included.

Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER)

- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Soap/Shower gel
- ☐ Face cloth/ Moist wipes
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Moisturising Cream
- ☐ Comb/Brush
- ☐ Sanitary Products
- ☐ Shaving foam/Razors
- ☐ Socks/Tights

Miscellaneous

- ☐ New Make-up
- ☐ Sewing Equipment

- ☐ Household Candles
- ☐ Screwdrivers/Pliers
- ☐ Kitchen Utensils

Stationery

- ☐ Pens/Pencils/Sharpener
- ☐ Notepads/Colouring books
- ☐ Rulers/Rubbers

Clothes and other Items

(T-shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/ Shirts) etc

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Come and join us!

Our churches have been closed for a long time and we know many of you are missing sharing in worship and fellowship together. While we hope to re-open the sanctuary of Banff Parish Church sometime in October, we are aware that services will look very different from what we were used to pre-lockdown; numbers will be limited; and many may feel anxious about being in the sanctuary with so many others.

For these reasons and others we will continue to provide alternative ways of accessing our services. Online services will continue to be posted on our Facebook and website (see page 24 for details). Radio services and 'Thoughts for the Day' will also continue to be broadcast on Deveron FM.

Our CD ministry will continue to run and is available to anyone. Please contact your Elder if you would like a copy of the weekly CD.

We are in the process of setting up a phone-in church service whereby anyone can dial a local phone number and hear a recording of the latest service. You should be charged the cost of a local call. We hope to start at the beginning of October; if you are interested please leave your name and telephone number on the church office answering machine and we will get back to you when we have been allocated a dedicated phone number.

CrossReach Christmas Card and Calendar Collection 2020



The deadline for the December/January/February issue of the Bridge is 5pm on Thursday 19th November. Please send your contributions to TheBridgeBAKE@outlook.com

News from King Edward School

Life has been different for all of us recently, but perhaps especially for children and young people. These (edited) extracts from recent King Edward School newsletters give us some idea of how admirably they are coping with all the changes. Well done King Edward School!

Welcome Back...The children overall are coping admirably with the new rules and routines and have settled back in quickly. We are delighted to welcome three new pupils and they too have settled and fitted in seamlessly.

Staffing...Although we are officially a one class school...we are being supported for an interim period to operate as two groups, in a similar way we would have done had we remained at two classes. We are delighted therefore to welcome Miss Sarah Henderson to our team on this basis...I trust you will all make her feel very welcome when and if you get a chance to meet her, which is very difficult in these unprecedented times.

Congratulations...One of our pupils has come first in in a national writing competition for his age group from hundreds of entries, entering the 'Young Wild Writer Competition' for Hen Harrier Day. The feedback from the judges on his entry *Rabbit-dog Hare* being –

The judges loved your piece of writing. We loved the immediacy and authenticity of the wildlife encounter with a hare. We felt we were there, experiencing it with you. The voice of your writing came through clearly, the excitement, the wonder, and the disappointment at the hare's disappearance. There were beautiful descriptions throughout. "Unmistakeable arrow ears rose up through the shimmering field". The pacing and the poetry within the prose was beautiful. We loved the description of the hare, an animal that I have confused with a rabbit, dog, or fox at a distance. We loved the very satisfying ending too.

The pupil has decided to gift the prize he won to the school. I am sure you will join me in congratulating and thanking him for his generosity. Well done young man!

Mr Locke...We are sharing with parents a letter from Mr Locke, it was encouraging to receive his kind words on our return to school.

We remember with sadness the following members who have died and those whose funerals were conducted on behalf of King Edward and Banff Parish Churches.

- Mr Stewart Lippe, Banff.**
- Mrs Jeannie Manson, Alvah, Banff .**
- Mrs Rachel Routledge, Glasgow.**
- Mrs H E McGowan, Banff.**
- Mr David Riddell, Peterhead.**
- Mr Alex Barron, Banff.**
- Mrs Elizabeth McCorkindale, Banff.**

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

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Ministry of Flowers

The flower team are so sorry that we cannot distribute flowers just now, but please rest assured we are still thinking of you all and pray that we will be able to resume "normal" life in the not too distant future.



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| Flower Convener                   | Mrs. Pat McLennan                                                                                                             |                       |
| Resources Group Clerk             | Mrs. Irene Tewnion                                                                                                            |                       |
| Treasurer                         | Mr. James Millar                                                                                                              | 498134                |
| FWO Treasurer                     | Mrs. Moira Gess                                                                                                               |                       |
| Church Office                     | <a href="mailto:janetsimpson@banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk">janetsimpson@banffparishchurchofscotland.co.uk</a>            | 818211                |

**KING EDWARD CHURCH** - Charity No SC015077

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| Session Clerk (acting)     | Mrs. Margaret Brown   | 821316       |
| Roll Keeper                | Mrs. Nancy Simpson    | 01888 568602 |
| Treasurer                  | Mrs. Sandra French    |              |
| Fabric Convenor            | Mr. Eric Wilson       | 832951       |
| Church Officer/Hall Keeper | Cliff and Jayne Pirie | 821680       |
| Organist                   | Mr. Stephen Pratt     | 833113       |
| Flower Convener            | Mrs. Isobel Smith     | 821348       |
| Guild President            | Anne Robson           | 821230       |
| Hall Committee President   | Mrs. Jayne Pirie      | 821680       |

# **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**

The Minister will be on Annual Leave between 3rd and 14th September inclusive. Arrangements for Sunday services are below; if you have any other need during this time please contact either the Session Clerk, Margaret Henderson, or the Church Secretary, Janet Simpson. Contact details can be found on page 23.

## **Regular Activities**

Our Regular Activities have had to stop for the moment but we hope to be able to meet together again soon. However the church is very much open for business. Look out on Facebook, the website or in David's letters to the congregation for services, stories and children's activities as well as information about upcoming events and other resources.

**Book Club** will meet (virtually) at 2.30pm on Thursday 24th September. See page 9 for more information.

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

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

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

For other ways to join our services, please see page 20.

On Sundays 6th and 13th September we will be joining the online congregation at Turriff St. Ninians. The service will begin at 11am and you can join it by

a) Either type the following link into the address bar of your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4mU-UNe3iYxl27uPS2EVjg>

b) Or, in your internet browser, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and there search for St Ninian's & Forglen Church. On our page, you will see the link for the upcoming livestream.

Arrangements for those not able to join online at 11am are still being finalised.