

March 2017

Greetings from your Locum

A week ago I lost one of our house keys and I wasn't quite sure where I had lost it. I thought I had it when I came to the church but I wasn't sure. So Jan and I set about looking for it. First we searched all my pockets, then all Jan's pockets just in case she had it and not me. Then I searched the car while Jan searched the house and every drawer, cupboard and even every bin just in case it had accidentally been put there. We searched high and low. I even came back to the church and searched the office, the hall and the Session Room but the key was not to be found until Monday night when Jan saw it pinned to the church notice board. So our grateful thanks to the person who found it and kindly put it there for us to find.

In John's Gospel we read that two of John the Baptisers disciples were asked a question by Jesus, 'What do you seek?' Which wasn't a question about a lost key but about something much more important. Jesus was asking what they wanted from him. Some translations of this question have, 'What do you want?' or more accurately, 'What are you looking for?' However, I prefer, 'What do you seek?' because it has about it more of an urgency and seriousness than the other translations.

Andrew, one of the men, and his companion were serious in their search. They had thought that John the Baptist was the one they were looking for but he had pointed them to Jesus, the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.' Recognising how serious they were in their search Jesus asked what they sought. In answer to that question Andrew and his companion said, 'Rabbi, where are you staying?' Which seems a strange response but apparently in that time it was normal to ask a Rabbi where he was staying so that seekers could go to his home to talk and learn and discover new things. So the two asked Jesus where he lived and he replied, 'Come and you will see.' They went with Jesus and talked with him and listened to him and found what they sought in him.

By the time you read this we will be in the season of Lent and traditionally this is a time of fasting when people give things up. It is also a time for study, reflection and prayer in the weeks before Easter and at the start of Lent Jesus' question is still relevant, 'What do you seek?' There are many answers to that question. Perhaps Lent can be a search for a deeper understanding of Scripture, or for a deepened prayer life, maybe a longing for a more peaceful spirit and a greater awareness of the presence of God. Perhaps a search for a deeper meaning in the confusion of our modern world. 'What do you seek?' Whatever we seek John's Gospel reminds us that we will find the answer in Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is by spending time with him that we too can see more clearly, learn new things, gain understanding and discover the deeper meaning of faith and life. So this Lent let us all follow the example of Andrew and his companion and spend more time at the Master's feet.

'When he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus passing by he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" "Come", he replied, "and you will see."

St. John 1: 36 - 3009. *God Bless, Morris*



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DONATION TO THE TOWER FUND FROM THE EXERCISE GROUP

BY JOAN JONES PHOTOGRAPH BY RUTH KEIR

The exercise group that meet in the Church Hall every Tuesday afternoon very generously donated £75 to the Tower Funds.

Ruth Keir took a photo of Rita Strachan presenting me with the cheque.

Thank you to all for your generosity.



BURNS SUPPER

BY JOAN JONES PHOTOGRAPH BY ANNE MURRAY



A fantastic evening was enjoyed by a full house on Friday 27th January 2017 for the Burn's Supper. It was in aid of the Tower refurbishments and raised a wonderful amount of £862.00. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and to all who participated and made the event such a success!



PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE TOWER TEAM SERVICE



TOWER TEAM SUCCESS!

BY JOAN JONES,
PHOTOGRAPH BY
GEORGE MCINTYRE

We were pleased to welcome local Councillor Douglas Ross at a recent Coffee and Chat get together.

The coffee and chat volunteers were photographed with Douglas who said that he had submitted a motion to the Scottish Parliament to recognise the fantastic efforts of the Tower Team and indeed the entire congregation.

His letter is included here for all to see.



Douglas Ross MSP

Member of the Scottish Parliament
Highlands and Islands Region

George McIntyre
18 Spey Crescent
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25 January 2017

Dear George

I was delighted to accept your kind invitation to visit Bellie church on Monday to see the quality of the completed works and the excellent efforts made by local companies in renovating the fabric of the building.

The display in the church hall was most interesting and I certainly hope that many others will come to share in learning about the history of the church building and at the same time participate in the Coffee and Chat sessions.

To recognise the fantastic efforts of the Tower Team and indeed the entire congregation in working together to obtain the necessary funds to undertake this project, I have submitted a motion to the Scottish Parliament which quickly attracted the support of MSPs across Scotland. I have included a copy of the motion with this letter.

I know how grateful everyone involved in the project are to the generous funders including the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund and the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation. These funders, as well as local fundraising and donations, made the project possible and after seeing the works, I am sure everyone will agree that it is money well spent.

Please convey my thanks to Rev Smith and Alf Grimsley for joining us on the tour and to all the volunteers involved with Coffee and Chat for the excellent work they have been doing for almost eleven years and the fantastic funds they have raised over this time.

Yours sincerely


Douglas Ross MSP

WHAT IS MISSING? SUBMITTED BY ANN RAFFAN

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GUILD NEWS MARGARET KING

'Going in joy' has been easy as we met for a 'catch-up' at the beginning of the year, and followed that up by our own Ann Bowie leading us in discussion on this year's topic 'Working towards fulfilment'.

Murray Campbell had us rejoicing as he told us of the Lord's leading in his life and showed us the many hats he had been privileged to wear – from (among many more) the Life Boys at Boys' Brigade, through the woolly toorie of a fisherman to the hard hat of The Sailor's Society. He helps out at

Invergordon when there is more than one cruise ship in port. There are 97 booked in this year between April and October, up from 62 last season! We will continue using the amazing talents of our leadership team as:

Janet Whyte tells us something of the World Day of Prayer Story on 14 Feb at Bellie and

Liz Moir gives us an up-date on the Ravens Trust at Speymouth on 7 March.

14 March Ruth Keir tells us of travels in Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos.

And then slightly later than usual, to encompass the wonderful **DAFFODIL TEA on SUNDAY 2 APRIL**, 2 - 4 pm in Speymouth Village Hall, our AGM is on Tuesday 4th April in Bellie at 7.30pm.

Warmest wishes to you all for a richly blessed Easter!



BELLIE AND SPEYMOUTH WORSHIP TEAM LIZ RENNIE

Worship Team members will be meeting again in February to look at plans for the coming months. We continue to arrange shorter evening worship services at Milnescroft and are delighted to be able to support Rev Smith at Milnescroft when he shares the short message and celebrates the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. After helping out at Bellie Babes Christmas Celebration, soon our thoughts will be turning to Easter and we will look forward to finding stories and songs for the younger members of our Church family.



Our search for an Organist for Speymouth Church continues. We are grateful to all who have helped out over the last few weeks and months by playing the organ or keyboard in both Bellie and Speymouth. We will keep you updated of our progress.

COFFEE AND CHAT

JENNIE CAMERON

On Monday 30th January Coffee and Chat celebrated their 11th anniversary.

We continue to meet every Monday, closing only for Holiday Club, Christmas and New Year.

Coffee and Chat was started in January 2006 and the money raised went to the magnificent Re-Order of our Church. Since September 2015 the money collected has been used for the Tower Fund.

In the 11 years since we started we have donated, in total, £34,355.

Thanks go to all our loyal supporters and to the fantastic team of volunteers who make up the Rota.

Well Done One and All!

A CUP OF
COFFEE
SHARED WITH
A FRIEND IS
HAPPINESS
TASTED AND
TIME WELL
SPENT.



WANTED

Volunteers are required to work on Rota for Coffee and Chat for 2 and a half hours on a Monday at intervals of approx 6 weeks
Also Volunteers to make Teas and Coffees in the hall on a Sunday after the Church Service, approximately once every 8 weeks.
If anyone is willing to help at either of these events please contact Jennie Cameron at Church, or telephone 01343



BY AVRIL CLARK

Rag Bags - Since we have had the container placed at the playing fields we have been doing quite well. We raised £152 just before Christmas and it has been emptied again just after Christmas although I haven't had notification of the amount yet. The money is still going to the Tower Fund so please keep clearing out your wardrobes and donate it to the container.



Milk Bottle lids - We have been collecting the lids from plastic milk bottles, red, green and blue etc. They are recycled in some way and we pass them to Ruth Lambourne whose school pupils collect them to raise money for Logan's Fund. So please rinse them out and collect in a plastic bag and leave them up at the recycling corner at Bellie hall.

Traidcraft - The new catalogue is now out so if you would like to receive one please let Ann Raffan know. We have a few dates for your diary.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

On Friday 3rd March 2.00pm - 4.00pm we will have our newly stocked Sales table at Brew and Blether.



Busega Scotland
Supporting work in Tanzania

On Friday 31st March 10.30 - 12.00 noon then 2.00 - 4.00pm we are going to have a **Pop Up Shop** again held in the Bellie Session Room so look out for our posters. This time we are going to be joined by "Bags for Busega" a small fundraiser for Busega Scotland to raise funds for the orphanage in Tanzania.

Check out their website to find out more Busegascotland.co.uk.

Eco-congregation Highland/Moray Event - On the 29th of April there is going to be a gathering in Elgin probably at St Columba's South Church. So look out for posters nearer the time outlining the plans for the day.

Meat Free Monday

The recipe here is taken from "The Meat Free Monday Cookbook" hope you enjoy it.

Ale and Puff Pastry Pie

100g. margarine, - 2 large bunches spring onions with the bottom 7cm chopped, - 550g small chestnut mushrooms, cut into 5mm pieces, - 1 tablespoon cornflour, - 1/2 teaspoon yeast extract, - 300 -350ml light ale, - 210g ready rolled puff pastry, - organic milk or soya milk.

Preheat oven to 200°C/ gas mark 6.

Melt 50g margarine in a large non-stick frying pan. Sauté the chopped spring onions briefly. Add the chestnut mushrooms to the pan. Continue to sauté for 5 minutes until starting to colour, stirring to prevent sticking.

Remove from the heat and sprinkle with the cornflour. Once back on the hob, add the yeast extract and ale. Cook for a further 5 minutes or until the mushrooms begin to soften. Use more ale if the mixture seems too dry.

Divide the mixture into four small soufflé/ ceramic pie dishes, then cut out four pastry circles to place on top, leaving some room to rise. Brush with milk or soya milk and make a small hole in the top to let the steam escape. Bake for 20 minutes until golden.

Speyside Quilters - On the 22nd April, Speyside Quilters are having a Coffee Morning in Bellie Church Hall 1.00 - 12.00 noon, to raise funds for CLAN. Please make a note in your diary and look out for the posters nearer the time.



We were really pleased with the response for The Northern Scot Toy Appeal which we held as part of our Christmas celebration "Where's Christmas". The toys were picked up and distributed to local families in time for Christmas. Spey Bay Carol Service also kindly donated their collection to this Appeal. The children had a busy time rehearsing the play, but enjoyed performing it to a large audience.



After such a busy December, we all took a well-earned break (a week longer than planned due to the snow and ice!). We returned to have our new year pyjama party, which was great fun. You may have seen some people in onesie's going into the hall on that evening!



We had a Chinese themed evening, when we found out more about Chinese New Year. We all made a rooster suncatcher to take home under the guidance of our craft expert, Fiona. The children enjoyed playing Chinese games for a change.



This was also the last evening that Fiona will be with us as a regular leader, although she will be around to help out if needed on the parent rota. Fiona Low has been one of our leaders for the past four and a half years. Time flies when you're having fun! We presented Fiona with a card and flowers and there is another surprise gift in the pipeline, so she'll have to come back one evening soon to get her surprise!

We are looking to have a small Talent Show for Take Note members in March in aid of Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. That's something to look forward to!

We are always looking for people to come and help us on a Friday evening. It doesn't matter what your age or talents, all you need is energy!! We do have a helpers rota, so even if you could spare one evening a month, we'll be glad to see you.



A thought!

Every moment of life contains the potential for learning something new. We teach and we learn, we give and we take. There is so much we can offer one another – from formal education to the challenges of Christian discipleship, from teaching passed down through generations to the knowledge we absorb without even thinking about it.

Go before us God, that we may follow in your steps

Go behind us God, to steer us when we stray,

Go beside us God, as our strength and our joy for the journey.



PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

God, we lift up our children before you today, thankful that you entrusted them to us. We ask that you cover them physically, spiritually and emotionally. Protect them from any evil plans set before them, and lead them in the path you have for them! In Jesus' name, Amen!



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WaterAid

WaterAid's vision is of a world where everyone has access to safe water and sanitation. The international organisation works in 37 countries across Africa, Asia, Central America and the Pacific Region to transform lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation in some of the world's poorest communities.

Since 1981, WaterAid has reached 23 million people with safe water and, since 2004, 21 million people with sanitation. For more information, visit www.wateraid.org, follow @WaterAidUK on Twitter, or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wateraid.

- Around 315,000 children die each year from diarrhoeal diseases caused by dirty water and poor sanitation. That's almost 900 children each day, or one child every two minutes.
- Over 650 million people (around one in ten) are without safe water
- Over 2.3 billion people (around one in three) live without improved sanitation
- For every £1 invested in water and sanitation, an average of £4 is returned in increased productivity.
- Just £15 can help provide one person with access to safe water.



Bellie and Speymouth Water Aid Green Buckets

As many of you are aware there has been a Green Bucket for collecting loose change for Water Aid at Speymouth church for a number of years. The congregation at Speymouth (and Bellie) have filled the Speymouth Green Bucket several times and the generosity of the congregations is much appreciated. At long last the Young Church has a Water Aid Green Bucket for use at Bellie! The Green Bucket can be found in the vestibule at the front door of the church. All loose change welcome! Thank you for your continued support.



Sunday Club

Sunday Club was busy and very industrious towards the end of 2016! We learned about Jesus' ancestry through creating a Jesse Tree with many representations of the Old Testament prophecies and characters. Many of our creations then joined the baubles created by the congregation, decorating the church Christmas tree in a bright, reflective and meaningful way. Sunday Club also prepared and presented the story of the Nativity from the perspective of the angels. All the children and young people are so natural and participated enthusiastically at the Christmas Family service. The diligent performance of Isobel and Aiden, who played Mary and Joseph, remaining in character all through the remainder of our worship time will live long in the memory!

Finally, on Christmas Eve some of our older young people – Abby, Iona, Ewan and Finn – and not so young people gave a dramatised version of the Velveteen Rabbit, helping us to think about the REAL gift of Christmas.



Early in the New Year we all enjoyed the Sunday Club pantomime themed party – relaxed, fun, food and games! Now back at Sunday Club in the season of Epiphany we have begun by learning about Jesus as the Light of the World and will progress through various 'filters of light', learning of the events of Jesus life, and other people's reactions to his ministry and teaching, until, just before Lent begins, when we get to see him in transfigured glory.

During Lent we journey through the creation and the formation of the nation of Israel as God calls his people out of slavery and into a vision of restored people and the prophetic vision of peace and justice that God gives for the building of the kingdom in the world.



Traveling Together in Faith



Easter Sunday – 16th April 2017 – 9.30am

A new event for all!

A short pilgrimage from the Old Spey Bridge to Bellie Church

Roll your decorated Easter Egg in the church garden

And enjoy a hot cross bun and a cuppa!

Please let the Young Church know if you would like to help with publicity, stewarding or catering.

Many thanks.

WELCOME TEAMS—FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT JOHN MCCONNACHIE

Being part of a Welcome Team is probably one of the most important functions which any of us can carry out. Whilst we may have a 'first impression' of someone coming into our churches the impression we give to a visitor is hugely important. How someone looks, how they are dressed, what accent they have are unimportant. What is important is that they have chosen to worship with us.

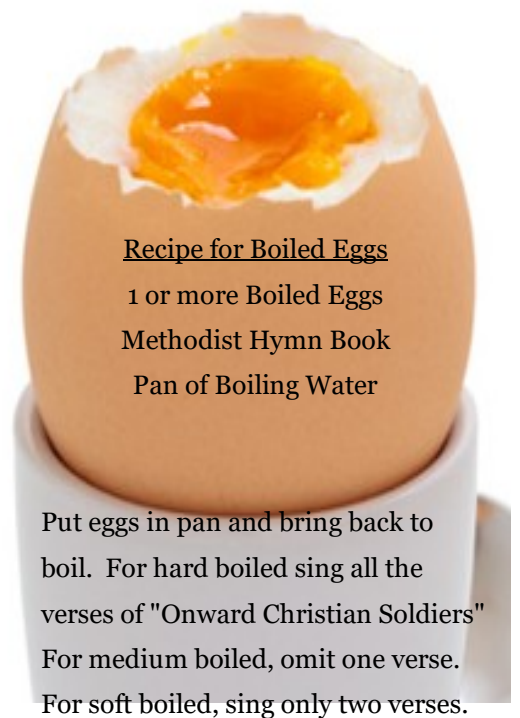
The welcome someone receives can leave a lasting impression so it is important that we leave a visitor with a positive impression. A friendly smile, a cheerful greeting, a positive comment all help to make our churches places where people want to be and where they want to come back to.

While we are speaking about it, the friendly welcome is important to those who regularly worship with us whether members or not. Everyone who enters either of our churches should feel welcome, safe and loved.

And let's not forget that when people are leaving after worship to invite them for a cuppy or simply to wish them well as they head home or on with their travels. As the hymn says 'All are welcome in this place'.



A COUPLE OF RECIPES! GRACE HENDRY



GRASS-CUTTING HELPERS REQUIRED! SANDRA STEEL



The Property Team is looking for volunteers to form a grass cutting team/ rota for Speymouth. If you feel that you could assist with this, no matter how infrequently, then please get in touch with Sandra to let her know and to find out more information, if required.

Thanks in advance!





FUNERALS

21st November 2016	Brian Hey	Fochabers
8th December 2016	Mabel Hope	ex Kirknewton
17th December 2016	George Duncan	Cornhill
18th December 2016	William Mackay	Fochabers
13th January 2017	Ena Dunbar	ex Kingston
16th January 2017	Ronald Jones	Garmouth
19th January 2017	Ida (Maggie) Breedon	Mosstodloch

GETTING TO KNOW.....YOU!

FIONA LOW

I have been at Bellie....2007

One thing I enjoy about Bellie has...been helping out with the various children's groups over the last few years.

I find a lot of joy in....spending time with my family and friends, but most of all being a parent.

If I won the lottery I would..... buy a holiday cottage in the Isle of Harris.

If I was stranded on a desert island my luxury item would be..... chocolate.

If I could travel anywhere in the world it would be...That's a really difficult one! I would love to explore Italy one day.

The title of a book about me would be... "Daydreamer!!!"

If I was to create a piece of art, the subject would be...Family

If I could go back in time, I would travel to.... 1982 ...it would be the school summer holidays with my friends in Musselburgh...we would be 10 years old. We had great times playing out all day. We had so much freedom then.

Once upon a time....when I was about 21 years old. I did Camp America. I went to a children's summer camp in Pennsylvania. It was for teenagers with complex needs. It was hard work but very rewarding. Afterwards, I travelled with friends I made at camp to a few different places....Boston, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, New Orleans and Florida. We were students on a tight budget and were backpacking. It was a great brilliant experience!



SPRING CLEAN TIME!



A spring clean is required in both Bellie and Speymouth churches. If you could spare a few hours on a weekend around April time, please let a church elder know and we will organise a get-together where buckets, scrubbers and rubber gloves will be required! Thank you in advance!

UNITED PRESBYTERY PRAYER

SUBMITTED BY MARGARET KING

Mighty God and King

In fellowship with brothers and sisters across the Presbytery of Moray,
and in obedience to your instruction to pray at all times and in every place,
we present our petitions:
for your world, hurt and divided by conflicts, poverty and injustice
for the United Kingdom as it struggles with the Brexit vote and its aftermath;
for local government in Moray, dealing with problems in many areas of concern;
for the Church of Scotland nationally and in Moray in particular

Powerful Lord, You tell us
that if two of us on earth agree about anything we ask for,
it will be done for us by you in heaven.
Lord, increase our faith and help us to persevere in prayer!

We agree together in asking
that you would restrain the forces of evil and greed,
humbly confessing our own and our nation's faults and excesses....

Only you can change hearts and sustain new lives in Christ Jesus.

God of Justice, Wisdom and Love, WE PUT OUR HOPE AND TRUST IN YOU.



We agree together in asking for
wisdom, humility and respect to be shown among international and local leaders.

In complex disputes with many grey areas, grant your patience and long term solutions,
which include and encourage those on the margins, at home and abroad.

Only you are all-wise, knowing the end from the beginning. Your foolishness surpasses human wisdom

God of Justice, Wisdom and Love, WE PUT OUR HOPE AND TRUST IN YOU.

We agree together in asking you to
set a guard over the mouths of influential people in all walks of life,
that folly and falsehoods, rudeness and disrespect might be reduced to a minimum
Keep watch over the door of our lips too and
season all our political and personal conversations with the salt of your grace and hope.

God of Justice, Wisdom and Love, WE PUT OUR HOPE AND TRUST IN YOU.

We agree together in asking you
to raise up many more workers for your harvest field.
Envision and enable ministers to hear the call to 'Come over and help us!'
Envision and empower the local leadership in every congregation
to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and
to continue sharing their gifts in your service.

Head of the Church and Lord of the Harvest, WE PUT OUR HOPE AND TRUST IN YOU

Dear heavenly Father,
We look out on the problems of church and community, of our nation and the world beyond
and we do not know what to do.

But we **know you** and we put our hope and trust in you.
Guide our minds and direct our steps in our present darkness and
work all things together for your glory and the good of those who love you.

We refuse to be anxious about anything, and instead
present our requests to you through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives to intercede for us.

Now by faith, we receive your peace
which passes all human understanding and
guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

And by faith,
we praise and thank you for hearing and answering prayer,
presented in Jesus' Name

Amen.



SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

DENISE BROWN



Although its only February, we have already had our first planning meeting to prepare for this year's Holiday Club. The theme Guardians of Ancora runs on from last year, but this year it is called Treasure Seekers.

Holiday Club 2017 will run for four mornings from Monday 7th August to Thursday 10th August. We welcome all children from those starting in Primary 1 through to Primary 7. Numbers are limited so don't leave it too late to book a place!

We are also holding a Teens Night on Wednesday 9th August for High School age.

We are still looking for more helpers to join the Holiday Club Team. Perhaps you could help with the registration, serve the snack, help with the crafts or games. It's a good way to get to know others in the church as the team has a lot of fun and fellowship during the week. Please get in touch if you would like to help in any way.

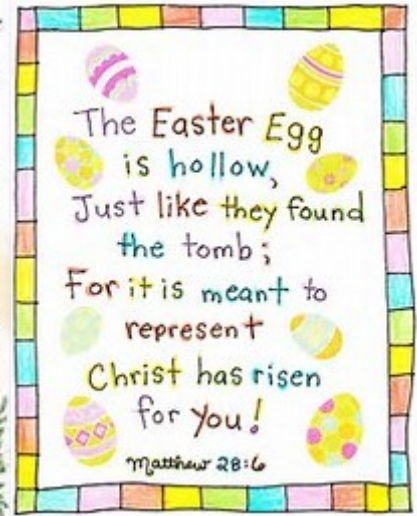
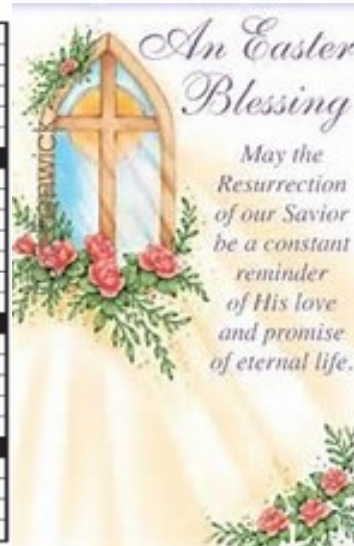
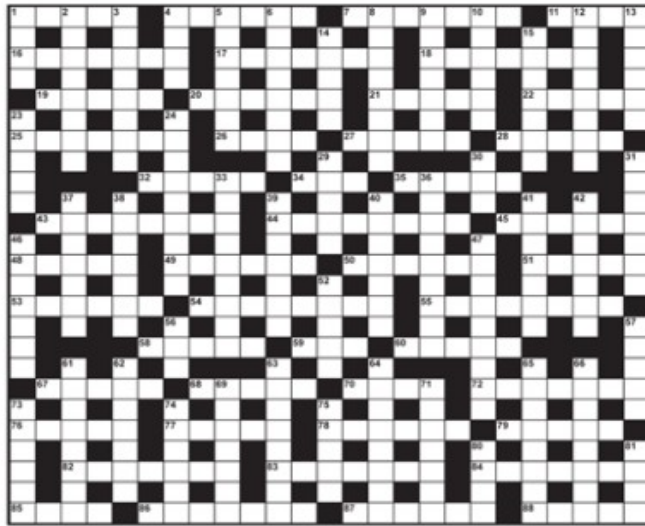
More details and registration forms for the Holiday Club will be coming shortly.

EASTER CROSSWORD

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Easter Treat Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 A baffling question
- 4 See 1 down
- 7 A holy man
- 11 Inactive
- 16 Church reading stand
- 17 Conspicuous
- 18 Where the crucifixion took place
- 19 & 21, Chief of the Apostles (5,5)
- 20 Lamentable
- 21 See 19 across
- 22 Period of overindulgence
- 25 Without a hearing (2,5)
- 26 & 47 down, she stood by the cross at the crucifixion (4,9)
- 27 To verify
- 28 ... and wine
- 32 I will ... the coming of my Lord (Tennyson)
- 34 & 36 down, the day after 45 across (3,9)
- 35 Master
- 43 Jesus was put to death on ... (3,5)
- 44 Unexpected strokes of good for tune
- 45 & 86 across, Pancake Day (6,7)
- 48 Likewise

DOWN

- 1 & 4 across, the day commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem (4,6)
- 2 Church vestry
- 3 The art of persuasive oratory
- 4 Chant
- 5 A patent medicine
- 6 Any symbolic representation
- 8 A plainsong setting of words usually from the bible
- 9 One who lives a holy life
- 10 Deferential appellation to Jesus (2,4)
- 12 Sun-up
- 13 It commemorates the resurrection of Christ
- 14 Clemency
- 15 Early Roman emperors
- 23 A guardian spirit
- 24 Building occupied by an association
- 29 Away from consideration
- 30 A small demon
- 31 One who disbelieves in the existence of God
- 33 Vanish
- 36 See 34 across



Easter Story

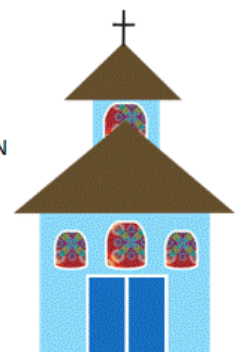
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MARY
MIRACLE
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PENTECOST

PRAYER
REDEMPTION
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BELLIE BABES ANNETTE MEIGHAN

2016 finished with a busy Christmas party with 28 children and over 50 adults joining the team for lots of fun on Saturday 17th December. Everyone of all ages joined in, making salt dough stars, decorating Christmas biscuits, making Christmas cards, angels, crowns, and, printing handprints. We then listened to the Nativity story where

the children all sat beautifully and listened really well. It was then time to move from the main Church through to the Hall where we had party food and pass the parcel games before music signalled the arrival of Father Christmas who came with 2 very heavy sacks! It was a wonderful family morning with all ages joining together to celebrate the meaning of Christmas, Jesus' Birth.

The handprints we had done at the party and at the sessions before were cut out and made into a large Christmas card in the shape of a Christmas Tree which Yvonne and I presented to Church the following morning during the family service, from Bellie Babes to the Church congregation.

January has seen the Mum's and the 'friends' out for our meal at Bijou by the Sea, which as ever, was delicious and a fantastic lovely relaxed evening. Here's to our next one!

We are continuing to be Blessed by new babies and toddlers joining and have welcomed 4 already this new year! It is such a happy atmosphere on a Friday morning, all the mum's and little one's

mixing well and the 'friends' role is even more so important. We often have 4 or 5 team members on in the mornings and it truly is not enough when the last few weeks our numbers have been averaging at 28 babies and young toddlers. God is working through us at Bellie Babes and we thank Him for all his goodness.



BY ISABEL MACLEOD

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The first Messy Church of 2017 was a big success with a great time had by all. There were quite a few regulars in attendance and this time around everything took place in Bellie Hall rather than in the sanctuary. It proved beneficial because it kept everyone together and adults and children alike joined in with the afternoon's proceedings. We were able to work on our decoding skills as Margaret shared Morse Code messages. Through the story of Samuel we

learned a lot about listening out for God and acting on his calling.

The biggest hit of the afternoon came when we

had a temple building competition with cardboard boxes. The adults became competitive and were desperate to have the tallest tower whilst the younger members loved the knocking down process. A huge thank you must go to everyone who came along and also to all of the Messy Church team who worked to make the afternoon successful.

The Messy Church team had their first meeting of the year in January and spent some time evaluating the past year and looking at ways to go forward. Many exciting ideas were considered and we hope to offer an active year sharing God's word with families in our community. To get even more



inspiration we have arranged for some of our team to go along to other Messy Church meetings in Moray in the next few weeks.

It's all going on at Messy Church so don't miss out - make sure you come along to our next meeting on Saturday 25th March 2017.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

ANN BOWIE

On Saturday 10th December 2016 Bellie and Speymouth Church held their Annual Christmas Fayre. The church hall was looking very festive with stalls laden with attractive goods to purchase and stallholders suitably attired to



capture the festive spirit. The fellowship team and helpers were extremely busy on the stalls and in the kitchen, serving coffee, warm mince pies and shortbread (which had been kindly donated by Walker's of Aberlour). Many of the raffle prizes had been donated by other local businesses as well as generous members and friends. Of course we must not forget our special visitor Santa who was accompanied by his lovely little fairy who handed out sweeties to everyone, whether you had been bad or good! A huge thank you to all who supported us and hopefully enjoyed themselves on the day when the magnificent sum of £1572 was raised for Church Funds. Thanks to Anne Murray for capturing so many happy faces on camera!



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