

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP

All Services are at 10.00am unless otherwise intimated.

18 August	United Worship	Bellie Church
25 August	United Worship	Bellie Church
1 SEPTEMBER	Sunday Worship in both churches	Bellie Church – 10.00am Speymouth – 11.30am

12th – 15th August 2019

BACKPACKERS HOLIDAY CLUB

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Pray that Denise and her team, young helpers and children will love their adventure of faith, backpacking with Jesus.



Saturday 24th August in Bellie

Visit Messy Church Stall at SPEY BAY OPEN DAY

Saturday 31st August.

Wed 21 Aug 7.30 pm ALPHA COURSE in Walled Garden Café, Gordon Castle. Contact giles@sevenx.co.uk for more info.

Saturday 7th Sep 10am - 3.30pm (or part thereof!) Live-streaming of **GUILD Annual Gathering in Bellie Church**. Come and have a taster!

NEXT ISSUE

Please send in 'copy' and photos AS & WHEN you have them.

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KIRK NEWS LIGHT

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YOUNG CHURCH at WORK and WORSHIP!

The last few weeks before our summer break was a busy time for our Young Church - a wonderful time of friendship and fellowship whilst letting the creative juices flow.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

The Lord has provided us with so much to enjoy, and the children were keen to celebrate this by **painting a stone** to brighten up our garden. The result was a wonderful display of butterflies, a ladybird, Noah's ark, a rainbow, turtle and many more.

The **Buckie Pottery Company** joined our worship time and a fantastic array of animals and mermaids were painted with great care and attention by the children. It was a delight to watch the concentration on their faces! Our youngest members used their hands too and created a brilliant coaster for their families to enjoy for years to come.

Four special animals were lovingly painted by Katherine, Jorja, Avril and Heather and hidden in our garden - pop out and see if you can find them next time you are in the hall.



Music and song brought us all together to enjoy **a sharing Sunday** with a difference. Led by the very talented Praise Band, the church was filled with happy voices singing the most popular songs and hymns chosen by the congregation and young church team. Time was limited so Alison had to work hard to choose our playlist - otherwise the service could have lasted the whole day! Each young child received a beautiful bible book filled with stories, puzzles and games. Our 2 oldest children, Niamh and Edward were given a beautiful Youth Bible to help and support them as they continue to grow in their faith.

Our service ended with some delicious cakes and a little sunshine which allowed the children's creations and our colourful garden to be enjoyed.

Lisa Campbell

*Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?....
...whoever humbles himself like this child
is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18: 1, 4*

Bellie Keep Fit Class enjoying their 25th Anniversary party in June. Photos from Ruth Keir. They meet Tuesday afternoons



DEPARTED FRIENDS

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life".

17 June - Steve Fowler 19 June - Janet Shand;
1 July - Ina Webster; 17 July - Mary Scott 25 July - May Barclay
(21 June - Aileen Garrow was buried from her 'home' church of Aberlour but was a faithful attender with us)

*God of all comfort, ease the sorrow of family and friends.
Grant them grace and faith to trust you for a resurrection reunion through Jesus.*

IMPORTANT NOTES FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From the Special Commission on Structural Reform

- *Council of Assembly is replaced by an Assembly of Trustees (12 well qualified ministers and lay people, men and women)
- *Admin costs within the central church to be reduced by 20-30%.
- *Reduce the number of Councils, suggesting Ministries merge with Mission & Discipleship, and World Mission with Church & Society
- *CrossReach (the Social Care Council) to become an 'arm's length' organisation



The **radical action plan** agreed by the Assembly will include:

- **A growth fund** of £20-25 m to be spent from 2020-2026 on 'initiatives to develop mission through new ecclesial communities and church planting'.
- **Reform of regional structure**, with the present 45 presbyteries reduced to around 12 'units' by 2025, either united presbyteries or presbyteries closely co-operating.
- **Presbytery Mission initiatives** and **Hub-Style ministries** which will allow the church to keep a presence and exercise mission in communities even where numbers are low by releasing congregations from traditional requirements of church and civil law.
- **Reviewing size and responsibilities of Kirk Sessions** with the aim of reducing the size of sessions and enabling shorter terms of active service for elders.
- **Offering specialist support** (building, safeguarding, accountancy, employment and partnership work) to regional structures and local congregations.

From the **General Trustees**

'Well equipped spaces in the right places' points to the need for

- ❖ a reduction in the number of church buildings; a new system regulating inspection, reporting and maintenance of current buildings
- ❖ Presbytery Plans to include Presbytery-wide priorities for investment based on overall mission plan; employment of professional building officers
- ❖ Measures to support congregations struggling with day-to-day fabric management
- ❖ General Trustees to take over management of redundant buildings until they are sold

World Mission Council - Presence, Proclamation & Practical Action

St Andrew's United Church of Cairo, Egypt - StARS (St Andrew's Refugee Services) serve 35,000 refugees a year. *"We are called to get our shoes dirty, to walk along together, to listen to their stories..."*

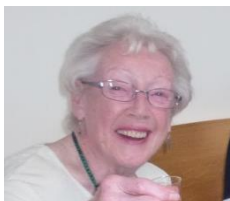
Presbyterian Church in Canada – *Jesus is always ahead of his church... pushing the boundaries of our understanding of the breadth of God's love, grace and reconciliation... Discipleship is mostly about trying to keep up.*

Spanish Evangelical Church - *..following Jesus means to be open.. to learn.. hear.. to the other.. to move.. give.. preach and to do the mercifulness that Jesus preached about the kingdom of God.*

Evangelical Church of Christ in Mozambique – *Following Jesus means liberation and victory...because in Jesus we are free.*

A key part of building international relationships is to energise and excite the church, and help us all to have confidence to follow Jesus and stand up for what we believe in our churches and communities.

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Jean Scott writes:

*I was the lucky winner of the prize number pulled out at the Bake Off in November and spent a wonderful 3 hours at the Cookery School at the Oakwood, outside Elgin, on 30th June. I chose the **bread making class**.*

We made granary & walnut bread and Focaccia which has a variety of toppings - I played safe with a mixture of cheeses. We made flat bread which we tried at lunch time with sliced cheeses & meats. Amanda Green was our chef for the day, She demonstrated cinnabons - dough rolled out topped with brown sugar, cinnamon & lemon juice, then rolled up, cut into slices and left to prove again before being topped with icing sugar, cream cheese, butter, vanilla & lemon juice. It was a bit too sweet for me. They take 10 "pupils" at a time which was perfect. It was a warm day outside & very hot inside with all the cookers on. Plus it was an exercise class too as we had to knead the dough for 10 minutes at a time! But we had a constant supply of juice and water. This was something I had always thought I would like to do & thoroughly enjoyed the Cookery Experience.

BREW & BLETHER

Many hands made light work of folding Issue No 2 of the June Kirk News Light.

Thank you!! Special thanks to Jorja Bell who collated the sheets before the folding process!



All are welcome on the **first Friday of the month, 2 – 3.30pm** and you can see the mouth-watering spread! (You won't normally be expected to work for you tea!)



Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life"

TAKE NOTE NEWS

Take Note finished off a busy summer term with a **Family Fun Night & BBQ**. With a big turn-out of over 80, Heidi and Lisa were kept busy cooking and serving. Many thanks to both of them for giving up their time to come and help us! It was a fine night, although the midges were out in force as we tidied up!



* During the term we have enjoyed **learning new games** from Denise's sister, Julie, when she was here on

holiday. Seòras had us all out in the garden **making paper aeroplanes**, followed by a competition to see whose plane could fly the furthest! Great fun and some very competitive children (and adults)!!

* We sent *good wishes and a donation* to Anne's daughter, Isla, on her *coast to coast cycle ride raising funds for Parkinson's*.

* Some of our children sang at the **Milnes Primary Fete & Fire Service afternoons**. We chose some favourite songs which went down well with the audience. Well done to those who took part.

We re-start Take Note on Friday 23rd August at 6.30 p.m.

We welcome all children from Primary 2 upwards.

If you would like to come along and lend a hand on a Friday evening, do please get in touch with us. You just need a bit of energy, enthusiasm and a pair of ear plugs!!! (Only joking!)

The Take Note Team