



Debbs and I recently got back from our first holiday since I started earlier this year. The day before we went away I put some time aside to sit down with a cup of tea to think and pray about these first few months.

The overwhelming feeling that I had at that moment was one of thankfulness!

I felt thankful for the joy that it has been to step into full-time ministry and serve God's church. I felt thankful for the fact that Debbs and I feel so strongly called to live and grow here at Bellie and Speymouth. I felt thankful for the warm welcome we have been shown since we first arrived, from both our new church family and the wider community. I felt thankful for the way that I have been blessed and encouraged in my faith by the prayers, stories and reflections of members of the church. I have felt thankful for the way which so many of our church give generously of their time, energy and resources for God's kingdom ... I could go on and on!

These early days of ordained ministry have, of course, not been without their challenges. Despite feeling such a strong calling by God, we have still had to move across the country away from many friends and support networks. Through the challenges of change, I have been learning new things on a daily basis as I take steps to create a fresh rhythm of work, rest, family space and time with God. There has also been the emotional and spiritual intensity of constantly facing new things. A particular challenge has been to pace myself about joining in with everything that is going on in the church and parish!

When God leads us on a new journey, there will often be a similar mix of experiences. The excitement and novelty of new opportunities and new friendships, as well as the exhaustion of learning new things and facing new challenges.

These new journeys are the times where God reminds us of the necessity to rely on Him. To walk through the excitement and challenge with our hearts full of prayer and praise. I certainly have found such peace and direction in my times of prayer during these last few months.

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."



If you are feeling overwhelmed, disheartened or confused in your journey of faith, please don't hesitate to contact me so that we can talk and pray together. Likewise, if you are interested in joining in with our regular worship on a Sunday please do get in touch. Our church's doors are open to everyone. It is not a museum for good people, it is the family home of people who need God's love in their life.

God Bless, Seòras



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TEAM ROMANIA

ISABEL MACLEOD

The members of Team Romania are now well underway with their preparations for the mission trip in early July. We have 12 members in total - a mixed bunch of male and female, old and young but all with a desire to spread the Good News of Jesus.

This time around we are to be working with children from orphanages as well as from the local villages which are very poor.

Our aim is to give them a great week as we tell them about Jesus in song, word, games, activities etc. It is a hot, challenging, full-on week for those of us on the team and we need your prayers to get us through so please pick up a prayer card and remember to pray for us in the run up to the trip and throughout the whole time we

are away. Any donations of stationery or craft materials for us to take with us will be gratefully received - there are boxes at the front of both church buildings.

We were delighted at the success of our recent coffee morning in Speymouth Village Hall which raised £1,150 for the mission. Thank you all for your generous support in this mission work.



Family Fun Quiz Night

Saturday 2nd June
In
Bellie Church Hall
Doors open at 6.30 for
7 pm start

Entry £3 adults & £2 per
child
(includes refreshments)

Teams of 6 - 8
All ages welcome.
Something for everyone!

Bellie & Speymouth
Fundraising for Church Mission
Trip to Romania

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Team Romania are holding a Family Fun Quiz Night on Saturday 2nd June to raise some funds for the mission. All ages are welcome to come along. Teams will be 6 -8 members and there will be other things going on too. Entry is £3 per adult and £2 per child. Please come along and have a good night for a good cause!

CAFÉ KIRK

It was a wonderful Easter Sunday Café Kirk service with the congregations of Bellie and Speymouth churches coming together. With the help of the Praise Band and the young church participating, it was a fantastic service of fellowship and worship. Thank you to all those involved.



KNITTING GROUP

JEAN SCOTT

We have had a busy time since the last letter, knitting for all our Charities.

As you will have read in the Northern Scot the number of boxes which was sent to Malawi and Kenya was a magnificent 216. Well done to the ladies of the Presbytery who packed and shipped them all out. We are pleased to say our group contributed 8 boxes of blankets, jerseys, hats and teddies.

We are having a display in the Chemist's window of the knitted and crochet blankets, hats, jumpers, cardigans and teddies which we make for the Charities named. I hope when you look at it you will appreciate the work and effort the group put in to make life a little more happy and pleasant for children less fortunate than ourselves. To the sick and premature babies in the Neonatal units it is important for the mothers who might not have anticipated anything happening to their baby so didn't have any tiny clothes ready, our group are happy to provide a store of them.

I wish to thank most sincerely members of the congregation for donations of wool and the monetary donation to buy wool. These were all gratefully received and put to very good use.

We don't stop knitting during the year, and will continue the good work our group enjoy at our Monthly meetings. Contributions of wool will still be welcome.



SUMMER WORSHIP

JOHN MCCONNACHIE

It's nearly summer, a time we can look forward to warm, even hot, long sunny days with barbeques, holidays, swimming in the sea (well maybe), playing outside, sun cream, ice cream, frazzled mums and dads, exhausted grandmas and grandpas – and revelling in the beauty of God's creation as flowers bloom and crops ripen.

Our church also enters its summer season with the now familiar rotation of services between the two churches. The list is shown below:

| Date | Time | Event | Place |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday 24 June 2018 | 10.00am | Young Church – End of 2017/2018 session United Worship | Bellie Church |
| Sunday 1 July 2018 | 10.00am | United Worship | Speymouth Church |
| Sunday 8 July 2018 | 10.00am | United Worship | Speymouth Church |
| Sunday 15 July 2018 | 10.00am | United Worship | Speymouth Church |
| Sunday 22 July 2018 | 10.00am | United Worship | Speymouth Church |
| Sunday 29 July 2018 | 10.00am | Ecumenical Service | Speyfest tented village, Fochabers |
| Sunday 5 August 2018 | 10.00am | United Worship | Bellie Church |
| Sunday 12 August 2018 | 10.00am | United Worship | Bellie Church |
| Sunday 19 August 2018 | 10.00am | United Worship | Bellie Church |
| Sunday 26 August 2018 | 10.00am | United Worship | Bellie Church |
| Sunday 2 September 2018 | 10.00am 11.30am | Family worship Traditional worship | Bellie Church Speymouth Church |

While the adults are worshipping at Speymouth Church, young church will continue with their activities in the hall at Bellie Church. And remember the Summer Club for the last week of the school holidays. If you haven't already signed up for Summer Club – get going. It's a great week with lots of fun and pals to play with.

On a more serious note (boring!) those members of the congregation worshipping at Speymouth in July, please consider sharing cars as parking there is a bit restricted.

Let's enjoy summer together.



ECO TEAM

AVRIL CLARK

Recycling :- Thank you for your continued support using the Rag Bag container, (Green container situated at the playing fields in Fochabers). It has been getting emptied on a fairly regular basis which helps increase funding coming to the church.



The Eco team is arranging to start a new recycling system in both churches. We are going to use "Recycling for good causes". We will be able to sign the church up and items sold on, will again raise funds. It will increase the items that we will be able to recycle. We will have a cardboard box for each church and details will follow with the items that can be recycled. So be on the lookout for the boxes in the near future.



Food Bank;- Over the summer we have noticed with holidays and worshipping in different churches there can be a slight decline in the food coming in to the food bank. So just as a reminder if you have items there is still the box at the door of Bellie and a collecting point at the back of the hall in Bellie. If items come in while we are worshipping at Speymouth if you could give them to Avril or Ann Raffan or anyone that is likely to be up in Fochabers. We still will be collecting over the summer period. Thank you for your donations.

Toilet Twinning;- What is it? It is a scheme to raise funds to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, a basic toilet, and to learn about hygiene – a vital combination that helps end generational poverty. Around a third of the world's population have to use fields, streams, rivers, railway lines, canal banks, roadsides, plastic bags, or disease-breeding buckets. 2.3 billion people don't have a loo.

Well the good news is Bellie and Speymouth are going to toilet twin, which means we are going to donate towards a toilet in one of the countries in most need. We will receive a framed certificate as a reminder that we have twinned. So again look out for our toilet twinning in the near future. More information is available at www.toilettwinning.org including how to go about twinning your own toilet at home.

Eco reps;- We are also going to contact the different church groups and ask them to nominate a person to liaise with the Eco Team. It is not a big thing it is just if another group wishes to do something and wants to know where we stand from an Eco point of view.



The recipes are still from the Vegetarian night. If anyone has a good vegetarian recipe that they wish to have printed please let the Eco Team know.

Soda Bread

Ireland's most famous bread is made with two of the oldest foods, wheat and buttermilk. The acid in the buttermilk reacts with the bicarbonate of soda and creates the rise. Great to teach children because you can have bread on the table within 45 minutes.

Ingredients;- 250g plain white flour, 250g wholemeal flour, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda, about 400ml buttermilk.

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/gas 6. Line a baking tray with parchment.

2. Put the flours, salt and bicarbonate of soda into a large bowl and mix well. Make a well in the centre and pour in half the buttermilk. Mix the flour into the milk then continue to add

the milk till you have a sticky dough. You may not need all the milk it depends what flour you use.

3. Tip the dough on a lightly floured surface, shape into a ball and flatten it slightly. It is important to work quickly, as once the buttermilk is added it begins to react with the bicarbonate of soda.

4. Put the dough on a baking tray. Mark into quarters with a large sharp knife, cutting deeply through the loaf, almost but not quite through to the base. Dust top with flour.

5. Bake for 30 minutes or until the loaf is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped on the base. Leave to cool. Eat on the day of baking or toast the next day.

Lentil Ragù

Ingredients :- 3 tbsp olive oil, 2 onions, finely chopped, 3 carrots, finely chopped,
3 celery sticks, finely chopped, 3 garlic cloves, crushed, 500g bag dried red lentils,
2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes 2 tbsp tomatoe purée 2 tsp each dried oregano and thyme,
3 bay leaves, 1 litre vegetable stock, 500g spaghetti
Parmesan or vegetarian cheese, grated, to serve.

Method :- 1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and add the onions, carrots, celery and garlic. Cook gently for 15 – 20 minutes until everything is softened. Stir in the lentils, chopped tomatoes, tomatoe purée, herbs and stock. Bring to a simmer, then cook for 40 – 50 minutes until the lentils are tender and saucy – splash in water if you need. Season.

2. If eating straight away keep on a low heat while you cook the spaghetti, following the pack instructions. Drain well, divide between pasta bowls or plates, spoon the sauce over and grate on some Parmesan cheese. Alternatively, cool the sauce and chill for up to 3 days. Or freeze for up to 3 months. Simply defrost portions overnight at room temperature, then reheat gently to serve.



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WORSHIP TEAM

LIZ RENNIE

A short Evening Communion Service was held at Milnescroft on Sunday 15 April with Rev Seoras delivering a short talk before sharing the Sacrament of Communion with those residents attending. Although numbers of those attending have been fewer more recently, the Service is always well received by those who are there. Fellowship continues after the Service with a welcome cuppa and time for a chat. Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend the shorter, seated service at 6.00pm in the Residents Lounge. Members of the Guild will lead Worship on Sunday 3 June 2018.

As we get to know our new Minister, Seoras, Worship Team members are keen to support his Ministry and work across the Church Community. To allow Seoras to spend time in Young Church, we will lead Worship on an agreed Sunday in both Bellie and Speymouth allowing for time with youngsters in the Hall. We hope to hold an Evening Songs of Praise in Autumn which will reflect all that has gone on over the Spring and Summer months in Bellie and Speymouth. We will also be happy to help at this year's Speyfest Kirk Service.

Following May's Theme of Generosity - and after Generosity Sunday on 27 May, Worship Team will welcome time, talents and input from any members of the congregation.

We are blessed to have such an active and busy Church.



YOUNG CHURCH

ALISON PATTERSON

Each Sunday we are richly blessed with the attendance of our Young Church members. The children are a very important part of our Church Family and their eager involvement adds a very special dimension to Worship.

At the start of each month, they look forward to “helping” the Congregation with the “Guess the Mystery sound” challenge. This challenge really makes us all listen and encourages great participation – much laughter accompanies our various answers! Our monthly themes of Unity, Prayer, Joy and Generosity have all been introduced through the mystery sounds. Why not challenge your memory and see if you can remember which of the following sounds represent each of our Themes – a smile; (yes, a smile CAN speak volumes!) a fountain of water; magnets sticking together and a water drain bubbling forth from under the pavements.

Action songs also feature largely in our Services and the children appreciate the fact that the “older children” also join in! It appears that the Congregation have just as much fun as the children judging by the many happy smiles!

Occasionally, we have the added pleasure of a cuddly soft toy attending our Services – yes, you’ve guessed - Hamish, the highland cow! The children (and adults) love watching the funny antics of Hamish and Rev. Seoras as they convey a particular message through role-play. P.S. Come back soon Hamish! P.P.S. Hamish is feeling very proud since hearing that the new polar bear at Kingussie Wildlife Park also shares his special name!

After the All-Age talk, children’s hymn and prayer, our youngsters now have a particular highlight before continuing their learning through in the Church Hall. (Do look out for the high, low and in between “high fives” with Rev Seoras!)

We have recently adapted the Sunday Club programme allowing time for the Young Church Team to re-cap and extend the particular focus during each month. Stories, prayers, hymns, action songs, drama, crafts, baking, planting seeds are just some of the many activities available for the children. It is very rewarding to see our youngsters (from pre-school to P.4) working together so harmoniously, all the time expressing their thoughts and ideas so openly.

We have also extended the number of our Young Church Team which allows the youngsters from P.4 upwards to benefit from more “in depth” Bible discussions.

During school holidays, mid-term and long weekends, we usually have all-age sessions which prove popular and beneficial for all concerned.

We also celebrate special Church events with Family/United Services - Easter Sunday (in the form of Cafe Kirk) being such a joyous gathering. Finding the last Easter Egg hidden in the Church proved quite challenging for the children but just as in the Easter message, they triumphed!

During the month of May, the Theme of Generosity allowed us to reflect on how our different gifts benefit and bring joy to others. You may remember that Sunday Club members started sponsoring Faith, a young girl who lives in Kenya, at the beginning of 2018. We chose to sponsor Faith through the Christian Charity, Compassion, which is a leading international children’s charity. Faith is four years old and our sponsorship will pay for school fees and uniforms, medical supplies and nutritional support.

Since comparing Faith’s daily living conditions with our own, the children are learning that our prayers and practical support will help improve Faith’s life. During Lent, each child/family received a tube of smarties to enjoy (yummy!) with a suggestion of filling the empty tubes with 20 pence pieces - one smartie tube holds £12 – amazing! In addition to our weekly Sunday Club Offering, any £12 tubes will make a huge difference to Faith and her family. We extend grateful thanks to all families for supporting this worthy cause and will keep you updated on feedback from Faith (via Compassion)

Although the weekly Offering and smartie tubes offer financial support, our relationship and friendship with Faith includes regular correspondence through cards and pictures. A bouquet of coloured flowers designed especially for Faith is meantime en route to Kenya.

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others for with such sacrifices, God is pleased” Hebrews 13:16

Sharing is very much evidenced in our Church Family be it with prayer, time, talents, money, care and concern for one another and it is very encouraging to witness the various practical contributions from our younger members.

Recently two special stories have aided the children's understanding of the different aspects of Generosity.

"Fill a bucket" by Carol McCloud and Katherine Martin reminds us that we each carry an invisible bucket around with us. This delightful story encourages children to recognise how rewarding it is to express love, kindness, gratitude and appreciation as part of our everyday lives. Very often it may be the smallest and simplest gestures which bring rich rewards for both the giver and recipient. The power of a smile, a hug, a helping hand, a listening ear, a word of comfort should never be underestimated as they remind us that we are surrounded by God's blessings.



"The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein tells the story about a tree which just keeps on giving and giving, even though it appeared to have nothing left to give. The children made crowns of leaves and apples which will remind them about the story and encourage them to keep "giving" in the form of help, kindness, love or even share a talent to make others happy. Both stories come highly recommended on the bed-time story list!



As Summer holidays approach, we extend grateful thanks to all our Sunday Club members (from the youngest to the oldest) for their enthusiasm and active participation throughout the Session. We also take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Congregation for their on-going support, prayers and encouragement to all our Sunday Club members and families.

BELLIE BABES

The Easter celebrations were a great hit with our Bellie Babes regulars. Thank you to all who helped through crafting, cuddling and music!



ANNETTE MEIGHAN AND JOAN KILPATRICK



June is the month of prayer across the UK for Toddler groups and we have supported this at Bellie and Speymouth for the past few years. As well as asking the congregation to pray for the work of all toddler groups and Bellie Babes, we also have special themed crafts or snacks during the sessions in June for the children and the toddlers. The theme for this year is 'Welcome one - Welcome all' based on the story of Zaccheas meeting Jesus.

We will continue to meet during the summer holidays as usual, and have a special event on the 13th July when Moo Music is joining us for a session of interaction, fun music and singing. We hope to see lots of you there but we do need numbers prior to the event so that Moo Music are able to plan. Please let us know if you are able to come.

We will also be doing a more crafty and fun session on the 10th August which is the Friday of Holiday Club and will link in with what the older primary age children have been learning throughout their week at the club. It will be a fun and interactive session for the little ones and the adults!! and also the last session before the schools start.



On Friday 11th May our little ones from Bellie Babes and their mummies took part in the Giant Wiggle. They wiggled down to the cricket park, round it and back to the Bellie Church Hall. This was in aid of Action for Children who support 370,000 disadvantaged, disabled and vulnerable children and families each year. The children raised £180.00 which was brilliant. Thank you to all who donated and took part.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2018

DENISE BROWN, HOLIDAY CLUB TEAM LEADER

We have an exciting new Holiday Club planned for this summer called Team Builders.

Preparations are underway to run the Holiday Club in Bellie Church Hall for 4 mornings during the last week of our summer holidays, Monday 6th August – Thursday 9th August, from 10am – 12.15p.m.

We will start the week on Sunday 5th August with an introductory all age service at Bellie Church at 10a.m., to which all families will be invited to attend.

There will be a Family Picnic and sports afternoon after the Thursday morning session. Each Family will be invited to bring along their own picnics and hopefully the sun will shine so we can enjoy our picnic in the church garden.

Holiday club is for all children, from those starting school in the new Primary 1 class in August, through to those going into Primary 7. So if you know of any children who might like to come along, please encourage them to fill in a registration form to book a place.

At Teambuilders we are going to look at stories from both the Old and New Testaments which illustrate what it means to work together. These stories will help the children focus on the value of teamwork in life and in particular, as a community of people journeying with

Jesus. The children will meet Jesus and discover what he did for them and how they can become part of Jesus' team. We will have fun working together in our teams, doing craftwork and taking part in team sports and games.

We haven't forgotten the teens, as there's a special "Teen Night" in Bellie Church Hall on Wednesday, 8th August for everyone going into Primary 7 and those at High School.

The finale will take place on Sunday 12th August at our all age Family Service in Bellie Church.

Registration forms for the holiday club will be available at the end of May from both churches, and will be given out to children attending both Milnes Primary and Mosstodloch Primary Schools and Nurseries. Places are limited, so please get your form completed and returned by Friday 15th June. Members of the holiday club team will be visiting the local schools at the end of May to promote this year's holiday club.

How can you help? Well first of all, you can pray for this year's holiday club, for the leaders in their preparation and for the children and their families that we will meet during the week.

Secondly, we would ask you to keep any big cardboard boxes as we need them for one of our activities. The bigger, the better! We're also looking for any scrap material, the brighter the better, for one of our craft ideas. Please put them in the box at the church door or contact me if you need them picked up.

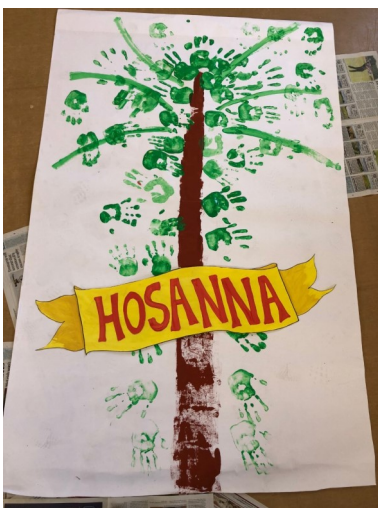




MESSY CHURCH

ISABEL MACLEOD

We had a lot of fun at our March Messy Church where the theme of the palm tree and donkey featured in our story, as well as in the food, arts and crafts. A 'real-life' appearance from a donkey in the church garden and hall, led to much excitement!



This was followed by our recent Messy Church session on 26th May during which we were blessed with glorious weather allowing everyone to enjoy most of the session in the sun and with wonderful snacks of hot dogs and fresh fruit with meringues - a real treat for all.



We are once again going to be having a Messy Church as part of the Refuel Festival. Our Messy session will take place on Wednesday 25th July and should be a great gathering of our church folks, folks from the local community as well as visitors to the village for Refuel. We will have members of the original Messy Church team with us including Lucy Moore who came last year and just rolled up her sleeves and helped us to deliver the message.

It is busy and exciting and we are looking forward to God leading us as we continue this work.

TAKE NOTE

DENISE BROWN

PHOTOS BY ANNE MURRAY



Here we are already into the summer term and hopefully the nice weather will continue so we can get into the church garden for our games on a Friday evening.

It's been a busy spring for Take Note, starting off with our fundraiser for British Heart Foundation. The kids enjoyed our healthy heart sports activities, which included step up's, skipping, hula hoops and dodge balls. We raised over £70 for the charity. Many thanks to the Elgin British Heart Foundation Shop for lending us the collection bucket.



Seoras made the kids think with his Easter quiz which was great fun. The winner received an Easter egg, but we had to cut it in half as the winner wanted to share it with his friend who was upset as he was out in the first round!

Take Note were excited to take part in the Lift Off Concert and started off the evening singing some of their favourite songs. Everyone enjoyed their singing and joined in with some of our action songs.



At the end of April, we organized a trip to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat which was performed by the St. Giles Theatre Group in Elgin Town Hall. We went on the Friday evening and had to have two minibuses as there was such a large group of us (44 in total) as many of the mums came with us. It was an amazing show, such talent from the local area. I think we were singing the Joseph songs all weekend!



Next week we have our annual trip out to Elgin Community Centre to sing to the Greyfriars Club. It's always a great evening as their members like to join in with Take Note and enjoy singing some of our songs.

Our final night before the summer holidays is on Friday 22nd June, when we will be having a Family Fun Night & BBQ.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

CATHERINE FETTES

The Scottish Country Dancing class have enjoyed good numbers attending during the winter months. A team from the class took part in the Festival in the Town Hall, Elgin in March. This was in a non-competitive section but we did get a good crit from the adjudicator which we were delighted with, considering the age of those taking part, quite a few over 70. It is good to keep Scottish Country Dancing alive in the area. During the summer months we meet once a month, on the second Tuesday of the month, at Spey Bay Hall for social evenings where members from other Clubs join us. There is always good fellowship when we get together. Our classes resume in Bellie Church Hall on Wednesday 12th September.



Thanks for the Memories!

The past 2/ 3 months have brought sadness and joy as is quite often the case round the Lent and Easter season. We had to bid farewell to our oldest member, Olive Auton, and to our only male member, Jeff Lowndes. Both their funerals were uplifting and full of Christian hope and love. We are the better for having known them.

Welcome!

Our final meetings for the session were excellent, even the AGM (!), and we were delighted to have Liz Runcie join us for this last part of the session, having recently moved into Fochabers from Keith.

Despite perhaps feeling that we had done 1 Corinthians 13 to death, **Rev Jenny Adams** had us inspired and thinking afresh on our theme of 'Go in Love'.

It was very interesting to hear from **The Samaritans** that, apart from their 'normal' telephone service for those in distress, they also visit both Primary and Secondary schools doing what might be called 'preventive' work on mental health issues.

Thank you!

Very many thanks to all who supported us at the DAFFODIL TEA on 8th April, which raised around £740 for church and Guild projects.

Despite falling numbers at Guilds, the amount gathered nationally for the 6 Guild projects over the 3-year programme strategy, 'Be Bold, Be Strong', has reached **nearly £690,000!** [See figures below]

And, as has often been the case over the last decade or so, difficult and contentious matters have been highlighted and picked up on by government and society in general. This past 3 years, lives have been transformed as young girls, parents and tribal leaders in Kenya, and elsewhere, were encouraged and supported not to have, or insist on, FGM (Female Genital Mutilation).

Onwards & Upwards

We look forward to unpacking our new strategy for **2018-2021, ONE JOURNEY, MANY PATHS**, and to SEEKING THE WAY (2018-19 theme) with the 6 new projects and partners supporting the wider work of the church in the world.

In the Meantime

Our SUMMER OUTINGS will be intimated in church notices. Do get in touch with us if you would like to go, so we can fill up cars and enjoy fellowship over a 'cuppa'. [Liz Moir 820070, Margaret King 820937]

Have a lovely summer!

The Guild Leadership Team

Current donation totals for 2015 – 2018 projects

Totals at 30 April 2018

Total: £689,577.86

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| • Ascension Trust: £124,836.96 | - Street Pastors |
| • Care for the Family: £105,255.77 | - Let's Stick Together – Promoting family relationships |
| • Christian Aid: £105,373.76 | - Caring for Mother Earth - Solar Ovens in Bolivia |
| • Feed the Minds: £139,234.42 | - FGM, Kenya |
| • Mission International: £109,987.00 | - Building school and church in Haiti |
| • Prospects: £104,889.95 | - All Friends Together – welcoming those with learning disabilities |

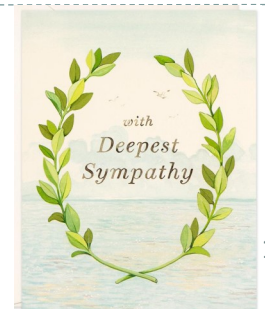
FUNERALS

Lorna Matheson 19th February

Olive Auton 22nd March

Angela Cowie 5th March

Mary Middaugh 28th March



The Ship

He walked upon the waters
He calmed the angry seas
He sent his son upon the cross
To die for you and me
Our gracious Heavenly Father
Is reaching down in love
Sending peace throughout the world
His gift from Heaven above
The Master of the Universe
Yearns to soothe the soul within
Because He's your Heavenly Father
Your Savior and your friend!
So when the storms of life take hold
Reach out to God above
Like a mighty ship on the sea of life
He will guide you with his love



A Lighthouse in the Distance

I'm a Lighthouse in the distance.
A light for all to see,
I'll point you in the right direction
And plan your destiny.

I am a very bright Beacon of Hope-
Shining on the water in the night.
Echoing – softly
“Come to Me-because- I am the Light.”

I'm calling to everyone on the water,
especially the ships at sea,
Calling to bring you light and hope
Throughout all of eternity.

Come toward the light
And I'll steer you to harbor safely onto the land.
When the winds and waves are crashing down
I hear your plea and boldly I always stand.

When you only see storms and
darkness furiously raging all around,
Remember your Lighthouse in the distance
And you surely will not drown.

I have a purpose on the water
and it's for all of the world to see-
My Light forever burning,
throughout precious eternity.

Love, God

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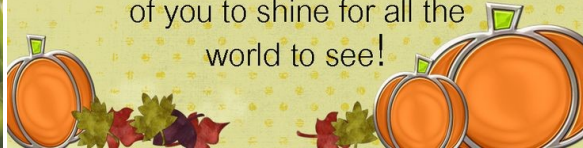
A Sure Way To A Happy Day

Release the sun through
your radiant smile
Speak a friendly word that's
uplifting and worth while
Put a spring in your step!
Let each day begin
With the courage to try
and the spirit to win
Bow your head
humbly to God in prayer
Trust in His guidance!
Rest in His care!
Share the gift of love!
Put a song in your heart
Give someone in need
a brand new start
Reach out to others
along life's way
Add a ray of sunshine
to someone's day
When your love for others
comes shining through
A most happy day
will come back to you!

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Cleanse us and
restore us,
Refresh us and
inspire us
That we would
realise again
Our need of each
other and of You.

Being a Christian is like being a
pumpkin. God **picks you** from
the patch, brings you in, and
washes off all the dirt. Then He
cuts the top and **scoops out** all
the yucky stuff. He **removes the**
seeds of doubt, hate, and greed.
Last, He **carves you** a new smiling
face and **puts His light inside**
of you to shine for all the
world to see!



SMILE
If you see
someone
without a
smile,
Give him
yours.

WELCOME TEAMS

JOHN MCCONNACHIE

In the past, visitors to Bellie and Speymouth churches have commented on the warm welcome they have received when visiting our churches. First impressions do count and a huge thanks to all those in the Welcome Teams for their smiling faces and warm words of welcome to all who come into our churches. Our congregations are truly blessed by those in the teams who welcome and assist, even with queries (One visitor asked recently, 'where is the quiche?' We presume they meant 'The Quaich' at least that's where they were directed!)

We do need some more folk on the list to join the Welcome Teams. This means turn comes round three times each year or perhaps only two. If the dates for your team are not suitable, they can be swapped with someone else and all you have to do is let the Elder for these dates know who will be there. Most people who are part of the Welcome Teams find it a pleasure rather than a 'duty' or burden.

So, if you are not yet part of the Welcome Teams and would like to be one of our people who welcome others into the church, just pass your name to John McConnachie (820671). We'd love to have you on board.

BELLIE CHURCH—WELCOME TEAMS

AUGUST—DECEMBER 2018

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| STUART, Sybil | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

GETTING TO KNOW.....YOU!

IRENE HARROLD

I have been at Bellie & Speymouth...since 1964



I came to Bellie & Speymouth because..... I married and moved to Fochabers, transferring from St Rufus Church in Keith.

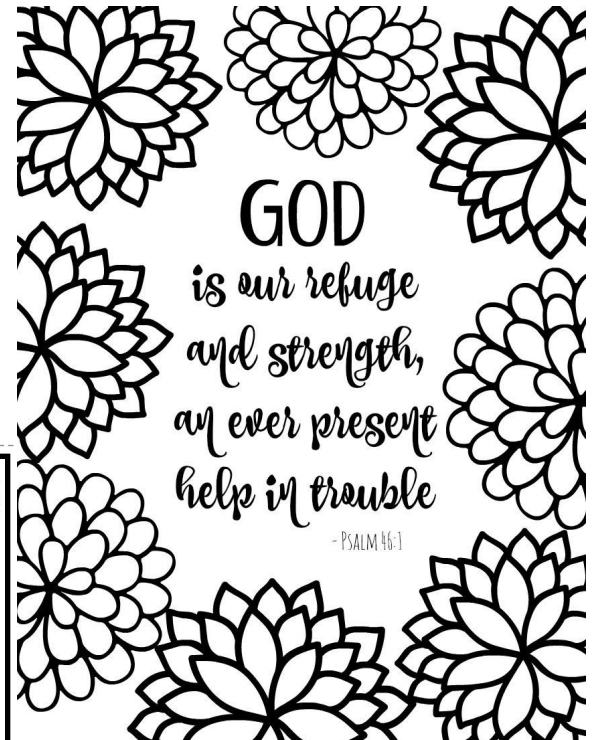
One thing I enjoy about Bellie & Speymouth is...fellowship and friendship.

If I won the lottery I would..... hire a gardener and I would make sure my family was provided for. I would also support MS in the hope of finding a cure in the future.

I find a lot of joy in....my family, my grandchildren and now my great grandchildren.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could have one luxury with me, it would be ... my kindle!

If I could travel anywhere in the world it would be to...Italy as my last visit wasn't long enough to see all the sights and architecture.



The Greatest Gift of All

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 3:14-17



M J C V B G O D U O W T R H P
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| WORLD | THROUGH | GAVE | BELIEVES | SEND |
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The 5 Finger Prayer

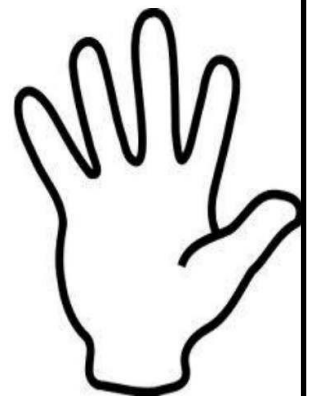
Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



ABBIE'S SPARKLE FOUNDATION

CLARE LAMBOURNE



Abbie is the grand-daughter of our own Donald and Jennie Cameron. Abbie passed away on Christmas Day, 2017, aged 15, after living with a rare form of Sarcoma for four years and four months. Christmas was Abbie's favourite day, she loved it, and her family believe that Abbie held on and chose the sparkliest day of the year to go.

Those closest to Abbie feel that it was her sense of humour and laugh-out-loud mentality which set Abbie apart and meant she lived every moment to the full. Abbie was a vivacious and talented cheerleader who was hailed by medics as a "incredible and a truly inspirational young woman".

One of Abbie's wishes is to raise money for "Hospitals and stuff" under the charity name 'Abbie's Sparkle Foundation' so her family have set up the Foundation to do this whilst remembering Abbie's smile, sparkle and infectious enthusiasm which lit up the room—this is exactly how Abbie wants people to remember and celebrate her life, and her loved ones are certainly ensuring that this is happening.



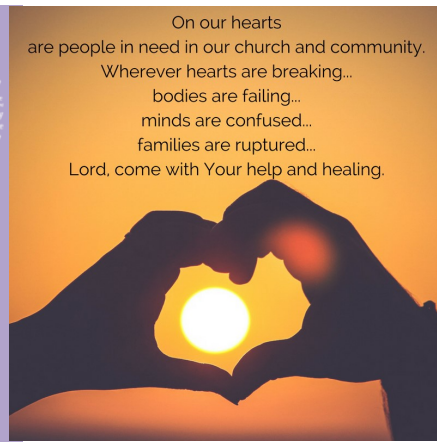
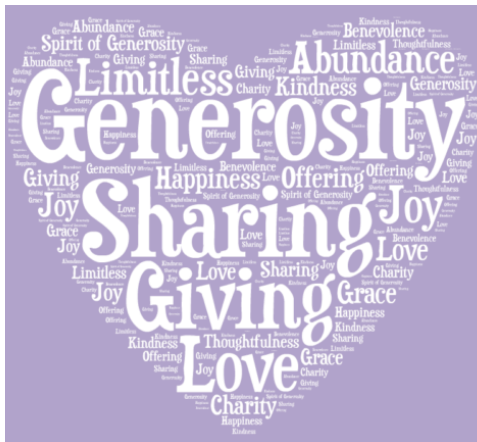
Abbie's Sparkle Foundation has been incredibly successful in the relatively short time that it has been running, with many of Abbie's friends and family members organising events from coffee-morning's to participating in running and cycling events! For example, Elgin Cycling Club recently raised over £1,100 for Abbie's Sparkle Foundation by hosting a charity cycle. The All-stars and Stripes Cheer and Dance group raised £2014.44 for Abbie's Sparkle Foundation including £136.70 from sparkle bands at their amazing Showcase event last month too.



Abbie's Sparkle bands are proving to be a hit, ranging from a celebrity wearer in Robson Green who recently visited Fochabers, to reaching the top of Thorong La Pass in Nepal (5416 m high) courtesy of Abbie's cousin Joe Cameron. There has been further support from the rich and famous with the 'Dancing On Ice' celebrities remembering Abbie during their recent tour, with the likes of Denise Van Outen, Cheryl Baker, Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill supporting Abbie's Sparkle Foundation. There has been extensive publicity including fundraising displays in Moray Leisure Centre and articles in the local press (most recently featuring Cameron, Abbie's brother, who received a top community award). There are too many examples of support to Abbie's Sparkle Foundation to mention them all. Not least our own soup and sweet which Jennie and friends organised on 10th March 2018 in Bellie Church Hall which raised a magnificent sum of £2360. Thank you to those in our congregation who attended, contributed and offered support.



Abbie's Sparkle Foundation is a fantastic achievement for her family and friends to have created as Abbie wanted, and the benefit that Abbie's wishes will bring to countless families going forward is evidence of how special Abbie Main is to all who knew her and many who will get to know her through this Foundation.



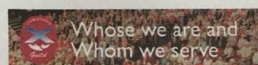
Bible Character: Boaz
Bible Verse: Proverbs 11:25

GENEROSITY

sharing everything God has given me with others (time, money, talents).

Milnescroft Evening Worship

With
Bellie & Speymouth Guild



Sun 3rd June
at 6 pm
in

The Common Room

Come along & share in a short service of worship, followed by a cup of tea & fellowship.

A warm invitation is extended to all.

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

A new group for dads, father figures and their children

Launches Saturday 16 June 2018
Bellie Church Hall
10 am to 12 noon

Suitable for Pre School and Primary School Children

All Welcome!



Bellie and Speymouth Parish Church of Scotland is a registered charity in Scotland: charity number SC005310.



Teen Group
Sunday 3rd June



7 - 8.30pm

Bellie Church Hall

All high school aged young people welcome!

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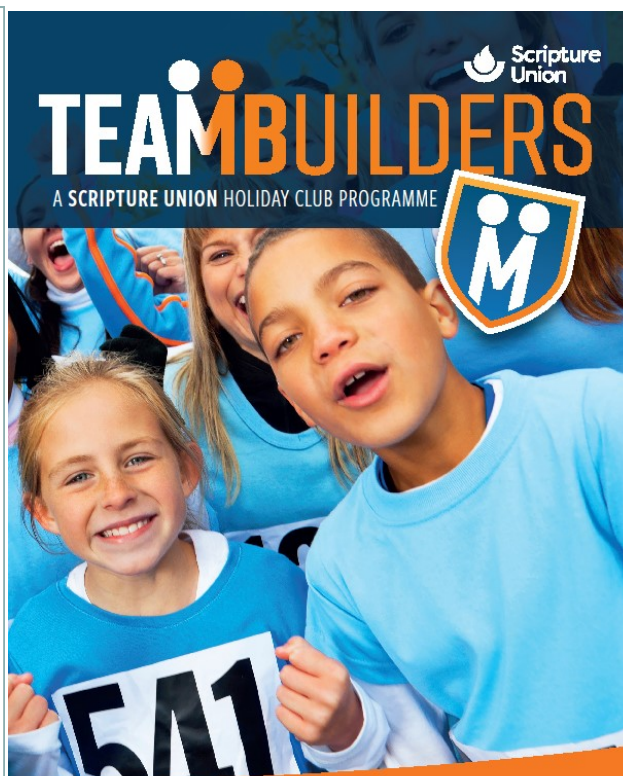
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BELLIE and SPEYMOOUTH CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB 2018
Monday 6th August - Thursday 9th August 2018
For all children Primary 1 - Primary 7
Registration forms available from Bellie Church Hall or
via e-mail to denise.brown3@outlook.com



Come along, as part of the
Refuel event on
Wednesday 25th July.

Family Fun Quiz Night



Saturday 2nd June
In
Bellie Church Hall

Doors open at 6.30 for
7 pm start

Entry £3 adults & £2 per
child
(Includes refreshments)

Teams of 6 - 8
All ages welcome.
Something for everyone!



Fundraising for Church Mission
Trip to Romania



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