

# Happy Easter



## KIRK NEWS

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*Dear Church Family,*

One of my favourite things about the worship calendar are the big celebrations like Easter and Christmas. They so often provide a wonderful combination of 'familiar' and 'fresh'. 'Familiar' in the revisiting of traditions, telling of well-known stories, singing of much-loved praise and the reminder of the core gospel message. 'Fresh' in the challenge of trying to find a new way in a new year to celebrate the same festivals.



Well, this year we again find ourselves facing social restrictions. What has been a help to me when I've felt disappointed is having a look back at photos from the last few Easters of wonderful moments like donkey visits, early morning communion with daffodils in the Speymouth garden, and joyful café church gatherings. Looking back can help us navigate the frustrations of the present, but what we find God calling us to is the FUTURE.

It says in Philippians 3 *"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own yet. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what is to come I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"*.

Memories can bring joy, but let us not be bound in hoping for a return to the past. What God has in store for us is better than any 'familiar' tradition or 'fresh' idea.



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The 'upward call of God in Christ' is our hope despite the disruption of another Easter celebration. There are exciting and wonderful things in store for our church family if we hold strong to our love for God, our love for each other, and our love for the lost.

*God bless,  
Seòras*





## SOME SIGHTS FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T MANAGED OUT FOR A WHILE

75 new homes nearly ready for residents in Mosstodloch, on Stynie Road on the right as you head for the Red Kirk...



The Sand Piper barbecue and picnic spot in the woods down from the Fochabers Cricket pitch. The river was running high after the snow in February.

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Foundations laid for 50 new homes at the top of Ordiequish Rd, Fochabers



The lockdown painted stones were gathered, arranged and cemented into a lasting installation at the West St entrance to the Burn o' Fochabers Woodland Path.

This outdoor gym (or 'adult playpark' as one of the builders described it) was installed when the snow was still quite thick on the ground in February. It is beside the Sports Pavilion behind Milne's Primary School.

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# The birds were always singing *Words written by Rose Marmion*

We built our mini empires and  
we idolised our homes;  
We took so much for granted;  
our health and wealth, freedom to roam.  
Consuming at a rate of knots, insatiable appetite.  
Coveting the Insta-gods of influence and might.  
Perpetually busy, in the rat race and the throng;  
and the birds were always singing,  
but we never heard their song.

We'd moan so much at things  
that interrupted our routines;  
prioritising self whilst we pursued  
our goals and dreams.  
Believed the lie that we had time  
for those we loved, tomorrow;  
we never thought time might run out,  
that there'd be grief and sorrow.  
The lives we lived would last for years,  
but we couldn't be more wrong.  
And the birds were always singing,  
but we never heard their song.

Rumours came from far-off lands,  
an outbreak of disease;  
But confident in our own strength  
we continued as we pleased.  
It wasn't on our doorstep so it mattered not to us  
and even if it did, we're not the type to make a fuss.  
We had romantic notions  
that this island race was strong;  
and the birds were always singing,  
but our lives drowned out their song.

The virus came and life stood still  
and all that went before,  
ceased to be; security was not ours anymore.  
Places closed and we stayed home,  
a hush replaced the noise.  
Families adapted to home-schooling girls and boys.  
And some panicked and they stockpiled goods,  
as if that would make them strong.  
And the birds they were still singing  
and we began to hear their song.

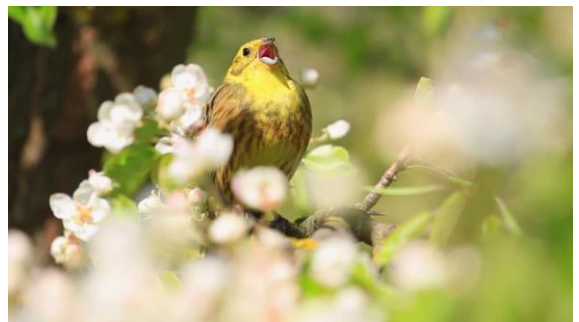
People started to get sick,  
most recovered and survived;  
but others, despite best efforts,  
fell ill succumbed and died.  
And we weren't allowed to comfort,  
or to say our last goodbyes;  
and when we wept, we wept alone,  
with no one to hear our cries.

And when we mourned apart,  
as loved ones went into the ground;  
birdsong filled the silence and  
our hearts ached at the sound.

Many railed at cruel fate, or shook their fists at God.  
Yet others recognised the truth that  
deep down's understood.  
That empires rise and empires fall  
and we aren't in control;  
that tomorrow isn't promised  
and we can't save our own souls.  
Many for the first time prayed,  
aware that they'd been wrong.  
And the birds they kept on singing  
and hearts lightened at their song.

If Covid's taught us anything,  
it's that we are so small.  
But there is One who is big enough  
to save us from it all.  
One who knows the pain of loss,  
to suffer and to die;  
who guarantees eternal life not vague pie in the sky.  
Jesus conquered sin and death for us,  
upon the cross;  
in Him we have eternal hope,  
even in the face of loss.

That hope is there within our reach,  
but not by our own works;  
we cannot put an end to death,  
despite human research.  
Covid's taught us time is short  
and the stuff we have can't save.  
Only Christ can free us  
from the fear of death and of the grave.  
In Him we're sure of Heaven,  
within a vast and diverse throng;  
and the birds will sing forever,  
their joyous worship song.



*Thanks to Lisa Campbell for sending this in.*

**HOLLY BURRELL'S NEWS** ~ *I am currently living in Glasgow where I am studying maths and geography at the University of Glasgow. It has been a very different year to last with its own different set of challenges. Although it is tough at times with online learning, I have gotten used to it and am able to keep on top of my studies. I have two flatmates, who I met through the Christian union last year, they are both great people who I get along with really well. I try to keep active by going to the gym, when we are allowed to, or simply going for walks when I can. Sadly, I didn't really find a church last year that I felt right in and have had no opportunity to find one this year. However, I continue to work hard on my faith; reading my bible, singing praises, praying and trying to be a better person every day. My faith has grown greatly over the last year and I would be grateful if you could pray for me and my journey with the Lord. I look forward to visiting Bellie church and seeing everyone when I am back home and lockdown is over.'*



It was greatly encouraging to see that most BB groups in Scotland had re-started their activities – delivering face-to-face sessions, virtual sessions or a mixture of both. However just before Christmas, we advised all our leaders that once again we needed to suspend all our face-to-face activities.



BB Companies are currently continuing to engage with children and young people through use of virtual session and our 'BBatHome' activities. We are also providing further training for leaders on running virtual sessions, which obviously has its own challenges with children and young people spending so much time online at the moment, including for school, and the real challenge of 'zoom fatigue'

However, in these incredibly difficult times, the contact and the opportunities that **we can still offer to children and young people**, whether virtually or through BBatHome, do provide **some structure, continuity and fun in their lives at a time when it is surely needed more than ever.**

Thank you once again for all the support that we have received from our partnership with the Guild since 2018 - **you have been an amazing companion on our journey over the last three years. Thank You.**

**Prayer for families...** (from our BB Chaplain, Revd Leigh Maydew)

**Lord God, we pray for all those children and young people who are having to learn from home at the minute, we pray that they'll have the confidence to keep at it, even when things are difficult.**

**Lord, we pray for parents and carers balancing all the different demands on their time, we pray for patience when things get tense and the ability to know when to rejoice.**

**Lord God, bless us all. Amen**

*[Well done to the BB and the Guild for keeping on 'Steadfast and sure' in Christ's strength through the pandemic. Many will know Alan McIntosh, retired Deputy Head of Milne's High, Captain of Buckie 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion]*  
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The second wave of the pandemic is hitting Malawi in a big way. They are suffering with the South African variant and this is proving more deadly than last year. Two Cabinet Ministers and two senior civil servants have died which is tragic because there are few enough experienced and well-educated candidates for leadership positions.... More locally for us, Covid is spreading in Mzuzu and two lecturers in Mzuzu University have died - again a great loss. I spoke with a minister friend, Stephen Bota, last week and he said, "I am conducting funerals every day at the moment".



**Our Farmers** -As we enter the final few months of the Guild Project, we are encouraged to see ... we have passed the 300 pump mark, with 302 pumps now in use. This is a great achievement. In addition, some of the pumps are shared between farmers so we have 356 farmers benefitting from the project... We would love to get 400 pumps in the hands of farmers by the end of the Project.

**Thank you for all your continuing support:** it is very much appreciated and a great encouragement to us. **These are difficult times in Malawi, but with your help and prayers, we really are making a difference.**

# CHURCH FAMILY 'BUSINESS'

**CHANGE IS EXCITING! CHANGE IS THRILLING! CHANGE IS FUN!** Can I put in a vote for **boredom** please?

## Growing a Shared Future – Planning our Future Together with God

Huge change is afoot in national, Presbytery and local church families. It involves considerable 'pruning' and an encouragement to **focus on the church's ministry which is a participation in the ministry of Jesus Christ**. Jesus' ministry was *rooted in and focussed on mission*. It is captured in the phrase, 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you'. John 20: 21. 'Presbytery planning' is one of the instruments which the church uses to help us effect and navigate the necessary change. (The pandemic has also been an instrument in God's hand to speed up the change, like it or not, ready or not!)



Although some changes may not affect us as individual congregations, some of it will and it is part of good Christian education and stewardship to take an interest.

The initial Presbytery Planning Team of Rev Jenny Adams (Convener), Rev Wes Brandon - Buckie S&W with Enzie, Alistair Farquhar - Birnie & Pluscarden, and Fiona Simpson - Keith St Rufus, Botriphnie & Grange came up with the excellent strapline. The Team was expanded in Dec 20 to include Rev Jaco Boonzaaier - Findochty with Portknockie, Rev Andrew Kimmitt - Aberlour and 'our own' Ann Bowie.

The first PPT sent out an information-gathering Questionnaire to which our Kirk Session answered the following

### 1) What other denominations & fellowships are present in your communities?

*St Mary's Roman Catholic Church; Gordon Chapel Episcopal Church; Moray Coast Baptist Church*

### 2) What other networks of belonging are significant for people in your area (beyond where people live)? For example: major employers; industries such as oil, fishing, farming; leisure activities, ...generational networks...

*For a set of small communities, there are a significant number of cafés, shops, pubs, takeaways, hotels and other small businesses. Many community groups operate to improve the local area and run events, such as the Maggie Fayre, Speyfest, Fochabers Heritage Centre, Community Councils, and so on. All of this means that there is an established sense of community where many are involved and invested in where they live.*

**Examples of major employers** – Baxter's, Gordon Castle Estate and Walled Garden

**Key industries** - Food production; Hospitality/tourism; Estate work; Farming

**In terms of leisure:**

- The 'Speyside Way' runs through the parish;      2 mountain biking sets of tracks;
- 'Spey Bay' and 'Garmouth' Golf courses;      Fishing on the river Spey
- Dolphin Centre at Spey Bay;      Spey Bay Wildlife Preserve

### 3) What are your current M&M contributions? (actual contributions for 2019 & 2020, requested for 2021) (Ministries & Mission contributions) **2019**

**Gross M & M Contributions      £48,459**

Less:

Endowment Income/Glebe Rent      (£13,203)  
Presbytery Allowance for M & M projects      (£6,408)

Net M & M contributions      £28,848

## **2020**

**Gross M & M contributions                      £47,394**

Less:

Endowment Income/Glebe Rent                      (£13,046)

Presbytery Allowance for M & M Projects                      (£6,639)

Net M & M contributions                      £27,709

## **2021**

**Gross M & M contributions                      £40,054**

Less:

Endowment Income/Glebe Rent                      (£8,865)

Presbytery Allowance for M & M projects                      (£1,907)

Net M & M contributions                      £29,282

**4) What is the approximate number of active worshippers in your congregations (before Covid restrictions were in place)?**

*Bellie would average 80-100 including any youngsters.*

*Speymouth would average about 12-15 with the number rising to 20 for Communion.*

**5) What is your congregational income relative to the number of active worshippers? (actual for 2019, estimates for 2020)**

| <b><u>2019</u></b>  |                |
|---|----------------|
| Offerings plus Gift Aid   | £56,224        |
| Other income (including fundraising, weddings/funerals, use of premises)            | £11,962        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£68,186</b> |
| <b><u>2020 estimate</u></b>   |                |
| Offerings plus Gift Aid   | £49,885        |
| Other income (including fundraising, weddings/funerals, use of premises, JRS grant) | £15,200        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£65,085</b> |

**6) Where do people come from to gather in your church buildings?**

*The parish contains several villages, all of which are represented in our church family: Fochabers, Mosstodloch, Garmouth, Kingston, Spey Bay, Clochan, Bogmoor, Dallachy, as well as smaller crofts and farms. We also have a small number of worshippers who travel from Elgin, Portgordon and Buckie.*

**7) What are the transport options for people in and around your communities?**

*Most worshippers either drive or walk to the 10am Bellie service, as there are limited bus options on a Sunday morning. Nearly all worshippers at the Speymouth Service drive there as there is no footpath leading to the church building.*

## EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESBYTERY PLANNING TEAM REPORT – MARCH 2021

The PPT *encourages all congregations to pray for God's mission in Moray and for the planning work we must all engage in to best enable mission into the future.*

The final outcome of the PPT's work will be a proposed Presbytery Plan which will *indicate the number, nature and pattern of charges and all other appointments, and the number and location of buildings, which the Presbytery considers necessary at the end of a ten year period... It is important to recognise the distinction between the formation of the Plan and its implementation... that implementation will probably be undertaken within the new larger Presbyteries...* [For Bellie & Speymouth this is likely to be the proposed new North East & Northern Isles Presbytery comprising currently of Shetland, Orkney, Buchan, Gordon, Kincardine & Deeside, Aberdeen presbyteries and the majority of Moray charges.]

The PPT hopes to undertake their work *open to the movement of the Holy Spirit, who inspires ministries and mission in the communities and*

*congregations of Moray.* The Team hope for *open communication and two-way conversations with congregations* who already know and serve their communities.

The most recent trends indicate a future target number for all ministry posts across the country in 5 years' time to be around 600, a reduction of around 40%. For Moray, this would mean *an estimated approximate allocation of 12 posts (Full Time Equivalent) by 2025. This will be a matter for the General Assembly in May*

*2021 ...* [Currently Moray has 14 ministers in post and 5 vacant charges]

*The PPT, along with the whole Church of Scotland, recognises God's call to and the ministries of the whole people of God, so planning for ministries and mission is not limited to, or by, the number of paid posts.*

*The PPT encourages all members of Presbytery to prayerfully consider what possibilities there might be in your area, and to engage with each other to explore possibilities for the future.*

*God, Vine-grower, True Vine, Spirit of Life,  
across Moray, help us to grow together, discerning and planning our future with you.  
Help us to remain joined with you and to accept wise pruning,  
so we might share the fruit of your love more widely. Amen.*

### WEDNESDAY (PYJAMA) PRAYER GROUP

**PRAYER IS EXCITING! PRAYER IS THRILLING! PRAYER IS FUN!** Can I vote for **more prayer** please? 😊

The Seawater Greenhouse Company has created amazing new "cooling houses" for places like Somaliland and other African countries that lack fresh water. Solar pumps drizzle salt water over sheds made of corrugated cardboard. As the water moves over each panel, it leaves its salt behind. Much of the remaining fresh water evaporates inside the structure, which becomes a humid place where fruit and veg can flourish! [How clever is that?!]

*See, I am doing a new thing!... I am making streams in the wasteland - Isaiah 43: 19*

God was doing a new thing for his people going through the wilderness. This was in contrast to the 'old thing' he had done in rescuing them from slavery. **God wants us remember what he has done for us in the past, but not to let it overshadow his current involvement in our lives.**

LOOKING to the past is good for bolstering our faith in God's provision.  
But LIVING IN the past can blind us to all the fresh work of God's Spirit TODAY.  
[Adapted from *Our Daily Bread*, Jennifer Benson Schuldt, 13 Feb 21]

*Dear God, I praise you as the Living One who constantly does new things. Help us to trust you to meet our changing needs as individuals, as families and as a Church Family at Bellie & Speymouth.*

\* 25 now receive the PPG e-material. Contact me if you would like to get it, [margaretking889@gmail.com](mailto:margaretking889@gmail.com).  
Or ring me on 820937 and we can work out how to have it delivered. Prayer requests also welcome.



## CATCH-UP ON CHRISTMAS! ~ BRINGING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

Just before Christmas, Young church invited the congregation to join us in making Christingles to celebrate Jesus being our Light – we hope you enjoyed making them. The elves had great fun making up little parcels for our Young church families and adult helpers and wonderful to see the youngsters having fun.

Photographs have been added with the permission of the families.



Young Church were sad not to be able to give our female church family their usual posy of daffodils for Mothering Sunday. But here's a picture to say you are in our thoughts and prayers ! ( - every day!! 😊 )

*Happy Birthday Blessings from your Church Family to:*



**April** - Chloe Campbell and Louisa Smith

**May** - Charlotte Meighan.

**June** - Jorja and Kathryn Bell and Maxwell Sidney.

*You may have been out of sight to many of us for many months, but you are not out of mind! The Lord bless you and keep you and make his face to shine on you. We pray you will have HUGE joy and fun in your adventure of life and faith!*



# ADVENTURES WITH HAMISH



Hamish and Sullie have been far and wide to learn about God - even to the sun in a rocket ship!



They followed a treasure map, which taught them about our journey of faith, leading to God in heaven



A journey with challenges and obstacles in our way ...



Thank you Hector

But with friends to help us along the way



They learned that we can worship God ANYWHERE, ANYTIME. Even when our church buildings are closed



That God's kingdom is what we should focus on building, something bigger and more exciting that we can imagine!

**If you would like a DVD of Hamish's adventures, contact Seoras**

*He's got the whole world in his hand...*

The Free to Live Trust



Shiny, Seema and Shirish's daughter, helping out with music

PUNE, INDIA - Seema and Shirish have shown amazing faith and strength during this pandemic. When most people of their age have kept out of harm's way, they have certainly gone the extra mile and reached out to the vulnerable women and children of the red-light district. The home in Bori is full to capacity and thanks to the Guild, the this rapid expansion of the Project. THANK YOU.



FTLT has been able to support

We thank God for the developments that have occurred with the Project in India. We give thanks that, as in the UK, a vaccination programme is beginning to be rolled out in India.

Please continue to pray for Seema and her team who are an example to all of us to:

**Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,**  
**for the Lord your God will go with you wherever you go.** Joshua 1:9

[www.freetolivetrust.org](http://www.freetolivetrust.org)

## Scottish Bible Society

The Scottish Bibles Society seeks, under God, hearts. They work so that all people can have a form they are able to access, and at an with God. Their vision is to see lives



to put the Bible in to people's hands and the Bible in a language they understand, in affordable price, to aid genuine encounters transformed through the Bible.

From their *Read & Pray* Prayer diary:

[www.scottishbiblesociety.org](http://www.scottishbiblesociety.org)

**Romania** - RE has been reintroduced in schools but is supported with few and often inadequate materials. The *Bible Adventure Programme* is an exciting and interactive way to discover God's Word. May many be inspired to discover more through this adventure!

**The Philippines** – During the pandemic, people began to meet in *Bible Listening Groups* and *Bible Watching Groups*. Give thanks for a renewed hunger for God's Word at this difficult time.

**Myanmar** – The Bible Society runs literacy programmes for 2 ethnic groups and Myanmar native speakers. Praise God that 5200 New Testaments were distributed there recently [just before the present troubles! 🙏]

**Namibia** - The Ovahimba people live a semi-nomadic life following grazing and water for their cattle. Their Bible Society is working on an Oral Bible translation which will help them to encounter God.

**Iraq** – Scriptures are accompanied by basic relief items for Christian families living in Baghdad. May the Lord be with believers living in such difficult and dangerous situations...

**Peru** – *Share Hope, Give a Bible* encourages Christians in Peru to share God's Word with their friends so that those facing health concerns from Covid-19 may experience new life and hope.

Braille and Sign Language Bibles are being produced for the blind and deaf. Children's Bibles and Study Bibles are being produced for young people and their families, for pastors and church leaders.

Through *Living Water Adopt-A-Child*, the Guild support a little boy, Juan, in **Guatemala** (and Editor supports a teenage girl, Renata, in **Albania**). In the early 1980s, the then President, Enver Hodge, said proudly, "There is no God in Albania!" Now there are thriving, growing churches all over the country, well attended Bible Study groups and an International Bible School! [www.livingwateradoptachild.org](http://www.livingwateradoptachild.org)

♪ All over the world God's Spirit is moving! ♪



## SUMMARY OF GEORGE MURDOCH TRIBUTE sent in by Grandson Chris Campbell



George was born in May 1925 and grew up in Bucksburn near Aberdeen. He worked in agriculture at Craibstone after leaving school before moving to Knockando in 1950. He married

his wife Dorothy in October 1953 and they had 2 daughters Marjory and Dorothy. The family moved to Dallas in 1958 and finally to their long term home in Mosstodloch in 1969 when George started working as Fruit Farm manager at Baxters and became known as the "man from the berries". George also ran a small hobby farm with sheep and cattle grazing in the field behind their home.

Father in law to Sid and Gordon, George was also a much loved grandad to Chris, Lee, Ross and Craig, great grandad to Chloe and Lewis and uncle to many. The family were delighted when James Alexander wrote a waltz "Special Years" in honour of George and Dorothy's Golden Wedding anniversary in 2003. The family enjoyed gathering for various celebrations right up to shortly before Dorothy passed away in 2018.

George's passion throughout his adult life was Scottish fiddle music. After attending fiddle making classes following his retirement in 1991, George enjoyed playing the fiddle he made as part of the Elgin Strathspey and Reel Society. This saw him playing in various local events, as well as a trip to Denmark. George also played the accordion and was very active in the Forres Fiddle and Accordion Club, as well as playing locally with the Milnescroft Speysiders. He

also played in the group providing music for the Old Time Dancing in Speymouth Village Hall every month. Both George and Dorothy enjoyed the Speyfest music festival, with George himself playing in some concerts in the early years. George was delighted to see his passion for playing the fiddle taken up by his great granddaughter Chloe, who will enjoy playing the fiddle he made when she is older.

George had a keen interest in gardening and enjoyed spending time in his own garden, and others'. His topiary efforts with the hen-shaped hedge in the front garden became something of a tourist attraction for those passing through Mosstodloch on the bus. A stereotypical Aberdonian and growing up in the wartime years, George was a champion of the values of thrift and would never throw things out. Indeed, when family members would throw stuff out for him, it would re-appear in the house a few hours later! George was quite shy and reserved, except when it came to heckling the wrestling on the TV!

Both George and Dorothy were very active within Speymouth Church, with George serving as an Elder for many years and Church Officer/Beadle until he started caring for Dorothy after her stroke in 2008. She moved into the Balhousie Care Home, Huntly in 2013, where he eventually had to join her in May 2017.

Whilst George's passing brings great sadness, he had a long and happy 95 years and it is a comfort that he is once again re-united with Dorothy.

## SUMMARY OF TRIBUTE TO WILL ANDERSON

Will was born near Elgin on the 14 October 1929, one of five children. His first decade was mostly spent confined to bed with asthma, which prompted the family to move to the coast near Spey Bay at the start of WWII. It was thought the sea air would help his condition. Will developed a love of reading & literature which stayed the rest of his life.

He went to Mosstowie and then Fochabers School. As a teenager, his health drastically improved and he joined the Tynet Rosebuds – a football team comprised mainly of farmers, but who also played cricket. On one memorable occasion, he bowled out the leading batsman of the more established Fochabers cricket club! Another match at Buckie High

School was snowed off, so instead they had a huge snowball fight – no winner - but a window of the school building was smashed! Will also played golf & badminton.

Will followed his father into farming. In 1966 he married Betty, and they had 2 sons, Euan and Les, who enjoyed growing up on the farm with lots of sport and general goofing around. Will's farming meant trips to marts at Cornhill, Keith, Dufftown, Elgin, mostly gone now. Trips north to buy sheep became family holidays, staying at the hotel in Helmsdale; while holidays to Falkirk to see Will's sister May and the cousins seemed like a trip to the big city!

As Will was one of 5, and Betty one of 6, lots of

family came to enjoy the fresh air and hospitality at the big Upper Auchenreach Farmhouse, especially at Hogmanay. Betty, whose first husband had died tragically, was still very close to the in-laws from Guernsey, who became like a third family to Will and would stay also. He

was a long-standing member of Spey Bay golf club. After 65 years and a joking remark, he was finally made an honorary member! He was a member of Mosstodloch Bowls club and the Spey Bay Indoor Bowling club where he was the match secretary. He won competitions of all sorts & had heaps of trophies.

Les and Susan gave them their first grandchild, Rebecca, in 2004. Sadly, Betty died in 2005, but at least was a grandma for that time. Ross came along in 2006 and Will greatly enjoyed being a grandad.

When Will retired, the family moved to Mosstodloch, where he was very much part of the community, with

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many friends, especially Ian Grant, who was not just a good pal, but a great help to him.

Highlights in the family calendar were the big birthday gatherings. They would hire a large house for a week of music, good fun and drink, and quality family time. When Will turned 90 he wasn't going to have a party but was convinced otherwise and thoroughly enjoyed the celebration at Spey Bay golf club.

One quirk of his that stood out for his boys was his morning porridge. Many have porridge to start the day, but Will was the only one they knew who would add the last night's leftovers to it. Crab, prawns, asparagus, mince ... all at some point made their way into the breakfast porridge!

Will lived life to the full, including being a faithful member of Bellie Church. He will be missed by family, friends and all who knew him.

## DEPARTED FRIENDS

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

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – John McKay, Pinewood Rd, Mosstodloch

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – James Skelton, Garmouth

26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – William (Will) Anderson, Mosstodloch

9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Mrs Margaret King, Ordiequish Rd, Fochabers

*May all family and friends be aware of our prayers and our living God's eternal comfort and peace*

## 'PHYSICAL' CHURCH SERVICES

Please keep an eye out for UP-TO-DATE news in the WEEKLY NEWSLETTER and the local press

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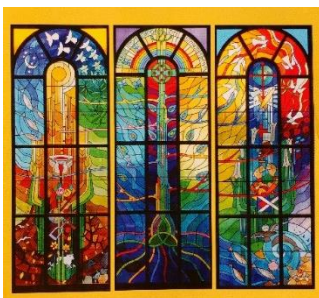
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He is not here... He has risen as he said he would!

God bless you at Easter  
and always!

