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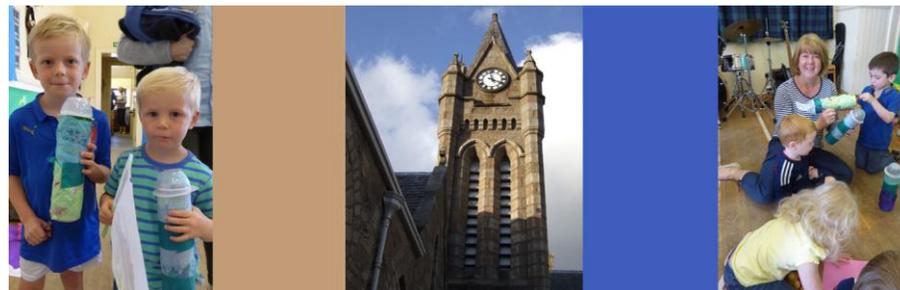
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which inspires people
with the Good News
of Jesus Christ
through our enthusiasm, worship, witness,
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Foveran Parish Church Newsletter

Autumn 2015

Dear Friends,

I would like to draw our attention to something we do not hear much about today in Church circles, GROANING! Not the, 'Oh no, not another long sermon! Or 'Oh no, not that tune again,' but heart groaning. As I write this I can imagine the sort of thing Leonard Ravenhill would say, something like, 'there is too much moaning in the church and not enough groaning.' Google L. Ravenhill if you don't know who he is and get hold of his book 'Why Revival Tarries.'

What sort of groaning am I talking about? Exodus 3 speaks of the people crying out and groaning under their burdens in Egypt. Romans 8 talks about inner groaning as we await full redemption – have you ever just felt sick of yourself, having been in Church all your life but still struggling with our old hard and twisted hearts – groaning?

Then, Psalm 79.11 says, 'May the groans of the prisoners come before you...' Read the history of Revivals and great periods of souls being saved, and there is always a period of groaning, at least for some folk. These folk have become weary with the fruitlessness and stupidity and backsliding of not only the Church, but themselves, and groan and sigh and are beyond comfort until God takes to the field and comes with a time of

refreshing and/or Revival. I am talking about broken hearted prayer, prayer until, day and night until. I have doubts that we will see any Revival in the Church until the sound of groaning is heard.

Some of us may think that this is just too much, depressing, hard, harsh, even unbelieving, are we not meant to be happy and rejoicing? Read A.W Tozer 'The Incredible Christian' on this. Or read Paul who was always rejoicing even while dying, abounding in plenty or in lack, always carrying the death of Christ that the life of Christ would fill him. Read Jesus, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn,' why, because theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven and they are the ones who will be comforted. The groaning for a night comes before the joy of the morning. The pain of child birth comes before the joy that a child has been born. Groaning comes before Revival.

Ricky

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Well then, where have you been?



That's the question Tricia and I have both been asked over the last few months. We haven't been in Foveran Parish Church since mid-Oct last year, but it's not a case of 'out of sight, and out of mind' - be assured that you all are often in our thoughts and prayers.

I suppose the answer to the question 'where have you been?' is 'following Jesus!' I'm continuing to work full-time as a doctor, and also train for Ordained Local Ministry in the Kirk. OLM is a new term, replacing the Auxiliary Ministry, and is a non-stipendiary form of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Like Full Time Ministers, OLMs are ordained after training and provide pastoral care and support people in need, or who are affected by tragedy or crisis.

The role of an OLM includes:

- celebration of the sacraments, the Lord's Supper (or Holy Communion) & baptism
- preaching
- conducting funerals and offering pastoral support to those who are dying & those who have been bereaved
- conducting weddings and helping people prepare for marriage

Some of these functions, of course, are also performed by deacons, elders and readers.

Jesus says "Follow me!" to all of us and we never know what this might entail. In 2010 I went to a conference in Dundee, and since then have had six month OLM Student placements at Inverurie West and Belhelvie as well as theology study.

Last Oct I started a six month placement at St Columba's Church, Bridge of Don, which turned into nine months, as I covered the Minister, an Army reserve Chaplain, on an unexpected tour of duty abroad. I finished in St Columba's three weeks ago and last week started my final OLM placement which will be for a year at Newhills Church, Bucksburn.

Tricia has been involved in singing in the Worship Band, the Children's Rise and Shine Club and in planning for and helping at a week of Mission.

Look forward to seeing folk around the village and dog walking on the beach, and God willing, back in FPC around September 2016.

A new worship song has the words:

'You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail,
And there I find You in the mystery; In oceans deep, my faith will stand,
And I will call upon Your name & keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace,
For I am yours & you are mine'

As we all continue follow Jesus, whether in FPC or Newhills, let's be reassured that God is with us, leading and guiding - even if it seems we go through times we don't quite understand. Please would you continue to pray that God will teach and guide us during the next year and beyond and that we will be faithful in following Jesus?

We will pray the same for you!

Check out the song - it's called "Oceans (where feet may fail)" by Hillsong

www.youtube.com/watch?v=dy9nwe9_xzw

Thank you!

Peter and Tricia Kiehlmann

Update on Youth Work



Some of our lovely youths!

Hi Guys, here is an update of our youth work and upcoming events for our young people to look out for.

Here at Foveran Parish Church we value the Young People in our church and in the community, and our aim is to help them to get to know and love God, to be available to guide and help them with any issues they have. Also to have fun and fellowship together.

We had great fun running the Holiday Club this summer. Our young folk did really well preparing and leading it and the children who came had loads of fun. We are all off to Teen Ranch this coming weekend along with the youth from Belhelvie Church, where the young folk have a great time taking part in various outdoor activities, along with some bible teaching.

One of our aims for this year is to bring young people from local churches together and I have a few dates for your diary.

FAX meets every Sunday morning for P7 upwards at 11am in Foveran Parish Church and is run by Andrew Mitchell, Roddy MacKenzie and me.

BELONG is a group for P7 upwards, who meet once a month in Pitmedden Church for games, food and fellowship with young people from several different churches in the area, looking at different topics which affect our young people today. This group will meet on the following dates, Friday 11th September 7pm - 9pm, Friday 30th October and Friday 27th November.

Please contact me if you want any information about youth work in the church or if you are interested in coming along to any of the events.

God Bless, Paula

Holiday Club!



Holiday club was a great success this year with lots of fun being had by all. A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen, especially our young folk who organised and delivered it so well.



Christian Aid 2015

A letter of thanks has been received from Kathy Galloway, Head of Christian Aid Scotland confirming receipt of £3773.28 arising from fundraising in Foveran Parish in May this year.

The very enjoyable concert featuring much local talent and organised by the Social Committee raised £414.58, while the Christian Aid Quiz brought in £44.80.

The house-to-house collection amounted to an amazing £3313.90. Sincere thanks are due to the very generous folk in the parish who contributed to this total and to the band of ever willing and hard working collectors.

Jenny Smith and Jean Jones

Social Committee Report

The VARIETY CONCERT on Saturday 23 May in Newburgh Public Hall was very successful and enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the concert, which allowed us to raise approximately £415 for the work of Christian Aid.

In September we are looking forward to a visit from 'The Sound of Many Waters' Gospel choir – we are hoping that the date will be confirmed very soon.

On Friday 2 October, we invite all members and friends to another Family Harvest Supper Dance in the Newburgh Inn with music again provided by the Ythan Fiddlers. The evening will begin with supper at 7pm - soup followed by stovies or macaroni cheese, rounded off with tea or coffee and shortbread. We hope that both young and older folk will come along to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun during the harvest season. The evening will include a raffle. Tickets will soon be available from Social Committee members. Proceeds from this event will go to support the work of our Mission Partners, David and Rebecca Morton, at Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi.

On Saturday 21st November it will be time for the annual Kirk Roup – we shall be looking for donations of items for the auction and also for the sales tables so please do not throw out any of your pre-loved items in the next few weeks – they may be just what others are looking for! Extra help will be needed with collection of items on the Friday evening and Saturday morning, and also with lifting and distributing items at the auction on Saturday afternoon. This event is an important fund raiser for the church – please come along to enjoy a cuppa and browse the stalls even if you cannot stay for the auction. Willing helpers please get in touch with either me or Alistair Cruickshank (789688).

Mary Smith (Social Convener, Tel: 01358 742234)

Report from the Treasurer



In the last newsletter, I intimated that it was time to hand over to a new Treasurer, and I'm pleased to tell those of you who have not already heard that the Congregational Board agreed to appoint Alasdair Sloan as my successor. This, then, will be my last article about our finances.

You will have noticed various improvements in our buildings, and our gratitude should go again to Corner Cafe, for paying for the new window blind in Holyrood Chapel. The only exceptional payments from the congregation's current account have been for the new floor-level heaters in the hall and for a much needed new bathroom at the manse. For the first 7 months of 2015, our income was £32,616 and expenditure £39,430.

I will still be part of the finance group, but meantime thank the members of the Finance Committee - especially Zander Kirk, Anne Whalley and Christine and John Fordyce - for all their help and support. I know that Alasdair will appreciate the strong back-up team that exists in Foveran Church of Scotland.

Frances Morrison

24 August 2015

Happy Birthday Zander!



Zander Kirk celebrated part of his eightieth birthday at Corner Cafe in the Church Hall. Mary Adams, pictured with Zander, and her staff arranged for a birthday cake which was shared round the customers after being cut by Zander. Zander is a long-standing and respected elder of Foveran Parish Church, Finance Convenor, Church Choir and Ythan Singers member and a keen golfer. As someone at Corner Cafe said "Eighty is the new sixty" so we wish Zander many more years of good health.

Knit & Natter



Knit & Natter is a friendship group that meets in the Church Hall on Thursdays from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Bring your own projects, e.g. knitting

crochet, tapestry, cross-stich. Make new friends, enjoy a cuppa and maybe learn something new! All welcome. Please just come along on the day or contact Margaret Buchan (789298).

Welcome Packs

Some welcome packs from the church were distributed to the people who have moved into the new houses at the top of School Road in Newburgh. A very warm welcome was



received by Margaret Buchan and Kathleen Souter, who distributed the packs recently, which included some of Margaret's delicious homemade shortbread. This is something we hope to extend to all new residents of the Parish, so please let Margaret, Paula or Jane know of anyone who moves in from now on.

Staff Required for Balmedie House Care Home

Would you be interested in working within the care industry?

Balmedie House is a Crossreach facility supporting the elderly through both residential stay and daycare. Located in the village of Balmedie, 6 miles north of Aberdeen, we are seeking to recruit staff who can help us continue to offer practical Christian caring in this well regarded and highly commended facility.

At the moment we have vacancies for 3 care workers, working 35 hours over 5 days. Day shift and late shifts are available, and some weekend working is required. A live Christian commitment is a prerequisite for these posts.

If you would like to know more, please contact the service manager, for more details: Ann Reid, Service Manager, CrossReach, Balmedie House, North Beach Road, Balmedie, Aberdeenshire, AB23 8XU. 01358 742244, ann.reid@crossreach.org.uk

Our Mission Partners in Malawi July 2015



Dear Family & Friends

Nkhoma Hospital is facing a difficult financial crisis. One month ago the hospital was informed by the District Medical Officer that the District had no funds to pay what was owed on the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the district and the hospital for services provided by Nkhoma Hospital from February through June. This amounts to 12 million Malawi Kwacha (about \$27,000).

Prior to this announcement the District kept assuring us our bills would be paid, so there was no warning that there would be this defaulting of payment. The situation is complicated as the SLA programme provides free treatment to children under five and pregnant women in our catchment and referral area which has led to remarkable decreases in under five and maternal morbidity and mortality as the cost barrier to health care has been removed. Yet the hospital has incurred more than twice the cost of what it is supposed to bear, even before this defaulting. Yesterday, to meet our expenses for the rest of July, including major expenses for our staff allowances, call coverage payments, etc., the hospital used up all of its undesignated fund reserves. This means we enter August with only what we will be collecting in patient fees over the next week while facing a needed purchase of medications for the month of August of around Malawi Kwacha 8-10 million (about \$20,000). Our fee income, has risen to about Mk 4 million per week (\$8,800), but also must cover fuel, maintenance and administration costs.

The financial situation of the hospital always requires dependence upon our Lord to provide, now more acutely. This does not mean we have not and are not developing strategies to enable the hospital to become less reliant on outside sources of income. It is just that when such a debt piles up and then we are told it will not be covered at all, the situation becomes critical. Nkhoma Hospital is just symptomatic of

the national crisis in health care funding. Although Malawi is a signatory to international agreements to designate a minimum of 15% of its national budget to health care, the new budget for financial year 2015/2016 only allocates 8% to health care. This means that government health units have shortages of drugs and supplies, non-functioning transport, and staffing issues, leading more people to seek care at Nkhoma. Also recently the World Bank has designated Malawi as the poorest country in the world with an annual GNDP per person per year at \$250. A month ago, immediately after the news, Nkhoma management sent out a strong letter to the Ministry of Health, Christian Hospital Association of Malawi, our member of parliament, and the chair of the parliamentary committee on National Health Care, documenting all of the issues regarding the SLA non-payment, and the disastrous result stopping the programme will have on the community (the immediate effect will be maternal deaths).

This year Nkhoma Hospital celebrates its centenary. Being in existence as a rural Malawian Hospital for 100 years, is a testimony to God's grace and provision. We are depending upon that grace and provision now. Please pray:

1. That God would provide what we need to get us through next month.
2. That the Malawi government/Ministry of Health will respond, pay what is owed, and set the SLA on a more just financial position so that we can continue providing the community with the life- saving care they need.
3. That hospital staff will understand and be supportive of the financial measures we will need to take, which will affect what the hospital will be able to pay them. Many of our staff, as they are often the most successful members of their extended families, are responsible for school fees and other expenses of their extended families.
4. That hospital management will be wise in its decisions, communications, discussions, etc., with all involved over these issues, and will not lose sight of the fact that this work is our Lord's ministry and we need to be faithful.

Thank you for all of your prayers, concern and help over the years,

**David and Rebecca Morton,
Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi**

Church ladies with typewriters (a bit of light relief.....)

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Doughnuts will be served after mass in the church basement followed by blood pressure checks.

Dates for your Diaries

September	'The Sound of Many Waters' Gospel choir, date to be confirmed ASAP, watch out for posters
Fri 2 th Oct	Supper Dance, Newburgh Inn, 7pm, with Ythan Fiddlers
Sat 21st Nov	Annual Kirk Roup, Newburgh Public Hall

Pastoral Notices

Weddings

24th July Louise Jubb and Eddie Clark

Funerals

27th May Norman Barons
28th May William (Bill) Hutchinson
3rd August Georgina (Gina) Ross
18th August Alexander (Sandy) Ritchie