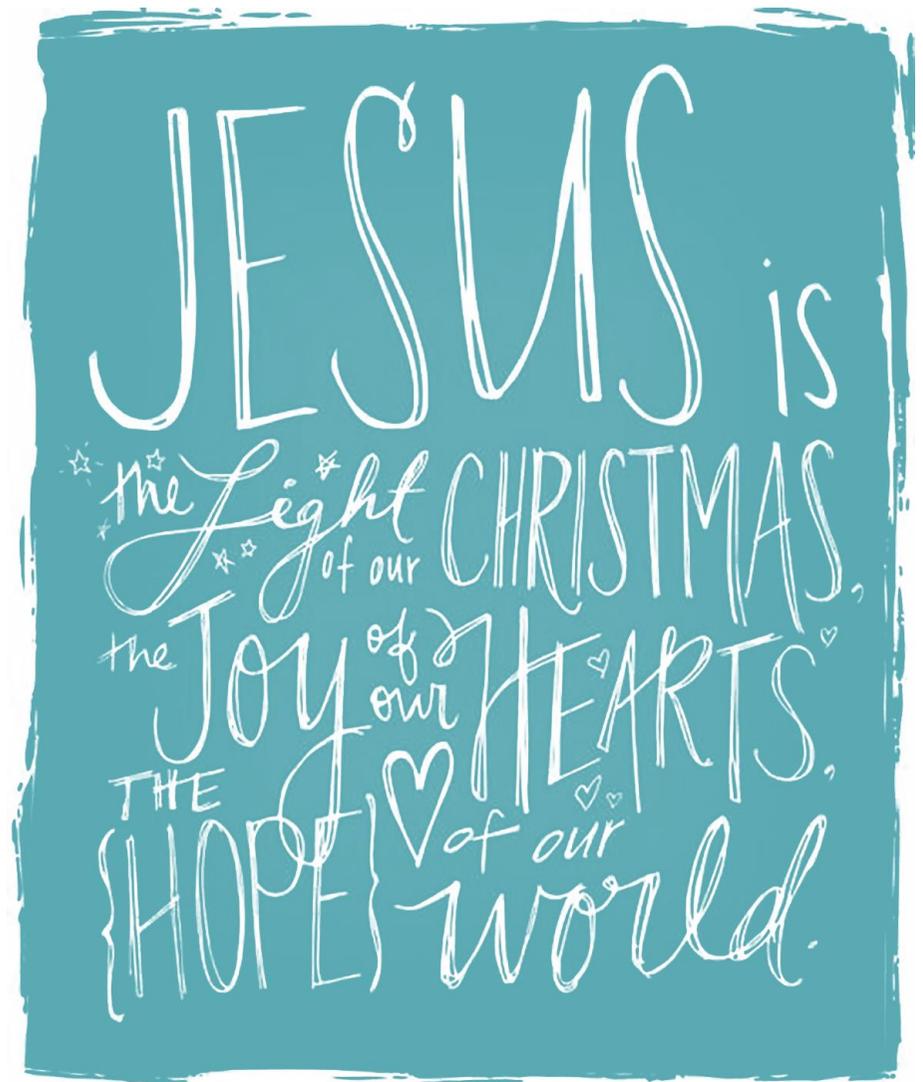


We warmly invite you to join in our Christmas celebrations this December 2018

- Sunday 2nd Dec** Christmas Tree Lights Turn On outside Holyrood Chapel, 4pm. Family event with carol singing, mulled wine & mince pies will be served in and around the church.
- Thursday 13th** Festive Corner Café 10-12noon, Church Hall.
- Sunday 16th** Evening Carol Service, 6.30pm in Holyrood Chapel. All Welcome.
- Saturday 22nd** Community Carol Singing in Newburgh Public Hall from 4pm with mulled wine and mince pies. All welcome, family friendly.
- Sunday 23rd** Family Children's Christmas Service, 11am
- Christmas Eve** Christingle Service, 4.30pm in Holyrood Chapel. All families very welcome.
Watchnight Service, 11.30 pm in Holyrood Chapel. Carols sung from 11pm.
- Christmas Day** Christmas Morning Service, 10am in Holyrood Chapel.

All our services and events are open for everyone. Please come along to any of the above to celebrate Christmas – you do not have to be a 'church-goer'. Families are always welcome too – we don't mind a bit of noise!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
WISHING YOU A HOLIDAY SEASON
THAT'S MERRY & BRIGHT WITH
THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE!

Foveran Parish Church Magazine



Christmas 2018

The shops have been building up their stock for weeks and weeks. There are more adverts on the TV for different charities, heart-rending and guilt-provoking. The adverts are beginning for children's toys and special collections of things. Yes, it's Christmas! Businesses hope to have made substantial sales over the weeks of October, November and December and continue the spree into pre and post-Christmas sales.

As with every year, some people will be eagerly looking forward to Christmas, and others will be dreading it. What to buy for the person who has everything, how to buy on a limited budget without leaving the children feeling disappointed. For some, it will be wonderful to meet up with friends and family, some of whom may be visiting from foreign parts. For others, either a long wait will come to an end or a sudden tragedy will take someone away from us.

Christmas has changed so much from something religious and spiritual, to something almost fully abandoned to consumerism. Winter holiday has replaced the Christ in Christmas for many, or as good as, and the significance of the celebration is lost on so many of us.

Christmas is the time we remember the coming of Christ into the world. Why would anyone want to leave heaven to come to a war torn, disease-infested and beautiful place like earth? It was because of love.

But why did God not just love us from heaven? It was because humankind had become lost in its own affairs, and Jesus came to find us.

But if Jesus came to earth, why did He not stay and make everything better? It was because we were in bondage to someone who did not love us.

But why did He die on a Cross? Because He had to rescue us and pay the debt we owed. No one gets to heaven with an unpaid bill from earth.

But why did He rise again from the dead? He rose again to show us the way to His home and to make our accommodation ready.

But how does this work in practice? It works by believing in Christ, who He says He is, what He has done and what He promises.

The Bible says that, 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'

That is what Christmas is all about.

Ricky

Corner Cafe

Thursdays 10-12noon
Church Hall, Newburgh



Come &
join our
Festive Corner Cafe
on 13th December

Carols, mince pies, raffle, hamper
and more! We will then close for 4
weeks, re-opening on 17th Jan.



COMMUNITY LINKS

1st Newburgh Scout Group

The Scout Group was rekindled in Newburgh 10 years ago by Andrew Mitchell and a few other Dads who formed a Beaver Scout colony for 6-8 year olds. Currently, all sections are running at full capacity with approximately 90 youngsters from Newburgh and the surrounding area enjoying scouting activities regularly.



Scouts on Ben Macdui

Unlike most other Scout Groups in Gordon District, Newburgh does not have a dedicated Scout Hut, so we are grateful to be able to hire and use the Church Hall which works well for our weekly activities. Despite the lack of a Scout Hut, what we do have in Newburgh that other Groups don't, is the Ythan Estuary and dunes right on our doorstep. This is a great bonus and allows us to get the young folk out and about in the fresh air most weeks. You'll no doubt have seen them charging around on Tuesday and Thursday evenings lighting fires, burning things, building things, making things, breaking things, learning things, playing games etc!

All sections work towards the Chief Scout awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts respectively. When they move onto Explorers, there are 3 more awards, the Chief Scout Platinum award, Chief Scout Diamond award and finally the Queen's Scout award (the highest award in Scouting, these awards are similar to Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold). Our Explorer Unit is relatively new and we now have our first set of Explorer Scouts working towards the Queen's Scout Award. This involves a whole range of hard work and dedication across skills, physical activity, community involvement, camping and expedition.

As part of this, a group of Explorer Scouts completed a 3 day Cairngorm expedition in October taking in an ascent of Derry Cairngorm and Ben Macdui (the 2nd highest mountain in Scotland), a great achievement, capped off with a visit to the Braemar Mountain Rescue centre (and the chipper!).

In recent years we've asked the Minister to present the Chief Scout Awards to the Scouts, often at the Remembrance Service in November, so hopefully we'll soon see our first ever Queen's Scout Awards presented in Newburgh. If you want any more information on Scouts, contact Danny Hawthorn - 07977 412645/ danielhawthorn@hotmail.com.

Danny Hawthorn

CHURCH ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT

FAX

Where does the name FAX come from? For a number of years I



FAX at Teen Ranch earlier this year

thought it was FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions, which would tie into what we do in explaining about the Christian faith to young people (Yes, just say it out loud to yourself and you will get it FAX or FAQs). It was then explained to me that when it started the kids used to meet at 10am before church started on a Sunday morning so was called Foveran At 10 (Roman numeral for 10 is X) so FAX started.

Over the years we have had mainly girls, then all boys and now back to a more balanced level of boys and girls. Each week we discuss a subject with a practical application to the Christian life. There are a lot biscuits and sweets eaten and FAX provides a space for a more

informal examination of the word of God and what it means to young people today.

We are experts in the art of tangents! We may start on a subject but due to the enthusiasm of youth and sometimes the lack of biscuits we can be diverted into many different subjects.

The main drive of FAX is to provide the children with a practical understanding of the Christian faith and above all to show them the passionate love God has for them and all people in this world. We mix the fun in with the deep truths revealed in God's word.

One of the highlights of the year is the visit to Teen Ranch where the children get to experience all sorts of activities in a Christian environment. Horse riding, shooting, kayaking and BMXing are just some of the activities on offer. Injuries can occur but mainly to leaders who should know better! No fool like an old fool. I believe this is where the sport of Footbee was created which is a mixture of football and rugby with 4 goals. Our girls are very adept at this game as I know to my cost! Most importantly the children meet others their own age with a faith in God and young Christian leaders who can relate to them on their level.

Remember us in your prayers for the Church and the wider community so that the children may know God's love and find their way in this world as young Christians – to know what is beneficial to their faith and what will detract from it.

Roddy MacKenzie

Social Committee

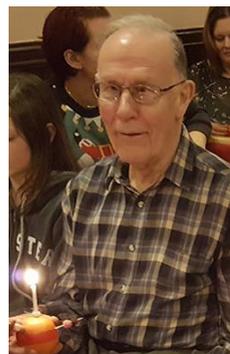
We look forward to a Concert with a difference on 9th November. It is mainly jazz performed by a young band called JADZ from Aberdeen City Music School, one of whom is Sam Sloan who plays clarinet in our Church Praise Band. Hopefully those who say they "don't like jazz" will have changed their minds after hearing the lads - report in next newsletter.

Planning is now underway for the Burns Supper in 2019 - it will take place jointly with Newburgh-on-Ythan Golf Club, in the Clubhouse on Saturday 26th January. As usual the traditional supper will be followed by a mixture of spoken and musical entertainment. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Mary Smith, Social Convenor & Christine Fordyce

MEMBERS' LIVES

Mr Alexander Kirk - Zander



Q How long have you been attending Foveran Parish Church?

A I was admitted to Foveran Church Session in 2004 when my wife and I moved to Newburgh, but I have been a church elder for over 50 years!

Q How many churches have you served in as an elder?

A I was first ordained in 1967 in Falkirk Old Parish Church. In my work for the Bank of Scotland I moved around quite a bit, so from Falkirk I moved to Sauchie Parish Church, then Gillespie Memorial Church, Falkirk Old & St Modan's Parish, then Lochwinnoch Parish Church and finally here at Foveran.

Q What are your hobbies and interests?

A I enjoyed playing (poor!) golf over a variety of courses for many years until my balance problems called a halt 2 years ago. I've also enjoyed singing in church & non-church choirs for the last 40 years – wish I had started earlier!

Q What are three words you would use to describe what church means to you?

A Grace, belonging, identity.

Apology - I am afraid that in my interview in the summer edition I missed out three ministers and so I apologise to the families of the late Rev Donald Barron, Rev Hamish Dyer and Rev John Tennant. **Christine Fordyce**

A Christmas Bible Study



Luke 1.67-75 the song of Zechariah the father of John the Baptist. These verses are not about John, but about Jesus who was soon to be born to Mary.

The song gives an explanation of what Jesus will come to do. It includes rescue from enemies, and positively, an enabling to do something (v74)

Q. From what are we rescued? What are we to be enabled to do?

Who or what are our enemies? Look up these verses: Matthew 1.21, Luke 1.79, 1Corinthians 15.21, Ephesians 2.19, Hebrews 2.14-15.

Q. Can you list these enemies?

This selection is not complete, but these are certainly big issues.

Q. Do you fear any of these? Are you certain of where you stand regarding these? For example, do you feel at home in God's presence, or do you feel a stranger to Him?

Look up these verses: Ephesians 2.1-5 and compare them with Luke 1.67-75.

Q. Who has made the promise of Luke effective?

Look up Colossians 1.13-14.

Q. What do these verses tell us Christ has done for believers?

Look up Romans 5.1 (Justified means that God looks on us 'just as if I'd never sinned.')

Q. How do we enter into these promises of God? Is this true for me?

A Prayer for Nativity

Jesus. Born in a stable
make here your home.
Jesus, born of a peasant girl
make here your home.
Jesus, searched for by wise seekers
make here your home.
Jesus, reared at a carpenter's bench
make here your home.
Jesus, risen from death
make here your home.

From 'Celtic Prayers for life today.'
Ray Simpson

Dates for your Diaries 2018-2019

Sun 25 th Nov	Soul Food Sunday, Church Hall, 6-8pm Theme: 'Out of Africa' – our Church of Scotland Mission Partners will be here to tell us about their work in Malawi, Africa, which has recently come to an end after 23 years. This is the last Soul Food Sunday for the year.
Fri 30 th Nov	Holiday Club Meet-up, Church Hall, 3.30-4.30pm
December	Please see back page of this magazine.
Sat 26 th Jan 2019	Burns Supper, Newburgh-on-Ythan Golf Clubhouse.
Sun 27 th Jan 2019	Soul Food Sunday, Church Hall, 6-8pm

Pastoral Notices

Baptism	28 th October	Kate Emily Edwards
Funerals	July 2018	Sheila Davidson (Peterhead)
	October 2018	James (Jimmy) Forbes (Ellon)

Come Along to our Christmas Celebrations!



COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Newburgh Public Hall
Saturday 16th December, Starts 4pm
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
ALL WELCOME

Please do come along to any or all of our Christmas Services this year. From the lively Community Carol Singing in Newburgh Public Hall to the atmospheric Christingle Service in the church on Christmas Eve where everyone gets to make and light their own Christingle candle, they are all sure to get you in the Festive Spirit and remind you of the reason for the season.

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Our vision is to be a church which inspires people with the Good News of Jesus Christ through our enthusiasm, worship, witness, nurture and service

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