



Monifieth South Angus **IMPACT**



The quarterly newsletter of Monifieth South Angus Church of Scotland - June 2024
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

1. Three elders received long service certificates - Irene Duncan (30) Malcolm Bell (40) Celina Heslip (30)
2. Church picnic to Monikie
3. Boys' Brigade at Dundee Airport
4. Messy Church at the Blue Seaway
5. Girls' Brigade at Innoflate
6. Christian Aid Cake
7. Girls' Brigade Parents' Evening
8. The Chapel at Murroes Hall



INTERIM MODERATOR'S MESSAGE – June 2024

My dear friends of Monifieth South Angus,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the bursts of sunshine when they come!

I know it feels a long time since we issued our last IMPACT Magazine but that is not to say that work has not been happening in the background. I am delighted to announce that the nominating committee have unanimously chosen a sole nominee who will preach to you all on Sunday 7th July. This is an exciting step forward in the decision to choose your new minister and I do hope that all goes well on that day.

You will also have seen that a new defibrillator has been installed at the front of the church and my thanks goes to all behind the scenes that made this happen.

The reading in the Lectionary this week is the parable of the mustard seed and I thought this was so apt for the current position that Monifieth South Angus is in. So much work is happening behind the scenes, beneath the surface if we want to compare to the parable and we are just now seeing some of the shoots of results of this labour. I am confident that soon with a new minister appointed, Monifieth South Angus will start to flourish in so many new ways and directions for the future. We must always remember that God is also continuously at work behind the scenes and with him on our side what we can achieve in the future can truly turn into something much bigger than originally envisaged.

I do hope you have a wonderful summer ahead of you, and I also pray for a bit of warmth to reach us all.

I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Caroline Taylor, Rev Tim Thorpe, Rev Marion and Rev Phil Taylor as well as all the members of the worship team for continuing to lead the worship services on a weekly basis.

God Bless you all -

Lorna

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CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

DEMISSION by Certificate of Transference

8 th March	Mr. Gilbert & Mr. Angus Nicoll, Monikie (District 80 Les Riddick)
8 th March	Mrs. Loraine Shepherd, Monikie (District 88 Vacant)
14 th March	Mr. David & Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, Newbigging (District 80 Les Riddick)
23 rd March	Mr. Gordon Sturrock, Tealing (District 75 David Morrison)
23 rd March	Mr. James Rennie, Montrose (District 88 Vacant)
23 rd March	Mr. Ian Reid, Tealing (District 88 Vacant)
1 st April	Mr. Graham Mackie, Monifieth (District 74 Bill Mitchell)
13 th April	Mrs. Fiona Cram, Kellas (District 16 Maggie Gray)

DEATHS

'I am the resurrection and the life....'said Jesus.

8 th March	Mr. Duncan Myles, Monifieth (District 8 Henry Chapman)
23 rd March	Mrs. Isobel Scammell, Barry (District 17 Ian Greig)
7 th April	Mrs. Moira Officer, Kellas (District 71 Ally Greenhill)
17 th May	Mrs. Nan Fraser, Broughty Ferry (District 16 Maggie Gray)
17 th May	Mrs. Iris Greenhill, Broughty Ferry (District 80 Les Riddick)
23 rd May	Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Monifieth (District 60 Vacant)
28 th May	Mrs. Aida Cairnie, Monifieth (District 49 Morag Clapperton)

MEMBERSHIP

Following the recent request for members to update their personal details, 15 have been removed from the roll as they no longer wish to engage with Monifieth South Angus Church. Another 6 have been removed as they have gone away, and we do not have a new address for them.

Unfortunately, another 194 members failed to return the completed form as requested and have therefore been transferred to the Supplementary Roll. If you have not returned a completed form it is still not too late, please either email the information to me at the address below or leave the form in the church office or at Murroes Church Hall.

Ron Grace Roll Keeper

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NAN FRASER - AN APPRECIATION

Everyone will have their own memories of Nan, late wife of Rev Donald Fraser, but I hope that some of my thoughts resonate with you and that they go some way to expressing what a special person she was.

I met Donald and Nan soon after arriving in Monifieth in August 1989. I was very recently married, was starting out on a completely new job as a supply primary teacher in an area I did not know at all and wanted to find a new church family. I went to services with the three different congregations, but it was at the South Church that I felt most at home then.

True to form, Nan was very welcoming and through chatting, we discovered some connections that instantly made me feel at ease - like my mum, Nan was a teacher of Home Economics. In a wonderfully comforting link, Nan had trained in Aberdeen alongside - and remained very friendly with - a colleague of my mum's who was also the mum of one of my school friends in Keith. Nan's genuine interest in people shone through all she did. Nan soon introduced me to the members of the Young Women's' Group and encouraged me to join (none of us is so young now but these ladies are still very special to me). Later, it was Nan who involved me in Sunday School, including helping with the annual Nativity play and taking part in the Sunday School picnic and barbecue in the Manse Garden. There was always humour and fun along with the hard work.

At an early stage Nan helped out when, in the days before we owned a computer, my husband had to prepare a PowerPoint presentation for a job interview. Nan arranged that he would have the loan of an Apple computer for the weekend.

When our children came along, Nan was interested and supportive. Both Matthew and Kirsten went through Sunday School in the South Church and enjoyed Youth Group with Nicky in the South Church Manse once Monifieth Parish Church was established. Nan was always around, keeping up with the young people's news, revelling in their successes and commiserating when things did not go so well. As Kirsten told me on hearing of Nan's death, "Nan was very special to me".

As a congregation now we derive so much, both financially and by connecting with the community, from the annual Bake and Book, including the sale of freshly made pancakes. These are legacies of Nan's inventiveness, her enjoyment of being with people, doing good for others and her ability to encourage support of a good plan.

Looking back at these short memories, it is easy to see so many aspects of Nan's personality - she was a great communicator, who listened and remembered; an encourager, recognising people's talents, skills and qualities even when they did not know them themselves; a giver of practical help, without fuss or fanfare; a friend to all, whether she had known you for years or had just met you; a seemingly tireless support to Donald in church work and family matters.

As a staunch Guild member, Nan truly lived out the motto of that organisation - Whose we are and whom we serve - in all aspects of her life.

Barbara Burns

SERVICES

All Sunday Services are at 11.00 and Wednesday Evening services at 18.30

SUNDAY 2 nd June	Yvonne Grant	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 5 th June	Rev Caroline Taylor	Murroes
SUNDAY 9 th June	Vince Guz	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 12 th June	Lynn Podger	Murroes
SUNDAY 16 th June	Rev Caroline Taylor	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 19 th June	TBA	Murroes
SUNDAY 23 rd June	Faith and Worship Team	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 26 th June	TBA	
SUNDAY 30 th June at MURROES	Vince and Sheena Guz	MURROES
WEDNESDAY 3 rd July	NO SERVICE	
SUNDAY 7 th July	SOLE NOMINEE	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 10 th July	Vince Guz	Murroes
SUNDAY 14 th July	TBA	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 17 th July	Sheena Guz	Murroes
SUNDAY 21 st July	Rev Caroline Taylor	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 24 th July	Rev Caroline Taylor	Murroes
SUNDAY 28 th July	Yvonne Grant	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 31 st July	TBA	Murroes
SUNDAY 4 th August	Lynne Podger	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 7 th August	TBA	Murroes
SUNDAY 11 th August	Rev Caroline Taylor	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 14 th August	TBA	Murroes
SUNDAY 18 th August	Yvonne Grant	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 21 st August	TBA	Murroes
SUNDAY 25 th August	Revs Marian and Phil Taylor	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 28 th August	TBA	Murroes
SUNDAY 1 st September	TBA	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 4 th September	TBA	Murroes

READERS' ROTA JUNE TO AUGUST 2024

JUNE 2	Ian Clapperton	JULY 7	Malcolm Bell	AUG 4	Sheena Guz
9	Colin Coull	14	Bob Sutherland	11	John Hutton
16	Ron Jack	21	Yvonne Grant	18	Jane McArtney
23	Anne Jack	28	Alison Buchan	25	Isabel Smith
30 (Murroes)	Ron Grace				

MIDWEEK SERVICES IN MURROES CHURCH HALL

One of the innovations which came about with the birth of Monifieth South Angus Church of Scotland has been midweek worship. This concept was new to most and welcomed by some; it was also greeted with dismay or disappointment, even with promises of a boycott. Every new thing evokes such responses, veering from the negative to the positive. Even the new minister will not be immune!

In the light of all this, I'm delighted to be able to report that the midweek services have found a place in the diaries of some of our members. "Fans" have brought along friends. People have been found to cover rotas for the all-important teas and flowers – for there is no doubt that the fellowship following worship is part of the experience, and the flowers are delivered to members who for a variety of reasons are going through tough times (or celebrating a special event).

So far we have been managing without other rotas, as everyone pitches in to help with such things as arranging the chairs and tables, putting out the hymnbooks etc. though I'd like to say a big thankyou to Ian who put the heating on in the colder months.

The format of the service is fairly traditional, as the move to the hall and midweek has been enough of a change without altering the usual order of things. We sing well known hymns, usually from CH4 though we also have Junior Praise, and are fortunate to have Clive playing for us almost every week (Clive was organist in Monikie Church).

In the future, and depending on who is leading worship, other formats may be tried. I did use PowerPoint for the hymn words and some pictures at one service, given that we have a large screen in the hall and it was easy to arrange the chairs to enable everyone to see it. Ideas for future services would be welcome!

If you haven't yet come along to the midweek service, may I invite you to give it a try, perhaps if you have to miss a Sunday, or just miss the people you used to see in the pews.

Until the clocks change, we meet on Wednesdays at 6.30 pm; the worship leader for the week is included in the Notices. There is plenty of space for parking at the hall – you can park almost outside the entrance door if you need to, and there is a short shallow ramp from path to door. We have two toilets as well as the kitchen and chapel, in addition to the main hall.

Above all, we offer you a warm welcome!

Rev. Caroline Taylor

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYERS

These take place on Wednesday mornings from 07.00 to 08.00 in Murroes Hall Chapel. All are welcome!

We take it in turns – but no-one who comes should feel obliged to join in audibly. Prayer can be silent and there is something lovely – and quite unusual – about silence. We read a few passages from the Bible and prayers from books.

We speak to the Lord about a variety of things, from conflict in the Middle East to the people in our congregation and parish. We thank God for his intervention in our individual lives and we pray for guidance.

You can arrive at the Chapel during the hour if that suits you better or stay just for a little while. We'd love to see you. We hope to be in the Chapel every Wednesday morning.

If you have someone or something you would like included in the prayers, please let us know.

Rev. Caroline Taylor and Vince Guz

MONIFIETH SOUTH ANGUS CHURCH – WHAT’S ON – WEEKLY DIARY

(Summer schedule-June, July and August)

Sun.	11:00	Sunday Worship (except the fifth Sunday of the month which is in Murroes Church Hall))	High Street Sanctuary	Wed.	07.00 - 18.30	Morning Prayers Midweek Service (from 10 th April)	Murroes Murroes
					18:00	High 5 Club	High Street Sanctuary and Rattray Hall
Mon.	11:45	Monday Lunches – all welcome	Rattray Hall or Sanctuary during Bake and Book (July and first half of August)	Thurs	10.00	Food for All	High Street In front of the Church Rattray Hall
				(off in school hols.)	12:00	Angus Breast Buddies	Sanctuary and Rattray Hall
					18:00	Girls’ Brigade	Sanctuary and Rattray Hall
					7.30	Badminton	Sanctuary
Tues	18:00 19.30	BB Pipe Band Practice Strathspey and Reel	Rattray Hall Sanctuary	Fri. (off in school hols)	13:00 18:00	Angus Council BB Anchor & Junior Sections	Rattray Hall Rattray Hall
					20.00	Company Section	Sanctuary and Rattray Hall
Wed.	10:00 14:00	Community Playdate Songs and Memories (SAM) See separate article for holiday dates	High Street Sanctuary High Street Sanctuary	Tues. Thurs & Sat. 29 th June until Aug. 10 th	10.00 till 14.00	Bake and Book	Rattray Hall

ECUMENICAL NEWS

A number of members from Monifieth South Angus attended a very inspiring thanksgiving service in St.Brides RC Church in Monifieth to celebrate their 40th Anniversary on the 18th April. The Songs of praise service was followed by a welcome cup of tea and homemade cakes, a great opportunity to share fellowship with our fellow Christians in Monifieth.

FOOD FOR ALL

Our very happy team continue to distribute food items to the community in front of the church every Thursday morning from 10am. We can deliver items to anyone who is housebound within the Monifieth area. If you would like to use this service, we are happy to add you to our list. Please contact us via the church telephone, [01382 537806](tel:01382537806) and someone will get back to you. We are grateful for the continued support of the congregation and the wider community who provide us with essential food items for the growing need within our community. Thank you!

Irene Coull

MESSY CHURCH @MSAC

The last Messy Church of the session was on Saturday 18th May in the Church. It was a lovely day, the sun was shining and the fair ground down on the shore competed with us for children attending. Nevertheless, we had a fun time with the small number there who created craft items relating to Pentecost. Perhaps it would have been a better day to have had our seashore event which took place at the end of April, although we would have had to compete with the funfair. The seashore event was a chilly but well attended afternoon when we had various craft activities, a picnic and singsong before heading to the beach to make sandcastles and generally have fun. A photo of the seashore Messy Church is on the front page.

The Messy Church team also helped at the congregational picnic, on the 2nd June, in Monikie Park. The next Messy Church will be in September – date to be confirmed.

GUILD AT MONIFIETH

On February 26th we had a very pleasant evening when Broughty Ferry Guild joined us to hear a talk on 'Home for Good' one of our projects. Unfortunately, our speaker was unwell, but sent a video to explain the work they did. The organisation tries to find foster carers or adoptive parents for some of the 10,000 children in the care system. They feel every child deserves a home, but there is a desperate shortage of foster carers. They work with many churches and faiths to help new carers on their journey to fostering and perhaps adoption. Teenagers need the most help but wait the longest to be fostered (if at all) and miss the benefits of being part of a family. They are a small charity but champion many support groups and a network of helpers and volunteers. We hope the donations they get by being one of the Guild's projects will help them in their work. We had an interesting talk on 11th March from Gordon Anthony, a local author. He suffers from an inherited visual disease, and as he doesn't like dogs, he uses a white stick to get around. He has an Open University degree in Ancient History and started writing for his own amusement. He writes fiction based on reality and actual events and finds research heavy going. He uses all the available technology on his phone and P.C. and his P.C. also has a built in screen reader. He has learnt to touch type and uses an operating system to navigate the files on his computer. As he can't use a mouse, he relies on his proof readers to correct his spelling. He has now written many books and at the moment has a special interest in the Royal Flying Corps in the First World War. We wish him continuing success in his career.

At our A.G.M on 25th March the names of some speakers were suggested, our funds were distributed, the same leadership team was chosen, and we then enjoyed our 'Bring and Share Supper'.

We hope to hold a 'Welcome Back' coffee morning for Guild members and potential members on Saturday August 31st at 10pm. This has yet to be confirmed and will be intimated on a Sunday nearer the date.

The new Session will start again on September 9th at 7.15 in the Rattray Hall.

The leadership team would like to thank all our members and all those who have supported our fundraising events. We hope you will have a happy and blessed summer and to see you all in September.

Anne Jack, Secretary

HIGH5 CLUB

This is a youth club for young people with autism or social communication difficulties. The HIGH5 club is just like any other youth club but takes into account the specific needs of young people. We meet on Wednesday evenings during school term time in Monifieth South Angus Parish Church on Monifieth High Street from 6.30-8.30pm. It is open for people outwith Monifieth and caters for P7 upwards. It is run by volunteers, all PVG checked, and it is a place where young people can come together in an inclusive environment to have fun, make friends and learn from each other. As routine is important for young people with autism we set up activities in a similar way each week. There is a craft table, food/baking activity, games or just chill and chat. There is no charge.

If you wish any more info contact Lesley McFarlane on high5club@mpcos.org.uk

Lesley McFarlane Tel: 534960

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

BAKE AND BOOK

This will be in the Rattray Hall, Monifieth church building from Saturday 29th June - Saturday 10th August.

Open Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday 10-2pm. Baking on Saturdays only.

We will be open on Friday 28th June from 2-7pm for items to be handed in. We will take anything, in good condition, that we can sell. Unfortunately, **we cannot accept clothes** or large pieces of furniture (too difficult to transport.)

There is have a rota if you wish to help. It's a lot of fun so if you haven't tried it but have thought about it- give it a go. There is lots of laughter with other helpers and most of the public.

If you have any queries get in touch with Lesley or any committee member.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Future events-

- 1) TAPAS evening Saturday 24th August.
- 2) Film night in Murroes Saturday 7th September
- 3) Afternoon tea in Murroes Saturday 21st September

More information on these events will come out nearer the time

Lesley McFarlane 534960

THE BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club is currently on its summer break. Play in the church resumes at the beginning of October on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. New members welcome!

Moira Anthony

MONDAY LUNCHESES

Monday Lunches is a joint venture between the Church and Monifieth Befrienders. Every Monday a team of volunteers serve warming homemade soup and freshly made sandwiches, followed by tea and biscuits, to anyone who wishes to come. This takes place in the Rattray Hall between 11.45 and 1.45. **PLEASE NOTE** that for the duration of the Bake and Book in the Rattray Hall (29th June to 10th August), lunches will be served in the Sanctuary, and instead of soup, a tasty pudding will be on offer. This is open to all members of the community, and all are welcome.

PASTORAL VISITORS

We now have a group of Pastoral Visitors able to make visits to members of the congregation as required. The team cover both our previous congregations and are therefore able to visit throughout the new parish. If you would like a visit or know of someone who would benefit from a visit, please fill in a card which you will find on the table in the church and Murroes Church Hall or speak to any member of Session who will pass on the information to Ron Grace or Valerie Jamieson and the necessary arrangements will be made.

CHRISTIAN AID

A total sum of £1915 has so far been raised for Christian Aid this year with more yet to come in. Thank you for your wonderful response to this year's appeal and to all who made soup and baked cakes.

Yvonne Grant

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY AT THE DUCK RACE

This is being held at Murroes Den on Sunday 23rd June. Meet at Murroes Church Hall at 14:00, tickets available after the Sunday and Wednesday services from Sheena and Vince Guz. Please take some to sell. Ice Cream and Teas to follow the race and prizes to be won!

FLOWER GROUP

We are indebted to the following for provision of flowers in the church.

APRIL I Smith S. McLeish G Anderson L. Grahame P. McLennan	MAY M. Simpson I. Fyfe P. Matchett P. Evans	JUNE I. White A. Jack T. Inglis Y. Grant A.Howie
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JULY K Thom I Smith H Howie P McLennan	AUGUST L Le Grice M Strachan A Gourlay	SEPTEMBER A Grace P Hutton M Clapperton P Evans
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FLOWER ARRANGERS

April	Morag Clapperton & Moira Gee
May	Linda Duff & Pat Matchett
June	Phyllis Evans & Pauline Maclennan
July	Linda Duff & Morag Clapperton
August	Moira Gee & Pat Matchett
September	Phyllis Evans & Linda Duff

If you are interested in joining our group of arrangers and deliverers, please speak to me in church or call 01382 534566. Thank you.

Linda Duff

SAM (Songs and Memories)

A good number of people, most of whom claim they can't sing, (seldom true!) continues to meet every Wednesday afternoon in the Sanctuary from 2.00 to 3.30 to enjoy a singsong, a blether and a cup of tea or coffee. We have had a very successful session, regularly drawing numbers of around 100 - **BUT** there is still room for more so if you would like to join us, just come along. All are welcome. Meet old friends and make new ones.

We stop for the summer on Wednesday 26th June (watch out for the strawberry tarts!) and restart after the summer break on the first Wednesday in September.

A huge thank you must be extended to our valiant team of volunteer helpers who, week in - week out, set up the tables and chairs, put out the folders, provide the refreshments, so cheerfully – and then clear it all up at the end!. Thank you all, and thanks also, of course, our team of musicians, including relief pianists, and Maggie who organises the music.

We wish everyone a happy and restful summer with plenty of sunshine, and we hope to see everyone back, refreshed and ready to sing on the 4th September.

Jane McCartney Tel: 532886, and Valerie Tel: 532772

BOYS' BRIGADE NEWS

Update on the "Bag Packing Service" at Monifieth TESCO

As part of our summer fundraising activities, our Anchors, Junior and Company Section boys offered a Bag Packing Service at the Monifieth Tesco Superstore on Saturday 16th March 2024. The total money raised was a fantastic £680.00 which will contribute greatly towards the running of our annual summer camp at **Boat of Garten Community Centre** and has already funded our Anchors and Junior Section trip to **Brechin Castle Country Park**, in May.

As usual, our young, talented and enthusiastic Pipe Band accompanied the Bag Packing venture, at Tesco's and also raised over £100.00, playing for over an hour. This money will be used to purchase some bagpipe reeds etc. We would all like to thank all for their generosity and support with this venture.

Company Update

All our Sections (Anchors, Junior, Company, Senior and Pipe Band) have now moved into the Monifieth South Angus Parish Church building, on the High Street of Monifieth. While there are still some teething problems, most of our activities are now continuing as they should. Hopefully, when we start of the new session in August 2024 it will be the beginning of new adventures for our Boys Brigade Company.

In May our Company and Senior boys (and leaders) went on an evening visit to the Dundee Airport.

It was a great night, as they were shown round the various parts of the airport, finally dressing up as Rescue Firemen and actually using some of the Rescue Equipment. It was mentioned, during the evening, that this type of visit could be something our younger boys could do in the near future.

As mentioned in the March issue of the IMPACT, our Anchors and Juniors visited the R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Station in Broughty Ferry. All the boys and leaders had a very interesting evening, hearing about how the actual Lifeboat Station operates and learning what an important role all the service men and woman, in the R.N.L.I. have, in trying to keep everyone safe in rivers and waters around Scotland and the UK.

Recently, we finished off our year by taking all the boys in the Anchors and Juniors on a day trip to Brechin Castle Country Park. Unusually, the weather was warm and sunny, meaning all the boys and leaders had a great day out.

Summer Camp 2024

After having another very successful camp last year, at Boat of Garten Community Centre, while the number of boys attending was actually down on previous years, we had no hesitation in booking the same site again for this year's camp. This year the Camp is being held from Saturday 30th June until Saturday 7th July. The success of the camp always depends, to some extent, on the weather but having fantastic facilities on site allows for a range of indoor activities should it be wet - Boat of Garten Community Centre facilities are top notch!

Combined 1st Monifieth and 44th Dundee Pipe Band Section News

We are extremely lucky to have, in our band, a very talented and gifted young Piper named Lachlan Rennie who again retained, for the third time, first place in the local Battalion's Junior and Open Pipe Competitions held in March 2024, in Morgan Academy, Dundee. Lachlan's skills and hard work have been rewarded this session by winning a coveted place with the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland.

Our Pipe Bands are always keen to promote the Boys Brigade, so if anyone knows of any occasions or events which might help us raise funds, please contact myself (Archie Peaston) on 01382 532916.

As mentioned previously, you can always find out more about our Boys' Brigade Company from our web site www.1stmonifiethbb.co.uk and Facebook www.facebook.com/1stMonifiethBB

Archie Peaston (Company Captain)

CHURCH NOTICES

If you wish an intimation included in the Sunday notices, please send to session.clerk@mpcos.org.uk by 12noon Thursday.

If you would like a copy of the weekly Church Notices emailed to you, please pass your details to: session.clerk@mpcos.org.uk

PRE-SERVICE SCREENS

Anyone wanting an event 'posters' added to the pre-service screens should send them to sounddesk@mpcos.org.uk by the preceding Thursday; these should be in landscape orientation, preferably of 16:9 aspect ratio and can be in any standard graphics format, PowerPoint or Google slides.

MAY 2024 SWANS.

Several of my 'old friends' have been asking if I still count the Dighty Swans and yes, I do. At my age it might be the highlight of a day(?).

They were slow to arrive this year, first the odd one or two who didn't seem to stay, then gradually they built up. When they're sailing by in line astern I've been able to count 46 (only). There may still be more to arrive. I wonder how much the noise and disturbance from the new bridge has affected the birds this year....but I'll keep watching, so please keep asking.

Bob Sutherland.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is about preventing harm and abuse and making a timely and appropriate response if it occurs. Just a reminder that if you SUSPECT harm, witness harm, or it is reported to you, you MUST immediately report it to your Safeguarding Coordinator, who must contact the Safeguarding Service for written and verbal advice. Harm or abuse of children and adults at risk can happen anywhere, even in church communities. We have a duty to ensure a safe church for all. This means protecting children and adults at risk. The Church aims to minimise the risk of harm occurring. If harm or abuse does occur, with appropriate support and training, it will be recognised and reported. If it occurs, we will work with the Police and Social Work services if appropriate.

For all the clubs and groups now finished for the Summer, have a lovely break. We look forward to working with you again in the Autumn.

Tricia A Inglis, Moira McLaren, Helen Scott - Safeguarding Coordinators

JUST FOR FUN

A couple were invited to dinner by their elderly neighbours. The old gentleman endearingly preceded every request to his wife with 'Honey', Darling' Sweetheart' Precious 'etc.

The neighbours were impressed since the couple had been married for almost 70 years

While the wife was off in the kitchen, the neighbour said to the gentleman, 'I think it is wonderful that after all the years you have been married, you still refer to your wife in these terms.

The elderly husband hung his head. 'Actually, I forgot the old lady's name about ten years ago!'

From A Bucket of Surprises, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books

The Church now has a defibrillator on the railings at beside the entrance. It is registered on 'The Circuit' so if you dial 999 and need a defibrillator, our one is now available for anyone nearby. As far as incidents in the church are concerned, dial 999 as normal, as you need the ambulance as well and the ambulance control will give you the code.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS in Pictures



Left: our two Girl's Brigade Officers, Marion and Val receive their 20 year long-service certificates

Right: the youngest and oldest members of the 1st Monifieth Girls' Brigade, Saoirse and Marion with the Company's 40th birthday cake



90 YEARS YOUNG!

Four of our church family recently celebrated their 90th birthdays! All would like to thank their friends in the church and wider community for their cards and good wishes.

From the left: Cathy Croll, Irene Fyfe, Elizabeth Whyte and Beth Mather

Editor's note – please share items of family news for inclusion in the IMPACT – send to jmcartney@hotmail.com

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