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## FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

23RD FEBRUARY - 8TH MARCH

**** A DAILY CUPPA FOR YOU CAN MEAN CLEAN WATER FOR TEA FARMERS AND THEIR WORKERS

Look out for events in our Churches during FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

The deadline for the April/May edition of Church News is Friday 21st March 2014

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Kaleidoscope

I remember the kaleidoscope toy I had as a wee girl; it was very plastic and you could hear the little bits of colour sloshing around in the end of it as you turned the white bit to change their shape. I learned that you couldn’t recover the beautiful pattern of a moment ago, not even by turning the end the other way. Always it seemed you had a pattern you’d never had before.

We’ve had a busy time in our parishes lately. After the ‘busy’ season before Christmas, with all its special occasions, several funerals took place just around the time of my January holiday (and thank you to Alan, Liz and even Robbie, who all took the strain then). As soon as I was back I had requests about weddings and baptisms, and the treat of meeting new families to talk about their special celebrations.

People in the Carse parishes are like the wee bits of colour that live inside a child’s kaleidoscope: bright, individual, bumping into each other in ways that keep changing, and making the most fascinating patterns in the way they connect, and support each other, and share community through Church or school or work or sport or friendships or love.

The pattern is not just the two-dimensional snowflake inside the toy, though. In our community life with each other, we have the dimension of time. A read through a Cradle Roll on a church wall, a walk through the kirkyard in any of our parishes, a moment contemplating the heritage of one of our beautiful buildings: these all remind us that we belong to families and friendships that connect backwards through many generations and forwards to people we have yet to meet and love.

A parish Church, if it’s doing its traditional job, provides a kind of background to all of that activity and loving and living because a minister like me is inducted, not just to care for the people who officially ‘belong’ to the Church, but to be the pastor to everyone in the parish who ever needs me. The other ministers you see around, Alan and Liz, have the same approach.

So when a couple is planning a wedding, encourage them to start with a phone call to invite themselves for coffee at the manse. When a new baby arrives, encourage mum and dad to invite me round for a cuppa one night after baby’s bed-time, to talk about a thanksgiving/welcome (or, where they’re church members, baptism). And when bereavement comes and a resident of one of our parishes is lost, make sure the funeral director comes to me, so that we can check my diary or Alan’s.

And that is how parish life is a beautiful kaleidoscope of colour...

Marjory

Longforgan Church Clock

Observant members of the congregation will have noticed that once again the clock in the church tower is working, and that both faces are operational!

The clock was purchased second hand in 1990, and installed by Mr Hamshere from Strathmiglo. However, it has never kept good time, and has been a constant problem. Furthermore, it had to be wound every week – quite a chore, climbing to the top of the tower.

The generous donation from Mr Robert McGregor of Westbank, meant that there was money available to repair, service, and electrify the clock. This has been carried out by Herbert Weir and Sons, of Edinburgh. Mr David Weir (the son) carried out the work. He dismantled the clock, and took it to the company workshop in Edinburgh, where it was cleaned, refurbished and painted, and fitted with an electric motor. It was then replaced in the tower, and is now keeping perfect time.

John Hulbert.

Communications

After digging to a depth of 100m last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wiring dating back 1000 years, and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network one thousand years ago.

So as not to be outdone, in the weeks that followed, English scientists dug 200m, and the headlines in the London newspapers read: "English scientists have found traces of 2000 year old optical fibres, and have concluded that their ancestors already had advanced high-tech digital telephone 1000 years earlier than the Scots."

One week later, the Irish press reported the following: "After digging as deep as 500m, Irish scientists have found absolutely nothing. They have concluded that 5000 years ago, their ancestors were already using mobile phones".
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The Pop-In
The Young Mums again decided to give the volunteers and older ladies a Xmas coffee morning. Nothing prosaic about this one! Toast, biscuits and mince pies - even gluten-free ones! How thoughtful. There was a party atmosphere and everyone enjoyed it so much. On behalf of the volunteers I would like to thank the young mums for such a generous gesture which was so heartening. What a charming group they are.

Winifred White.

Church Flowers

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Longforgan Church Guild
The Guild meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Church Hall at 7.15pm.

On Wednesday 25th February we will hear about Food Banks and The Trussel Trust.

On Wednesday 25th March we hold our Annual General Meeting. The Minister, the Reverend Dr Marjory MacLean, will give a talk. Everyone is very welcome to come to any of the meetings.

Burns’ Night
On Monday 19th January, the villagers of Longforgan were treated to a Burns Night with the usual haggis, tatties and neeps. The haggis was piped in by A McCluskie and addressed in great style by Neil Cuthbert. Willie Strachan gave an amusing ‘Immortal Memory’ and Alan Watt contributed an ‘Appreciation of Haggis’. Fiddle music was supplied by Eilidh Collins and friends and William Lindsay sang accompanied by his sister, Ethel Fitzgerald.

General opinion declares it to be the best yet!

Parish Register
Deaths
20/12/14 Thomas Fyall, Longforgan
23/12/14 Mrs Maureen Mann, Longforgan
27/12/14 David Douglas, Inchture
28/12/14 Mrs Wilma MacIndoe Pollock, Longforgan

Notice Board
Communion at Abernyte
Sunday 15th February

Walking Group Meal
Friday 27th February
7.15pm in Inchture Hotel

Luncheon Club
Monday 23rd February
Monday 30th March

World Day of Prayer Service
Friday 6th March
7.30pm at Inchture Church

Communion at Longforgan
Sunday 15th March

Longforgan Guild
Wednesday 25th February
Wednesday 25th March

Inchture Ladies Group
Wednesday 18th February
Wednesday 18th March

Abernyte Ladies Group
Tuesday 24th February
Tuesday 24th March

The Mary Young Memorial Lecture
Thursday 19th March
THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday 6th March 2015

The World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 6th March 2015 is to be held in Inchture Church at 7:30 pm.

The Day of Prayer Service has been written by the Christian women of the Bahamas.

John 13 v 1-17

The Walking Group Meal will be in the Inchture Hotel on Friday 27th February - a great opportunity to catch up with everyone and look ahead to the upcoming programme.

Names to Linda 01828 686233 or Liz 01828 686029

Check the website for details.

Dates for the summer programme are as follows:
21 April - Camperdown Park with Art. This will be a fairly gentle walk through the park and Art will help us to see the things that we might not see on our own.
Other dates: 19 May, 16 June, 21 July, 18 August, 15 September - to be confirmed.

All walks leave the car park opposite Inchture Church at 6:15 pm.

Everyone is welcome including families with children and you do not have to have any Church connection to come along. This is a great way to meet friendly, like-minded folks and enjoy the local countryside.

Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

Mother Teresa

Inchture & Kinnaird News continued

Pancake Day

This year Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, falls on Tuesday, February 17th.

Traditionally this day is the last day of feasting before the 40 days of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Pancakes were made as they are a great way to use up rich foods like eggs, milk and sugar.

Shrove Tuesday was first practiced in the fourth century as a period of self-examination and self-denial to prepare for Easter. The Lenten season is also seen as a time to give up something pleasurable – which could be anything from chocolate to habits like swearing or procrastinating!

Some customs and superstitions included the belief that the first three pancakes cooked were sacred. Each would be marked with a cross, then sprinkled with salt to ward off evil spirits, then set aside. In Ireland, Irish girls were given an afternoon off to make their batter and the eldest, unmarried girl would toss the first pancake. Success meant she would be married within the year. In Scotland, bannocks were made using oatmeal, eggs and salt and cooked on a girdle. A charm would be added to the dough and if an unmarried person found it, they would be married within the year. Wales also had their own customs where people would pass from door to door begging for flour, lard or butter. In some parts of Wales children would kick tin cans up and down the streets, believed to be commemorating the putting away the pots and pans for Lent.

Today, Pancake Races are a popular event throughout the UK.

Abernyte Heritage Group
Thursday March 19th in Abernyte School at 7.30pm

The Mary Young Memorial Lecture
Dr. Finlay Dale, Potato Breeder and Geneticist
‘Aims, Methods and Achievements in Potato Breeding’
All interested welcome.
Plant Sale
This is an early reminder to say that our Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 2nd May. Doesn’t time fly. It is hard to believe that it will soon be a year since our last sale. The gardening catalogues are dropping through our letter boxes just to let us know that spring is just around the corner and thoughts will be turning to ordering and planting seeds. Please keep us in mind when sowing seeds or even when splitting up shrubs etc. in the garden, anything at all will be greatly appreciated.  

Linda Buttercase

CHURCH FLOWERS

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Inchture Church Decoration
Thank you to all who gave a donation towards the decorating of the Church for Christmas.  

June Ramsay

Inchture & Kinnaird Ladies’ Group
meets on the third Wednesday of the month from October to March in the Inchture Vestry at 7.30pm. The speaker on the 18th February is, at the moment, unconfirmed. The Reverend Alan Watt is the speaker at the meeting on Wednesday 18th March. All welcome.

For more information, please contact Liz Wiseman, 01738-860272.

The Luncheon Club
The Christmas Lunch at Teen Ranch in December was excellent, we do appreciate joining the staff at this festive time--- and as usual a Good Time was had by all – Good food, Good carols, Good company and Good Log Fires.

The draw for the Inchture Playgroup Food Hamper was won by Sheila Marnoch.

A big Thank You to the organisers of The Pensioners’ Christmas Party. As usual it was - ‘Brilliant’!! it is a highlight in the Inchture Calendar and one of The Social Events of the year.

Luncheon Club Members and other friends spent an enjoyable morning as guests of Inchture Primary School pupils. After refreshments in the new Gym Hall senior pupils led group tours around the school, which has been extended and modernised. Staff dedication, pupils’ efforts and building improvements combine to create a stimulating learning environment. There is a sense of vitality about the school.

January’s Lunch was traditionally a Burns Lunch - a slightly different “Burns Lunch”. No piping in of the haggis and no “settling back” for speeches. But Rabbie’s presence is still felt ---- He “smiles” (a slightly exaggerated verb) down from his battered picture. Tartan runners decorate the tables and heather is the flower of the month. and ‘The Toast’, although new breathalyser limits suggest alcoholic consumption is lower this year.

The next meeting is on Monday 23rd February at 12.45 for 1.00pm, in Inchture Village Hall. Names to Anne 01828 686656, Linda B. 01828 686233 or to Jennifer at The Post Office.

An application has been made by Starter Packs Dundee to change from an unincorporated charity to an SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation), and this has been accepted by OSCR. We still have a few matters to undertake before we become fully registered but it is more than likely that we will become an SCIO within the next few months. This will only affect our legal status and we will continue to work as before.

Donations of any used household goods, bed linen, towels, curtains etc. will be gladly accepted by us at our premises at 40 Perth Road or can be handed in to the church co-ordinator.

Starter Packs are constantly looking for new committee members if you think you can help – phone Pat Motion on 01828 686744.
From Elspeth
Recently I have been pondering the wonderful way that God has kept and sustained me here all these years. There have been seasons of short-staffing, many patients with complicated and sad situations, sleepless nights and pressurised days, and the ongoing deteriorating security situation around the country. Through it all God has enabled me to continue to live and work here. He has given me contentment that I am in the right place and, yes, even joy, as I walk with Him and work with Him here. He has provided for me in every way: food and shelter, gas, electricity and clean water, stamina and rest, health, loving family and friends, supportive colleagues, beautiful surroundings, and even subjects for my prayer letters every four months! Most of all He has given me assurance and experience of His abiding presence and help which will never cease even if all these other things are taken away.

Please pray...
...giving thanks for God’s great goodness that ‘aye endureth’.
...giving thanks that my visa was granted with only three days of over-stay, the fine for which was waived.
...giving thanks that God continues to call people to come here and they are obeying His call.
...asking that the renewal of demonstrations in the capital city would be peaceful and short-lived.
...asking that we too would be faithful communicators in our generation to those around us and those coming after us.

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal
It seems a long time ago now, but thank you to everyone for making the Shoebox Appeal such a success. Nearly 130 love and fun filled shoe boxes were gathered from the joint congregations. A few members took the opportunity of being ‘box checkers and ‘custom sealers’ this year as Samaritans Purse set up a collection depot in a Dundee church. It was a delight to take part in this experience and share a few ‘oohs’ and ‘aahs’ as boxes were opened, checked and sealed. We met people involved with the delivery process and have since heard that the boxes were distributed in Belarus in time for Christmas with a week of parties and fun for all.

Thank you to everyone who helped this worthwhile cause. You were generous in your support and we should give praise in the knowledge that we have all managed to make Christmas-time brighter for those with otherwise nothing.

For more information you can log onto www.samaritanspurse.uk.com

Thanks again to the knitters, Mrs A, B and P for the cosy coloured children’s knitwear. About 80 jumpers, cardigans, scarves and hats were given to Blythswood for distribution. They were much appreciated, so keep them pins rattlin’!

Abernyte News

Church Flowers

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| February 8 | Mrs Cumming | March 8 | Mrs H McMahon  |
| February 15| Mrs E McGoldrick | March 15| Mrs C Lacoux   |
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| March 29  | Mrs T Neville |         |               |

Thank you for agreeing to provide flowers for the Church. Any form of decoration is welcome whether it be bought flowers, flowers from the garden or hedgerows, or a favourite plant.

After the service your decorations may be offered to someone needing cheering up, or left in the Church for visitors to enjoy or taken home by yourself.

Easter, Harvest and Christmas are special occasions in the Church and we enjoy getting together to decorate as a group at these times. Do come along and join us for decorating, coffee and a blether.

Abernyte Sunday School
The Sunday School will be held on February 8th and 22nd and March 8th and 22nd - all at the usual time of 10am.

Abernyte Women’s Group
The Abernyte Women’s Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from September to April. Meetings are hosted by members in their homes. For information, please contact Linda Nicol on 01828 6864670.

On Tuesday 24th February the group meets in the home of Rena Havranek, Kirkfield at 2pm for a Travel Talk.

On Tuesday 30th March the group meets again in the home of Rena Havranek, Kirkfield for the AGM and a Bring and Buy Sale.