

Church Services

	Kinnaird	Abernyte	Inchtute	Longforgan
	9.30am	11.00am	9.45am	11.00am
April 3	<u>United Service in Abernyte Church 11.00am</u>			
April 10	Rev R Donald		Rev Dr M MacLean	
April 17	Rev Dr M MacLean		Rev R Donald	
April 21	<u>Holy Week: Communion Service in Inchtute 6.30pm</u>			
April 22	<u>Holy Week: Good Friday Service in Lonforgan 6.30pm</u>			
April 24	<u>Early Easter Morning Service at Abernyte 7am</u>			
April 24	Rev R Donald		Rev Dr M MacLean	
May 1	Rev Dr M MacLean		Rev R Donald	
May 8	Rev R Donald		Rev Dr M MacLean	
May 15	Rev Dr M MacLean		Rev R Donald	
May 22	Rev R Donald		Rev Dr M MacLean	
May 29	Rev Dr M MacLean		Rev R Donald	

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CHURCH NEWS

April – May
2011



Abernyte

linked with

**Inchtute
&
Kinnaird**

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Longforgan



Minister: Rev Dr Marjory MacLean, The Manse, Longforgan, DD2 5HB
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Church Website: www.carsechurches.com

From the Minister:

My friends in the ministry are loving the story of my preaching as Nominee at Longforgan Church the other week, when I sat down behind the communion table and found myself face to face with members of the Sunday Schools holding up posters (some of them bigger than themselves) forming the word 'welcome'. I most certainly do feel hugely welcome in the Carse of Gowrie, and this is a good place to say a heart-felt thank you for so much warmth and kindness over recent weeks.

One of the things that attracted me to this charge was a strong sense that the members here have the same approach as I have to making people welcome in the life of the Church. That is achieved in large part by being generously inclusive of people whose origins, abilities, opinions, work, relationships and priorities may be so different from yours or mine that we cannot imagine what their life must feel like. I sense such openness is the instinct of these congregations, and I think we can offer a beautiful, safe, accessible and peaceful space for anyone in each of our four churches.

In my interview, the Nominating Committee and I talked about another aspect of the Church's welcome. We agreed that for people with little experience of Christian services and activities, it is a bit of a thought just to turn up for the first time in one of our buildings (just as it would be a little daunting to me to attend a mosque or synagogue on my own). So the second instinct I've noticed, and warmly share, is a willingness here to make the Church reach out from its walls in order to connect with those it serves, through our schools and other community organisations.

I know that with these guiding principles I will be continuing the ministry you have been used to from the vacancy dream-team of Robbie, Jim and Bruce. Robbie and I will continue that now, and we will both be happy to hear from any of you if we can help you in any way.

To begin my ministry here, I shall try to find all our Church members where they live – just as quickly as it's possible to meet over 500 people at home! For those in need of more acute pastoral care (through bereavement, illness or any kind of trouble or regret), no distinction will ever be made between Church members and other parish residents. That's because I am old-fashioned enough to think of myself as the minister of the whole parish, not just chaplain to its Christian worshippers. And in the light of everything I've just written, I'm sure that's what's expected by the Committee which bravely nominated me, and by the three congregations which trustingly elected me as your minister.

With best wishes,
Marjory

Longforgan News continued



The Burns Night held in the Church Hall on Monday 24th January was a great success with all ages.

Rev Robbie Donald welcomed the assembly and Piper Cameron Pringle started off the proceedings by "piping in" the haggis.

Neil Cuthbert performed the "Address to the Haggis" and Muriel

Anderson delivered the Selkirk Grace. .

Following the meal the audience were entertained by musicians Jenny More, Eilidh Mackenzie, Robbie Donald, Heather Pringle and Seth Scahill who played several of Burns' airs. Sandwiched between the music was a very fine rendition of Tam o' Shanter by Rev Robbie Donald.

The evening concluded with a hearty version of "Auld Lang Syne".

Committee members Margaret Anderson, Muriel Anderson, Charlotte Duff, Eric Buchan, Marjory Strachan, Grace Christie and Winifred White are to be thanked for their big efforts in organising such a superb and enjoyable evening. So, too is the Horse Shoe café who supplied generous and tasty portions of haggis, neeps and tatties.

Longforgan Parish Church Guild



The Potluck Supper Party which had to be cancelled because of the weather at Christmas, took place on Wednesday 16th March. The food was delicious and much fun was had by all.

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday 24th March at 7.15pm. There was a showing of Myrtle Johnstone 's slides of a visit to Oberammergau.

The Guild outing this year is by bus to Dunfermline followed by high tea at the King Malcolm Hotel. The cost is £20 which must be paid in advance to Margaret Anderson.

Church Flowers

April 3	No Flowers	May 1	Mrs M Wilson
April 10	Mrs M Strachan	May 8	Mrs R Learmonth
April 17	Communion	May 15	Wedding Flowers
April 24	Mrs M Anderson	May 22	Mrs P Crabbe
		May 29	Mrs S Hulbert

June 5 Mrs I Taylor

Anyone wishing to give a donation to the Flower Fund, please contact Margaret Wilson 0i382 360295.

Longforgan News

The Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation took place after the service on Sunday 20th March. Mr Robert Moir presented the audited and signed accounts to the congregation.

The Ministries and Mission contribution for Longforgan in 2011 is £20,068.

Snippets from the Session Meeting held on 8th March 2011

The Manse: Following the termination of the tenancy of the Manse a condition survey was carried out. Several items of remedial work were noted as requiring attention before the Minister took up residence. In addition, telephone and broadband connection were being treated as priority and window replacements were scheduled for the second half of July.

COMMITTEES The Committees are open to all.

Fellowship, Community and Fundraising Committee: The Clerk reported that the Burns' Evening had been a great success .

An outing to see Jesus Christ Superstar on 17th March was being arranged and it is hoped that this will include our linkage partners.

Pastoral Care and Mission Committee: The Clerk has had an offer from Rev Liz Kay to present an outline on the feasibility study for parish development undertaken by Inchtute Church.

Worship Committee: there is no current report.

(If you have an interest and willingness to make a difference to how and when we worship, or if you would like further information, contact Vivien Buchan at Church, or phone 01382 360449.)

The Kirk Session accorded Rev James Roy, Interim Moderator, a unanimous accolade of thanks in appreciation of his skills in guiding us during the vacancy.

Church Officer—Notice of Vacancy

The position of Church Officer has become vacant within the Parish of Longforgan.

A job description is available from Mr Alex Lindsay, Templehall, Longforgan, tel. no. 01382 360512, to whom initial enquiries should be made.

Kirk Session, Longforgan

Welcome

It is with great joy and hopefulness that we welcome our new minister the Reverend Dr Marjory MacLean. We are all aware of the mighty and complex task she has taken on in pledging herself to minister to us, and we, in our turn, look forward to working with her in advancing Christ's Church in the Carse of Gowrie.

Thank you

During the vacancy we have been well-served by our interim moderator, the Reverend Jim Roy and our locum minister, the Reverend Bruce Thomson. They have guided us and looked after us and taken our part. We are greatly indebted to them and thank them for their diligent care. We hope they will remain our friends and that they will maintain their contact with us.

Thank you also to our associate minister the Reverend Robbie Donald whose ministry has been anything but part-time during the vacancy and also to the Reverend Liz Kay for being ready to stand in when she was needed.

Thank you, also, to the Nominating Committee for their conscientious efforts on our behalf.

Communion

Communion will be celebrated in all the Churches on Sunday 17th April



Parish Register

Funerals

09/02/11 Mrs Jessie Fraser, Northbank, Longforgan

11/02/11 Mrs June Franchi, Longforgan

24/03/11 Mr James Duff, Longforgan

Services

Induction of the Minister

The Induction Service for Reverend Dr Marjory Maclean will take place on Thursday 31st March at 7pm in Inchturre Church. Everyone in the linked charge is invited to attend. Afterwards there will be a Welcome Social with refreshments in Inchturre Village Hall.

United Service at Abernyte

On Sunday 3rd April the Reverend Dr Marjory MacLean will be 'preached in' by the Reverend Helen Alexander.

Soup will be served after the service.

The proceeds will be donated to The Mercy Ships



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, 21st April - Communion Service in Inchturre Church at 6.30pm

Good Friday, 22nd April - Service in Longforgan Church at 6.30pm

Easter Day, Sunday 24th April - Early Morning Service at Cornrigs Paddock, on the Kinnaird Road, midway between Abenyte Road junction and Southfield Farm. Roadside parking. (Tea and biscuits afterwards)

Easter Day Services in all the Churches

Inchturre & Kinnaird News continued

Church Flowers

	Inchturre	Kinnaird
April 3	Mrs M Pollock	Mrs B Laing
April 10	Mrs D Dickinson	Mrs M Webster
April 17	Mrs H Crichton	Mrs E Wiseman
April 24	Mrs R Gibbon	Mrs E Ballingall
May 1	Mrs N Taylor	Mrs M Brown
May 8	Mrs M Urquhart	Mrs C Bryden
May 15	Mrs M Bruce	Mrs C Bryden
May 22	Mrs D Steel	Mrs J Latham-Warde
May 29	Miss A Page	Mrs A Cameron
June 5	Mrs M Page	Mrs N Robertson

The Walking Group

The Walking Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month, leaving Inchturre Church at 6.15pm. Children and dogs are welcome but please check the walk details for any restrictions.

19 April Invergowrie	Flat walk round SCRI. 45mins-1hr with the option of ½hr extension along by the quarry, pier, over the railway and back to start. All meet up at the end.
17 May Broughty Ferry	Stannergate, along Grassy Beach, past lifeboat shed to Visocchi's. Flat walk. Leisurely walkers can be dropped at lifeboat shed.
21 June Scone	Choice of walks to suit all abilities. Invitation to tea and muffins at Vicky's. Thanks Vicky!
19 July Inchturre BBQ	Flat walk about 45-50mins following the pows around Inchturre. BBQ behind village Hall. Cost will be intimated later.
16 August Lundie Craigs	A strenuous walk. Walking boots, waterproofs and a drink essential.
20 September Longforgan	Flat circular walk along the Bogle Burn and around Longforgan.. This can be rough and muddy in places. Boots are advised.

Inchture & Kinnaird News

Kirk Session News

The following were among the items discussed at Inchture and Kinnaird Session on 22nd March:

- Janette Muirhead was elected presbytery elder for 2011-12. Alan Borwell is equalising elder.
- Safeguarding training has been undertaken by Janette Lowden, Safeguarding Officer, Alison Paige and Menna Jefferies
- A 'Souper Sunday' will take place at Inchture Church on March 27th. Kinnaird will join Inchture for this service followed by soup in the village hall. All donations will go towards the HIV/AIDS appeal.
- Janette Muirhead attended a meeting in Perth on January 31st January on 2020 Vision, Refocusing the Ministries of the Church on Mission, in which the emphasis was on putting Mission back at the heart of planning

The Development Group reported that they have now completed their Activities Brief and are finalising details for the Feasibility Study. They have drawn up a brief for the management of the buildings and a timescale chart. A member of Inchture Sports Development Group was present at the last meeting to share their experiences in tendering for a feasibility study in establishing a sports facility for Inchture.

Church Website

www.carsechurches.com

Remember to send in your photos of your parish with a sentence or two about them saying where they are. It is hoped that we can produce a calendar showing our parishes over the year which could be sold as a fundraiser.

A few have been submitted already and can be seen on the gallery.

Send yours to mail@carsechurches.com.

Monthly Luncheon Club



The Luncheon Club had a most successful meeting in February when we were joined by John Hulbert and John Swinney. Both gentlemen enjoyed a hearty meal.

The next dates for your diary are April 25 and May 30. Names to be in by 20th April and 25th May to Mamie 01828 686691, Anne 01828 686656 or Jennifer at the Post Office.

This monthly event is an opportunity for the 55+ group to get together for an excellent meal with time to catch up with friends. New members are always welcome.

Anne Davies

The Pop In

During the school holidays, the 6th and 13th April, the Pop-In is serving tea or coffee and toast in Longforgan Church Hall on Wednesdays from 10am - 11am.
In school-time the hours are 8.45am - 11am



STAMP APPEAL



Dr Charlotte Duff thanks everyone who contributes their used stamps to the Stamp Appeal.

This year's World Mission Stamp Appeal will raise money for the Mount Olivet Boy's Home in Jamaica. Mount Olivet, a partnership between the government and the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, provides spiritual nurture, medical care, emotional support and training and education to boys from socially deprived areas.

Stamps can be left in the stamp box in Longforgan Church or

STARTER PACKS DUNDEE

...supported by the Churches

The number of packs issued to homeless and needy individuals and families per week has risen from an average of 20-25 from 14-16 at this time last year.

This is mainly due to the severe economic conditions we are suffering just now. Many families are losing their homes due to repossession. This has contributed to the rise in the number of broken families. Donations of all household goods, especially bedding, towels and crockery are urgently required. Like all charities Starter Packs struggles to find funding to buy those essentials which are not often donated such as toiletries, cleaning materials, pots and pans etc.

By the way, thank you to the unknown donors who left bags in my greenhouse! I am always pleased to pass on these gifts.

Starter Packs Dundee, 1 Guthrie Street, Taymill, Dundee 01382 22397
Isabel Taylor



A Prayer

Lord our God,
Enlighten your church,
That wherever it may be,
It will never seek for its interests
But will only serve you faithfully.
Grant your church wisdom and courage,
That it may break down boundaries,
So that humankind will become one again.
In Jesus' name,
Amen



Ecumenical News

The International Ecumenical Peace Convocation meets in Jamaica from 17th to 21st May 2011.

The 22nd May has been designated **World Sunday for Peace**.

Everyone is encouraged to pray for peace on that day.

If anyone is interested I can give them the address of the website from which worship material can be downloaded.

Sadly **Scottish Churches House** in Dunblane has had to close through lack of financial support. At the moment tenders are invited for the property to be used for other church purposes.

Abernyte News

Church Flowers

April 3	Mrs H Berger
April 10	Mrs A Rice
April 17	Mrs J Bethell
April 24	Wedding
May 1	Mrs E Havranek
May 8	Mrs J Smith
May 15	Mrs F Cumming
May 22	Mrs S Carr
May 29	Mrs N Nicoll
June 5	Mrs E Strickland



Abernyte Annual Heritage Parish Walk

Dunsinane Hill

Saturday 9 April

The annual Parish Walk is a circular walk with a lunch break about 12 noon at the Giant's Leap (the pass between Dunsinane and the Black Hill).

This is a good place for walkers to join, or leave, the Walk. The Walk departs Abernyte School at 10am and follows a route from Abernyte to Whitehills to Seamaw Loch to Tullochard to Dunsinane returning via Hoole Farm to Woodburnhead to Pitmiddle Hill to Whitehills back to Abernyte.

Sturdy footwear advised. No dogs.

Further details from Anne Davies 01828 686656 or
Malcolm McSwan 01828 686816

The Easter Day Service
Soup will be served after
the Easter Day Service
while the children are
rolling their Easter
eggs.

Abernyte Women's Group AGM

The group will meet on **Tuesday 26th April** at 7.30pm.

The venue is yet to be confirmed.
Phone Gill 01828 686509 Irvine for further information.