

Church Services

	Kinnaird	Abernyte	Inchture	Longforgan
	9.30am	11.00am	9.45am	11.00am
December 5	Rev J Roy		Rev L Kay	
December 12	Rev J Hawdon		Rev B Thomson	
December 19	Rev B Thomson		Rev R Donald	
December 26	Rev R Donald		Rev B Thomson	
January 2	United Service in Longforgan at 11am			
January 9	Rev R Donald		Rev B Thomson	
January 16	Rev B Thomson		Rev R Donald	
January 23	Rev R Donald		Rev B Thomson	
January 30	Rev L Kay		Rev R Donald	
February 6	Rev J Roy		Rev B Thomson	

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



December 19th
Family Services in all churches



Christmas Eve

Watchnight Services

in Abernyte, Inchture and Longforgan

Churches are open for carol singing from 11pm;
services start at 11.30pm.

Christmas Morning

Family Service at Kinnaird Church at 10am

Children are invited to bring along one of their Christmas gifts
to show to the congregation.

The deadline for the February/March edition of Church News
is **Friday 14th January 2011**

Please send to **Mrs Isabel Taylor, Delvine, Main Street, Longforgan**
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CHURCH NEWS

December
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Abernyte
linked with
Inchture
&
Kinnaird
linked with

Longforgan

CHURCH
OF
SCOTLAND



Christmas Morning
Family Service
10am at Kinnaird Church

Details of other Christmas Services
shown on back page

Interim Moderator: Rev James A. Roy, 7 Northwood Terr, Wormit, DD6 8PP.
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Church Website: www.carsechurches.com

From the Interim Moderator



Dear Friends,

I am typing this end-of-year letter on the Friday evening before Advent Sunday, and as I do so the snow falls steadily outside (though thankfully not yet 'deep and crisp and even' — that is promised for next week!). A suitably festive touch we could all do without.

I was at Abernethy school this afternoon, sharing in the children's assembly — always a delight for me to be with those cheerful and friendly young people. The youngest little girl lit the first Advent Candle, and the children were able to tell me that Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent, and marks the beginning of the countdown to Christmas, and we admired the big Christmas mural they had been painting.

Maybe the children can teach us more than a thing or two about Advent, as they can and do about so much else. Didn't a very wise man say something like, *'unless you become like little children ... ?*

We grown-ups are like children wanting to open our parcels as soon as the postie delivers them. We want to rush straight into Christmas, and start singing all the Christmas carols, as soon as the first Santa appears in his grotto. And too often Advent simply gets ignored. That always seems to me to be a pity, because I think we need these four weeks of preparation before Christmas to reflect upon its real meaning as we prepare once more to receive God's wondrous gift to us of his Son.

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus'. It's the word that was used for a royal visit, the 'arrival' of a King. We need this time of waiting for the coming of Jesus. We remember his first coming 2000 years ago, and his promise that he will return in glory at the end of history. We need this time to examine our living and our faith, to prepare for his coming into our hearts.

Advent is the new year of the Christian Church. It marks the start of a new Christian Year — a new beginning. And in these short dark days of winter, Advent is a time to celebrate light in the midst of darkness, symbolised by the lighting of the Advent candles.

It's my fervent hope that new light will soon shine for the Carse churches, that soon we may set out on a new stage of our churches' life and mission under a new ministry. At least, that is my Advent prayer, as I hope it may be yours also.

May I wish you all a happy Advent, a blessed Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

With all good wishes and every blessing.

Your interim moderator

Longforgan News continued

The "Pop In"

It is a year since the "Pop In" started and we are glad it has become popular with so many people.

We have been extremely lucky in the number of volunteers who offered their services and this enabled the project to get off the ground. In addition, we have had some of the senior children from the school come to help to serve and this addition seems to be popular especially with the children, as they are missing maths!

We have made a profit and have sent a donation of £200 to a team of plastic surgeons who go to Africa to reconstruct children's faces, which have been ravaged by disease.

During the summer, the Pop In was open from 10am to 11am which proved popular too, so it was decided that, after the holidays, the Pop In would stay open from 9am to 11am.



We, the volunteers, enjoy our "shifts" and would like to thank everyone for their support.

[Winifred White]

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair on Saturday 20th November was well attended by the wide community of the Carse. It was a very happy and joyful occasion with many new faces both attending and contributing. Santa's Grotto had the second highest attendance ever and Tony Blair's Memoirs went for a record £3.00 at the book stall!!!

£1340 was raised towards church funds. Thanks go to Mrs Margaret Anderson, her committee and stall conveners for a really successful event.

[Neil Cuthbert, Session Clerk]

Longforgan Church Guild

Our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 15th December at 7.15pm in the Church Hall.

Rev Bruce Thomson is the speaker at our first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday 26th January.

Margaret Anderson would like to thank the ladies who deliver the newsletters and flyers throughout the year and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



STARTER PACKS DUNDEE

Remember Starter Packs this Christmas! Those unwanted, superfluous gifts of toiletries, towels and other household goods are very welcome when making up packs for needy and homeless individuals and families.

[Isabel Taylor]

Longforgan News Continued

Longforgan Session Snippets - November 2010

The Primary School Annual Play will be held in the Church on Tuesday 14th December in the afternoon and Wednesday 15th December in the evening

Rev David Clark has called a joint meeting of the Kirk Sessions on 19th January as part of the Quinquennial Visit by the Presbytery of Dundee.

The Clerk reported that 52 communicants from Longforgan attended the joint Communion Service in Kinnaird Church on 24th October 2010. This is 30 fewer than normal and details are to be referred to the Worship Committee for discussion.

There has been notification from Dundee Presbytery that the linked charges will receive a £7,000 rebate with respect to costs relating to the Parish Assistant Ministry. This is to be in addition to the normal vacancy allowance.

Safeguarding officer, Mrs Katherine Clark, presented on the new rules applying to the Protection of Vulnerable Groups and how it may affect Church life, both now and in the future.

Flower Convener, Mrs Margaret Wilson, reported that flowers had been delivered to 145 homes over past year, plus more than 40 deliveries at Harvest thanksgiving, including Teen Ranch.

Incoming Newsletter Editor, Mrs Isabel Taylor, brought to the attention of Session that the current arrangements for printing the newsletter will cease. Quotes have been sought from commercial printers; the most favourable received was from "Lets Talk Print" and this was accepted by the Kirk Session. Mrs Taylor was heartily congratulated upon taking on this new role.

Kirk Session agreed that a feasibility study be undertaken to examine how our Building can be adapted to suit the needs of both Church and Community.

A retiring collection will be made to benefit Christian Aid at the Watchnight Service.

Committees activities.

Worship: The tentative arrangements in place for Services to 2nd January were outlined. Plans are in place to print Carol Sheets and Christmas Cards. Next Meeting Sunday 5th December after the service.

Fellowship, Community & Fundraising: Christmas Fair, "An Informal Evening with Robert Burns" and an outing to see Jesus Christ Superstar in March 2011 at the Bonar Hall are to be organised. Mulled wine and Christmas pies to be organised for after Carol Service. Next meeting Monday 13th December, 7.00pm in Church Hall.

Pastoral Care & Mission: Visitors Book - a postcard/Christmas card is to be sent by the Clerk to recent signatories. A list is to be published of "Who does what?" within our Church, including an updated list of Elders/Organisations links.

**There are spaces on all these committees.
No experience is required, just bring yourself!
Please contact the Session Clerk for more information**

Parish Register

Baptism

21/11/10 Angus John Dooley, at Longforgan
26/09/10 Annalie Mary Fryer, at Abernyte (Sincere apologies for showing the wrong surname in the last edition)

Funerals

01/10/10 Alasdair Clark, son of Malcolm and Katherine Clark, Longforgan
07/10/10 Peter Walker, East Pilmore, Longforgan

New Editor

I am delighted to tell you that **Isabel Taylor** will be taking over as Editor of Church News, starting with the February/March edition.

Isabel needs no introduction to our linkage; she is a "well-kent face", being an Elder of Longforgan Church, Secretary of Longforgan Guild, but perhaps many people will know her best because of her involvement with Starter Packs Dundee since its inception.

As I sign off this last edition, I'd like to thank everyone for their support over the years – I have enjoyed the contact with so many friendly people around the churches!



So, for the last time through the pages of the newsletter, may I wish all readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

[Moir]

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thanks again to everyone for making the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal such a success.

Over 130 shoeboxes were gathered from across the parishes and they will be delivered by Samaritan's Purse in time for Christmas.



Blythswood have also been given shoeboxes, numerous boxes full of school stationery, toiletries, children's and babies' cosy and colourful knitwear and children's new clothing. (The knitters have been busy again, thank you!)

Everyone has been generous in their support and several monetary donations have been made, as well as the usual Inchtute & Kinnaird donation.

Although the shoebox collection is finished for this year, Blythswood will have a truck in Tesco carpark (Riverside Dundee) on December 22nd, 1.30 – 4.30pm and will take donations of new toiletries, toys, and clothes (both adult and children), for Christmas distribution.

A new addition to our website www.carsechurches.com is a video of the Christmas Story

Make a difference in someone's life this winter by ordering a Caring Christmas Tree!

This winter, homelessness charity, Bethany Christian Trust, will be raising funds for their pilot Care Shelter in Dundee, through the sale of Caring Christmas Trees. Bethany's Dundee Care Shelter is a vital service for homeless people, providing overnight accommodation and practical support for rough sleepers.



You can order your tree by logging on to www.caringchristmastrees.com or phone 0845 111 8733. You can choose when you want to collect your tree from a central Dundee location on one of two Saturdays in December. **Trees must be ordered by 13th December.**

Bethany Christian Trust has been meeting the needs of homeless and vulnerable people in Scotland for over 26 years. Bethany has operated an overnight Winter Care Shelter in Edinburgh since 1996. Every night the service provides homeless people with shelter, a hot dinner, a safe bed for the night and breakfast and the opportunity to address their homelessness problems. A pilot project is due to run in Dundee for two weeks in January 2011.

How can you help?

- Pray – we want to help as many people as possible this winter.
- Give – Bethany needs to raise £11,000 to fund the Care Shelter. This allows trained Bethany staff to be there every night to manage the service, support volunteers and encourage service users to tackle their problems.
- Get involved – the project relies on support from local churches who provide catering teams to prepare and serve hot foot.

To discuss how you and your church can help, call 0131 467 3030 or email Dundee@bethanyct.com

Christian Aid Virtual Gift Shop

You can show your friends and family you are thinking of them while making a difference to others' lives around the world by purchasing a gift from Present Aid. Your donation will be used to fund work that Christian Aid carries out in overseas communities and the 'gift' is delivered as a greetings card.

Christian Aid website www.christianaid.org.uk provides a link to the Gift Aid site.

Longforgan News

Church Flowers

We are indebted to the following for the provision of flowers in the Church:

December 5	Mrs A Lindsay
December 12	Mrs E Randall
December 19	Christmas Tree
December 26	Christmas Tree
January 2	Mrs M Wilson
January 9	Mrs A Addison
January 16	Mrs J Menzies
January 23	Mrs White
January 30	Flower Fund
February 6	Dr C Duff



Margaret Wilson would like to thank everyone who has helped beautify the church during the year. Another two Flower Conveners are required—please contact Margaret if you are interested in volunteering (360295).

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on **Saturday 18th December**, from 10am-12noon—all help appreciated!

Calling all bakers!

The Fellowship Committee needs your help!

Can you make some Christmas pies for the church services on Sunday 19th and Monday 20th? Please contact the Co-ordinator Mrs. Winifred White (360681).

Jesus Christ Superstar Dundee University Operatic Society Thursday 17th March 2011 Bonar Hall, Dundee

Information about group tickets and travel arrangements will be available in January.

Family Service Sunday 19th December

The Sunday Club will present the Nativity and, after the service, tea, coffee and Christmas pies will be served.

Longforgan Community Carols by Candlelight

Monday 20th December

**Carols at the War Memorial,
6.30pm**

Candlelight Carol Service in the Church, 7pm

Mulled wine, tea, coffee, juice and Christmas pies will be served in the Church Hall afterwards.

All welcome!



An Informal Evening with Robert Burns

Monday 24th January 2011

7.30pm in the Church Hall

Haggis, Neeps & Tatties
Piper, Music Ensemble and
Songs of Rabbin Burns

Tickets will be available before Christmas

Inchtire & Kinnaird News continued

Inchtire & Kinnaird Ladies' Group

Our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm in Inchtire Vestry. We start the New Year with a talk by Miss Helen MacKinnon on the work of PKAVS at our meeting on Wednesday 19th January, 7.30pm.

New members are most welcome to come along and join our friendly group. For more information, please contact Liz Wiseman on 01738-860272.

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CHRISTIAN AID FAR FROM HOME AT CHRISTMAS



Christian Aid in Haiti

The Haiti earthquake in January 2010 left thousands of families without homes. Many of those left homeless have sought shelter with family members or friends living in rural areas in Haiti. Homes are being shared, and families devastated by the impact of the disaster are helping one another to rebuild their lives.

Christian Aid is working with seven partner organisations across Haiti to support vulnerable families who have lost everything following the earthquake. We are providing food and shelter for those left homeless; healthcare and counselling for those injured and traumatised by the disaster; and we are distributing seeds and fertilizer to poor farmers, to allow them to take advantage of the planting season and provide food for their families. Thanks to your generous donations we are reaching thousands of the most vulnerable families in Haiti and giving them the support needed to rebuild lives.

SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL, HELPING THOSE FAR FROM HOME AT CHRISTMAS

Christian Aid supports families forced from their homes in places as varied as the Thailand-Burma border and Sudan. This Christmas, we are asking you to give generously to support our work with people displaced by conflict or natural disasters.

£5 could pay for food for a refugee on the Thailand-Burma border for a month.

£20 could pay for materials necessary to prepare a shelter for a family on the Thailand-Burma border.

£49 could pay for one blackboard for a school in southern Sudan.

£100 could pay for a child displaced by the earthquake in Haiti to return to school, providing school fees, uniforms and books.

How to give

Online: www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal

Text HOME to 70007. Text will cost £3, of which Christian Aid receives an average of £2.70.

Monthly Luncheon Club



Extreme weather conditions meant that the November Luncheon Club had to be cancelled the rice pudding will have to wait until the end of January!!

We have been invited to Teen Ranch for our Christmas Lunch on Monday 13th December at 12noon. If you haven't reserved a place, please contact Mamie before 6th December. Cars will be departing from the car park at Inchtire School at 11.45am, should you require transport or wish to car share.

Our next meeting (weather permitting!) will be a Burns Luncheon on January 31st – names to Mamie, 686691, Anne, 686656 or Jennifer at the Post Office by Wednesday 26th.
[Anne D]

Cantiones Sacrae

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Festive Lunchtime Concert
at St. Salvador's Church, Dundee
on Saturday 11th December at 1pm
Tickets £5



A Renaissance Christmas by Candlelight
at St. Salvador's Church, Dundee
on Sunday 19th December at 7.30pm
Tickets £7

Tickets for the 19th are only available to purchase in advance from Dundee City Box Office (01382 434940) - no tickets will be on sale at the door.

More information on cantiones.net

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE



The Christmas Craft Fayre at Kinnaird was cancelled because of heavy snow, but it is hoped to have a Spring Craft Fayre next year. Watch notice-boards for the date!

The Christmas crafts and a few lovingly baked cakes etc will be on sale on Sundays 5th and 12th after the services at Inchtire, Kinnaird and Glencarse Churches, so please come along if you would like to purchase something made by the Sunday School children etc. The charities will all benefit from this.

Abernyte News

Church Flowers

December 5	Mrs N Nicoll
December 12	Mrs C Havranek
December 19	Christmas Tree
December 26	Christmas Tree
January 2	Service at Longforgan
January 9	Mrs M Kelly
January 16	Mrs D Ovens
January 23	Mrs S Petrie
February 6	Mrs R Dickinson

Abernyte Women's Group

Our December meeting will be a visit to the Carol Concert at the Caird Hall, Dundee on Thursday 9th.

The first meeting in 2011 will be on Tuesday 25th January at 2pm at Gardiner's Cottage, when we will learn about "Shiatsu" from Liz Eddy.

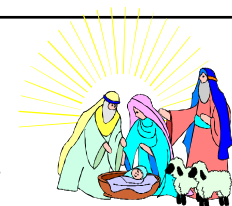
New members are always welcome to come along to our meetings and more information about the group can be obtained from Gill Irvine, 01828 686509.

Pakistan Flood Appeal

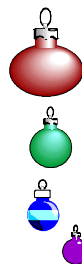
The Coffee Evening on 29th October was a great success – socially and financially – resulting in £624 being raised for the Pakistan Flood Appeal.

A big THANK YOU to all those who supported this event.

Doubt sees the obstacles, Faith sees the way,
 Doubt sees the darkest night, Faith sees the day.
 Doubt dreads to take a step, Faith soars on high.
 Doubt whispers, "Who believes?" Faith whispers, "I".



Christmas



The Church will be decorated on **Saturday 18th December** from 10am. Helpers are most welcome – you don't have to be a Floral Display Expert! You don't even have to work – just come along and make it a social morning with the added bonus of coffee, biscuits, background music and chat!

Duty Office-Bearers

December	Mr T Sands Mrs J Smith
January	Mr H Carr Mrs G Irvine
February	Mr D Ramsay Mrs R Havranek

Abernyte Calendar

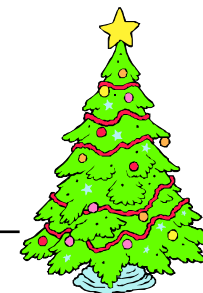
There are still a few calendars available priced £6 each or 4 for £20. Contact Hamish, Morag or Anne.

This is an ideal Christmas present or a welcome first-footing gift for 2011.

Inchture & Kinnaird News

Church Flowers

	Inchture	Kinnaird
December 5	Mrs J Ramsay	Mrs N Robertson
December 12	Rev L Kay	Christmas Decorations
December 19	Mrs S Lamond	Christmas Decorations
December 26	Mrs B Jackson	Christmas Decorations
January 2	United Service at Longforgan	
January 9	Mrs M Mellor	Mrs E Harrison
January 16	Mrs R Hird	Mrs J Latham-Warde
January 23	Mrs S Marnoch	Mrs J Latham-Warde
January 30	Mrs A Scott	Mrs E Harrison
February 6	Mrs K Anderson	Mrs E Harrison



Inchture Sunday School

At the Family Service on Sunday 19th December, the Sunday School children (and some former Sunday School children) will be performing "Happy Birthday, Jesus."

This year's Christmas Party will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th December from 4-6pm.

The Christmas Tree at Inchture Church will be decorated on **Saturday 11th December** – volunteers to help will be very welcome. The church will be open from 10am.

Inchture Church Gates and Railings

We have benefited from the help and talents of various people in recent months to keep our church in good repair.

After many years, the 18 or so missing railings at Inchture Church have now been replaced together with all the missing finials (the decorative top bit) from both main gates and the railings. A member of our Carse Churches has kindly given his time and expertise, as well as all the materials, to complete an excellent job and we give grateful thanks for his work.

Castle Huntly Community Payback Project

We have also been fortunate to be offered assistance from the Governor of Castle Huntly to carry out the preparation and re-painting of all the church perimeter railings – about 100 metres in length. We have provided cleaning materials and paint and Castle Huntly have provided a team of four people to carry out the work. So far about half of the work has been completed but unfortunately the winter weather has intervened and outside painting is now postponed until next Spring. We are very grateful to the project coordinator, Gordon Robertson, and Stevie and his team for all their hard work on our behalf.

[David Latham-Warde, Fabric Convener]