



# Church News

## August—September 2011

Abernyte linked with Inchturre and Kinnaird  
linked with Longforgan

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



### Harvest Thanksgiving Services

will be held in each of our churches on  
**Sunday 25th September**

### Church Services

<b>Kinnaird Abernyte</b>	<b>Inchturre Longforgan</b>
9.30am 11.00am	9.45am 11.00am

August 7	Rev Dr M MacLean	Rev R Donald
August 14	Rev R Donald	Rev W Strachan
August 21	Rev Dr M MacLean	Rev R Donald
August 28	Rev R Donald	Rev Dr M MacLean

### Church Website

[www.carsechurches.com](http://www.carsechurches.com)

Our Beautiful Parish.

Take advantage of the summer weather(!) to photograph your favourite part or view of the Parish.

Send in your pictures 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.

Look at the gallery to see what has been sent in already.

Send yours to [mail@carsechurches.com](mailto:mail@carsechurches.com).

The newsletter can be read on the website.

The deadline for the October/ November edition of Church News is **Friday 23rd September**. Please send contributions to Isabel Taylor, Delvine, 21 Main Street, Longforgan, DD2 5ET. 01382-360237; email - [ldbttaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:ldbttaylor@hotmail.com)

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### *Farewell from Robbie*

I had this feeling that I should start this letter with the words of Old Blue Eyes himself when he sang ".....and I must face the final curtain." That curtain will be the end of August when, after a long association with the Carse churches, I will finally retire.

I was struggling a bit to determine exactly when my first association with these churches began. I knew I had started taking services in Abernethy after Rev. George Campbell retired, but I was unsure of dates. Margaret Carr came to the rescue with the news that I conducted the baptism of Yla McDonald Napier in June 1979 and I led the services there until the induction of Rev. Stewart Lamont.

My first connection with the congregations as they are now linked was, I think, in 1993 when Rev. Jim Jack invited me to join him and fill the position of Associate Minister left vacant by the Rev. Ian Adamson. I left the linked congregations in 1998 when I went to be minister of Kilmodan and Colintrave in 1998. After my retirement in 2005, and early in 2006, I started sharing the four morning services with Rev. John Hawdon and, as they say, the rest is history.

Along this journey there have been the meetings with folk from within and outwith the Church. Ministers, by nature of their work, touch people's lives at different points and in differing circumstances; and when we take time to reflect on where we have been and what we've done, we don't find it too difficult to picture in our mind's eye the folk who have been part of our journey in the baptisms, weddings and funerals. For me, the mind's picture remains all too vivid and often there is a sadness which lingers when I think of the loss others are still suffering and which I wish I could ease.

But that is past and there is a future to which we can all look forward. These congregations are indeed blessed with Marjory leading all forward to a more committed work and witness in the congregations and in the communities. I am glad I stayed on for a few months after her induction because it has been a real pleasure to work under her leadership. A new associate will be appointed soon and that gives me a great deal of satisfaction knowing that a team ministry will be present to lead the congregations.

As for myself? Well I have my bus pass and Moira has bought me a "Senior Citizens" rail card. So who knows? One thing will change: after taking services for over 50 years the weekends are now at my own discretion and that will be a very strange experience first thing on a Sunday morning.

Finally, Moira joins me in saying to all the folk of the congregations and communities, thank you for all the support and fellowship that you've given over the years, you will always be part of our lives.

God bless you all,  
Robbie

## Longforgan News continued

### Church Flowers

August 7	Mrs Aline Milne
August 14	Mrs M Brown
August 21	Mrs M Anderson
August 28	Mrs P Duraczyk
September 4	Mrs E Clark
September 11	Mrs A Tweedie
September 18	Miss J More
September 25	Harvest Thanksgiving
October 2	Mrs A Cook



### Longforgan Parish Church Guild



The Longforgan Guild is opening its 2011-12 session with a concert given by Jamboree concert group in the Church on Wednesday 28th September at 7.30pm. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited.

The syllabus for 2011-12 is an interesting one with speakers from Action for Children in Dundee and Helping the Limbless to our minister Rev Marjory MacLean, a Burns' Night and a Musical Magazine night. Come and join us. Our meetings are normally at 7.15pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

PS It is the Guild, nowadays, not the Women's Guild, and men are very welcome.

#### So Corny...

- Q Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?  
A Samson, because he brought the house down.
- Q What excuse did Adam give his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?  
A Your mother ate us out of house and home.
- Q Which servant of God was the most flagrant law-breaker?  
A Moses, because he broke all ten commandments at once

# Longforgan News

## A Carse Carnival

Saturday 20th August 2.00—4.30 pm

We are having a celebration at the Manse and hope all the Churches will join us not only on the day, but also take part in making the occasion **A Carse Carnival**.

Ideas for stalls and attractions:

Teas/refreshments	Cake & Candy	Plants/Produce
Treasure Hunt	Face painting	Hoopla
Coconut Shy	Beat the Goalie	Splat the Rat
Soak the bloke	Golf chipping	Ball in the bucket
Tin can alley	Fairtrade stall	Karate Exhibition

All proceeds will go towards the Manse garden maintenance and improvement

Help to make this event a success. Stout-hearted men are needed to set-up and man the attractions.

Donations for the stalls will be gratefully received.

To offer help, or suggestions or for further information contact Neil Cuthbert 01382 360203

## The Pop In

On Wednesday 13th July regular customers of the Pop-In visited The Cottage, Main Street by kind invitation from Mrs Reid. It was a lovely morning and everyone enjoyed the garden.



On Wednesday 17th August the Pop-In will revert to the usual time of 9am till 11am

## Parish Register

### Baptisms

03/07/11 Ruby Jane Rogerson, at Inchturre  
24/07/11 Andrew Richard Hegarty, at Inchturre

### Marriages

9/07/11 Stephen Walker to Kimberly Barton, at Longforgan

### Funeral

09/06/11 Margaret Ann Kane, at Longforgan

## NOTICE BOARD

**United Evening Songs of Praise  
in Inchturre Church  
On Sunday 25th September at 7pm**

### Choir Practice

If you enjoy singing, please come along and join the choir which will lead the praise at the united Evening Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 25th September. The first practice is on **Wednesday 3rd August at 7pm** in Longforgan Church Hall.

### The Abernyte Annual Heritage Barbeque

will be held in the School on Friday 19th August at 6.30pm

### A Garden Party at the Manse

Saturday 20th August 2—4.30pm

All proceeds towards Manse Garden maintenance and improvement.

### Longforgan Bridge Night

Wednesday 13th September

### Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Thanksgiviing Services will be held in all the Churches on Sunday 25th September.

### Longforgan Guild

JAMBOREE concert on Wednesday 28th September at 7.30pm in the Church.

### Longforgan Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December

## Inchtire & Kinnaird News continued



### The Walking Group

On Tuesday 19th July the Walking Group had a walk down the sides of the pows and the fields of Moncur Farm by kind permission of Mr Russel Taylor.

Around 40 people turned up on the night and the walk took about one hour. Afterwards the walkers enjoyed a BBQ at the back of the village hall, thanks to Ann, June, Sandra, and Rosemary who prepared the food. All ate and drank heartily and the weather stayed fair until everything was cleared away. A good night was had by all.

On 16th August the walking group undertakes a walk on Lundie Craggs. This is a strenuous walk but we will take it easy and anyone of reasonable fitness should manage it. Walking boots and water-proofs are required and a drink should be carried.

On 20th September the walk is a flat circular walk around Longforgan. The path by the Bogle Burn can be muddy and rough underfoot in places and boots are advised.

For further information contact Liz Kay on 01828 686029

### Church Flowers

	<b>Inchtire</b>	<b>Kinnaird</b>
August 7	Mrs J D Muirhead	Mrs A Cameron
August 14	Mrs D Petrie	Mrs J Latham-Ward
August 21	Mrs J Byrne	Mrs N Robertson
August 28	Mrs L Buttercase	Mrs C Bryden
September 4	Mrs M Jefferies	Mrs S Lawrence
September 11	Mrs A Roberts	Mrs J Scott-Adie
September 18	Mrs L Low	Mrs I Miller
September 25	Mrs L Tunstall	Mrs M Brown
October 2	Mrs L Hutchison	Mrs E Harrison



### The Monthly Luncheon Club

The 2011–2012 session of the Monthly Luncheon Club held in Inchtire Village Hall begins on Monday 26th September at 12.45pm for 1pm.

The membership fee is £5 and the cost of lunch is £4 for members and £5 for guests. Members should be 60 and over. New members most welcome.

Names to Mamie 01828 686691, Anne 01828 686656 or Jennifer at the Post Office by Wednesday 22nd September.

*Anne Davies*



### Acts 2 v38

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, 'Stop — Acts 2:38!' (..turn from your sin...).

The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, 'Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell scripture at you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an AXE and two 38's!'

## Inchtire & Kinnaird News

### Inchtire and Kinnaird Development Group Update



Inchtire and Kinnaird Church is progressing with plans for major redevelopment at Inchtire Church to ensure that the accommodation is fit for purpose in the 21st Century. It is envisaged that the work will be undertaken in two phases.

**Phase One** is planned to include a new entry with kitchen, toilets, and vestry as well as making the building wind and water-tight with new electrical and heating systems.

**Phase Two** is planned to upgrade the sanctuary and include two or three meeting rooms and a gallery to the rear of the church.

It is anticipated that the work will be completed by August 2015.

It is estimated that the cost will be in the region of £1,000,000. Much of this, it is hoped, will be in the form of grants, however, a major fund-raising effort will be required to cover the difference, probably in the region of £250,000 to £300,000

An architect's brief is with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. Once approved, architects will be engaged to develop more detailed plans.

We are very aware of the sensitivities around such a major undertaking and want, as far as possible, to take these into account. We urge everyone to take the opportunity to attend any consultative events that are planned.

If you would like to become involved in planning our fund-raising, a meeting will be held in **Inchtire Church on Monday 12 September at 7.30pm, and, to coin a phrase,- "ALL WELCOME"**.

Our official fundraising will be launched at the  
**Harvest Ceilidh on 7 October, 2011**

For further information, contact Liz Kay 01828 686029 or any of the development group members; Rev Marjory MacLean, Menna Jefferies, Lorna Tunstall, Alison Page, Euan Smith, Mac Roberts, David Latham-Warde.

The Development page on the web-site is being updated and will be online again soon.

### ✠ STARTER PACKS DUNDEE

#### ...supported by the Churches

It has been a very busy year for Starter Packs. The number of referrals has increased due to the economic issues affecting the whole country. Between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011 Starter Packs delivered 705 starter packs which included 575 double bedding packs, 512 single bedding packs and 529 pairs of curtains.

Starter Packs receives support from the congregations of Dundee churches and their friends, who donate much needed bed linen, curtains, crockery, cutlery and other household items. Money donations are very welcome too for the purchase of those essential articles which are not often donated.

Thanks to its supporters, Starter Packs is enabled to provide a reliable service to families and individuals in need, referred by various agencies and organisations who support people through difficult times.

#### Prayer Focus

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,  
Your saving power among all peoples.  
Renew your Church in holiness  
And help us to serve you with joy.  
Guide the leaders of this and every nation,  
That justice may prevail throughout the world.  
Let not the needy be forgotten,  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
Make us instruments of your peace  
And let your glory be over all the earth.

*From World Mission Update*



Elspeth Paterson

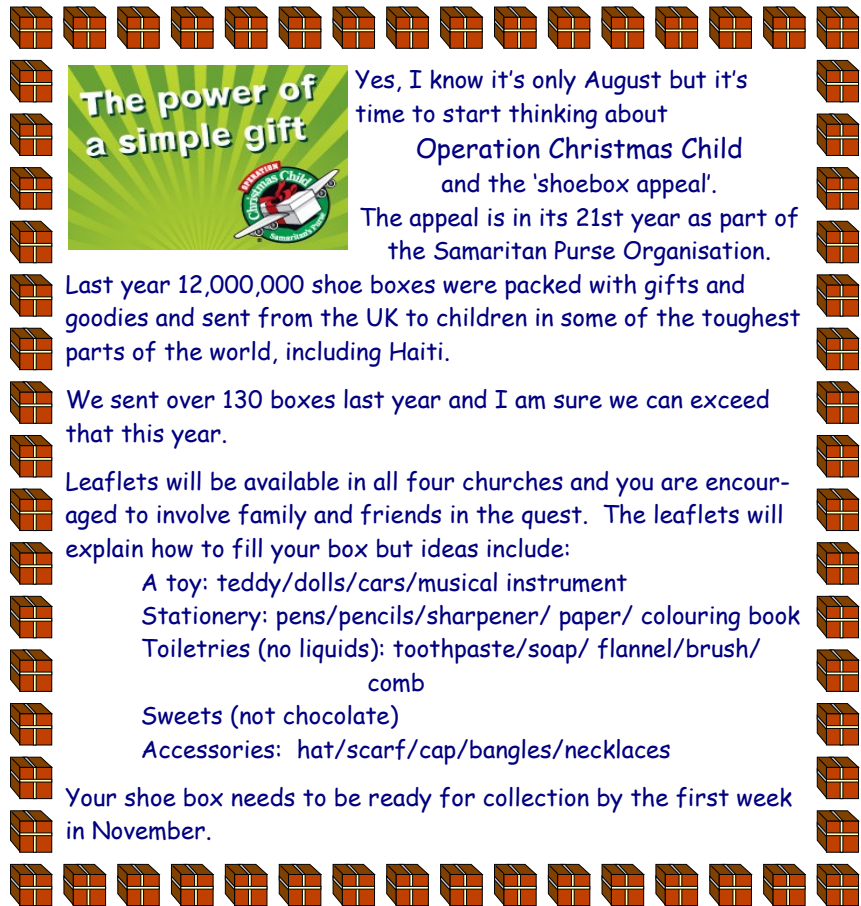
While Elspeth was home on furlough she hosted a 'Gathering' in the Steeple Church. It was fascinating to hear about her life and work in Pakistan.

The Christian Hospital where she is the obstetrician, is a general hospital with 50 beds. The hospital is in the hills so that it provides medical care and mission to the largely poor local community, those who choose to live there and hospital staff.

Elspeth has a strong empathy with the native women she treats and always wears a 'dopattah'—the scarf worn over the head by all women in Pakistan because a woman without a 'dopattah' is a woman without honour.

Elspeth has found that women welcome her praying with them because belief in God and respect for the Scriptures is widespread, even though the majority of the patients are not Christians.

Elspeth is glad to be remembered and thanks everyone for their continued support and prayers.



**The power of a simple gift**



Yes, I know it's only August but it's time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child and the 'shoebox appeal'. The appeal is in its 21st year as part of the Samaritan Purse Organisation.

Last year 12,000,000 shoe boxes were packed with gifts and goodies and sent from the UK to children in some of the toughest parts of the world, including Haiti.

We sent over 130 boxes last year and I am sure we can exceed that this year.

Leaflets will be available in all four churches and you are encouraged to involve family and friends in the quest. The leaflets will explain how to fill your box but ideas include:

- A toy: teddy/dolls/cars/musical instrument
- Stationery: pens/pencils/sharpener/ paper/ colouring book
- Toiletries (no liquids): toothpaste/soap/ flannel/brush/ comb
- Sweets (not chocolate)
- Accessories: hat/scarf/cap/bangles/necklaces

Your shoe box needs to be ready for collection by the first week in November.

**The Abernyte Festival**

Sincere and grateful thanks to the community and all who visited or contributed to the Abernyte Festival 2011 — Abernyte's answer to T in The Park!

Despite the rain and mud, a grand total of over £4000 was raised and a fantastic time was had by all.

The money is to be divided between two charities – The Smile Train and the Central Asia Institute.  
*Freya Miller*

**Abernyte News**

**ABERNYTE WILDLIFE DAY—** "Wild about wildlife at Abernyte" Friday 5th 9.30pm and Saturday 6th August 11am-3pm

Come along on Friday night for a twilight Bat Watch with bat detectors at 9.30pm. Help to set up a moth light trap on the Glebe and come back on Saturday to look at the moth catch at the Church.



On Saturday come and check the moth trap and have a walk up to the Glebe. Spot wildlife, plants, bees and butterflies and more, and talk local wildlife over refreshments. Alex Hogg from Butterfly Conservation will tell you about butterflies and moths and will have fun things for kids to do.

Dress for the weather!

Parking in the Church car park..

*F B Caudwell 01828 686709*

**Duty Office-Bearers**

- August Mr T Sands  
Mrs G Irvine
- September Mr H Carr  
Mrs M Gray

**Church Flowers**

August 7	Wedding
August 14	Mrs L Carr
August 21	Mrs E Tosh
August 28	Mrs T Wilson
September 4	Miss M Carr
September 11	Mrs L Kehrer
September 18	Wedding
September 25	Mrs F Harrison
October 2	Mrs M Hole

**Souper Sundays**

**As from September, soup will be served after the service on the last Sunday of the month.**

