

Church Services

	Inchture Longforgan 9.45am 11.00am	Kinnaird Abernyte 9.30am 11.00am
December 4	Rev E Kay	Rev Dr M MacLean
December 11	Rev Dr M MacLean	Rev E Kay
December 18	Rev Dr A Jack	Rev Dr M MacLean
December 24	Watchnight Services 11pm for 11.30pm Inchture - Rev Dr M MacLean, Longforgan - Rev E Kay	
December 25	Christmas Day Service 10am at Kinnaird	
January 1	Joint Service 11am at Inchture	
January 8	Rev Dr M MacLean	Rev E Kay
January 15	Rev Dr A Jack	Rev Dr M MacLean
January 22	Rev Dr M MacLean	Rev Dr A Jack
January 29	Unknown	Rev Dr M MacLean



CLIC Sargent Christmas Carol Concert in the Caird Hall 8th December 2011 at 7pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to take part in festive celebrations whilst supporting children and young people with cancer. The evening features:

Tayside, Fife Health Services and Friends Choir,
Mike Bennett Brass Ensemble,
High School of Dundee String Ensemble
and St Pauls Academy Madrigal Group.

The deadline for the Dec/Jan edition of Church News is **Friday 20th January**
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and
Kinnaird
Linked with
Longforgan



For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him, shall not
perish but have eternal life.
John 3 verse 16

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A Letter from the Minister

In the six months since I last contributed the minister's page of this newsletter, I have been on a crash course. The subject has been our parishes and the people who live here. I've been making 'getting to know you' visits to the homes of all the communicant members of the congregations, and by the time this is published I'll have fewer than a quarter of those still to do over the winter months.

I've found hills with fabulous names like "Tinkletop", roads I didn't know existed like the road up to Ballindean, or over to Millhill, or along to the very far end of Wallace Place, and lots and lots of people doing fascinating things in business, on farms, in public professions, in retirement of all shapes and sizes – and of course in the service of the Church.

I'm energised by the people who give so much time and talent to their congregation out of lives that are already busy, and I've found that they are energised by that commitment too. I'm excited by the people who find their way to Church afresh perhaps after a time taken up with other things in family or work; and in some ways Liz is enabling that kind of reconnection for teenagers in the new Youth Group. I'm heartened by the goodwill and generosity of people who do not belong to the Church but feel their local kirk belongs to them in an important way; and I suppose you see that most clearly just now in Inchtur, where all sorts of people I don't see from the pulpit are delightedly joining in with fundraising for our £1m Development Project.

Christmas is a time that gives a shot of that energy, excitement and heartening to people who have less connection with their Church during the rest of the year. Sure, it might seem awkward to re-appear in your congregation on an ordinary Sunday after years of absence, but there's no difficulty coming in the Christmas crowds and being part of a bustling, special celebration. Perhaps the baby Jesus, not yet able to speak and ask us his searching questions, is an accessible object of worship and warm feeling, and so the Christmas story is a good place to start with the Christian message.

In a year when new things are starting in all the Churches – Alison Jack's new job and her intriguing training work with adults, the Youth Group, the new materials rolling out in the Sunday Schools, some new office-bearers grasping possible areas of work and service – it's a good time for re-connections, returns, getting involved, gripping ideas and projects, sticking your oar in, making it all yours. The next few weeks is in fact the perfect time for a new beginning, or a beginning again.

Have a peaceful Christmas,

Marjory

Longforgan News continued

Church Flowers

The flower list for 2012 will be displayed in the Church shortly. Please feel free to write your name at a vacant date if you would like to do, or to provide, flowers. Any donations towards the Flower Fund can be given to me, or to Jane Coleman, who will take on the post of over-all Flower Convener from 1st January 2012.

I wish to thank all the "Flower Ladies" for their caring and rewarding work.
Margaret Wilson

December 4	Mrs E Lindsay
December 11	Christmas Tree
December 18	Christmas Tree
December 25	Service at Kinnaird

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January 1	Service at Inchtur
January 8	Mrs A Addison
January 15	Mrs J Menzies
January 22	Mrs W White
January 29	Mrs M Wilson
February 5	Dr C Duff

The Pop-In is open at the usual time, 9am - 11am, on Wednesday 21st December and is then closed until the 11th January.



Longforgan Parish Church Guild

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

On Wednesday 21st December the Guild Christmas Party takes the form of a Pot-Luck Supper.

The Guild meeting on January 25th falls on Burns' Night. A suitable programme has been devised by members.

'Walk the Extra Mile' - members who took part have raised almost £200 for the Guild Projects.



Margaret Anderson would like to say a big 'thank you' to 'The Girls' who deliver the Newsletter and distribute flyers for her. She could not manage to do all she does so successfully without them.

The Mystery of 'Ebrukis'

Alastair Muirhead, of Broomhall Farm, was able to solve a long-standing puzzle when he visited Longforgan Church recently.

On the north wall, inside the church, there is a fine example of a fifteenth century gravestone with a figure of a knight, his lady, a smaller figure, possibly a son, and a dog. A translation of the commemoration reads, 'John de Galychtly late laird of Ebrokis'. 'Ebrokis', or 'Ebrukis', is frequently mentioned in old records, but has now entirely disappeared as a local place-name, and its location has always been a mystery - until now. In the course of researching his family history, Richard Ogilvie, whose family once owned Templehall and 'Ebrukis', discovered that 'Ebrukis' was the former name for the lands of Broomhall. The land was called 'Ebrukis' or 'Ebrux' up until the seventeenth century, when, in 1650, it was referred to as 'Ebrukis alias Broomhalle', owned by the researcher's ancestor, Thomas Ogilvie.

Longforgan News

From Kirk Session News

- The Kirk Session agreed the proposal whereby Longforgan and the other churches in the charge would continue to have two Communion Services a year but each would be allocated a different month. The dates for Longforgan in 2012 will be Sunday 20th May and Sunday 18th November.
- The Minister reported that she had been invited on to the Parent Council of Longforgan Primary School.
- A Finance Committee has been formed and a small stewardship initiative is to be undertaken in the near future.
- Ms Christine Harris, accountant, has been approached to join the Finance Committee and is giving invaluable practical help and advice to the Committee
- Mrs Margaret Wilson reported that forty households received flowers and/or fruit following the Harvest festival. Teen Ranch receive a large quantity of fruit and vegetables. Tinned goods and other foodstuffs went to the Eagles Wings Trust. Mrs Wilson intimated her retiral as Flower Convener and was accorded a warm vote of thanks.



Longforgan Community Carols by Candlelight
Carols at the War Memorial 6.30pm
Community Carols by Candlelight Service
Longforgan Church 7.00pm



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

Christmas Eve Watchnight Service 11.30pm - Carols from 11pm

An Informal Evening with Robert Burns

Supper, words and music

Monday 23rd January 2011

7.15 for 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Tickets, £8.00, available in the Hall of Friendship or from the Fellowship, Community & Fundraising Committee



An Alphabet Puzzle:

ABCDEF GHI JK LMNO PQ RSTUV WXYZ
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

HARD WORK = 98% KNOWLEDGE = 96% ATTITUDE = 100% LOVE OF GOD = 101%

Q.E.D: we can conclude, with mathematical certainty, that while HARDWORK and KNOWLEDGE will get you close, and ATTITUDE will get you there, it's the LOVE OF GOD that will put you over the top.

Parish Register

Baptisms

23/10/11 Kayla Doig, at Abernyte

Admissions on Profession of Faith

02/10/11 Mrs Jane Coleman, at Longforgan

16/10/11 Mr Alastair Muirhead, at Inchture

06/11/11 Mr Gavin Stafford, at Abernyte

Marriages

14/10/11 Greig Scott to Claire McLean, at Longforgan

29/10/11 Gary Judson to Jill Urquhart, at Inchture

Funerals

13/10/11 Mrs Vera Morrocco, at Longforgan

18/10/11 Mr Sydney Christie, of Longforgan, at Dundee Crematorium

25/10/11 Mrs Mary Morris, of Longforgan, at Dundee Crematorium

NOTICE BOARD

Longforgan Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December 10 - 12noon

BBC Watchnight Service recording - Longforgan

Sunday 4th December 2.30pm

CLIC Malcolm Sargent Concert

Thursday 8th December 7pm

Luncheon Club

Monday 12th December

Monday 29th January

Community Carols by Candlelight

Longforgan War Memorial 6.30pm

Service 7pm

Monday 19th December

Watchnight Services

Inchture Church and Longforgan Church

11pm for 11.30pm

Inchture Sunday School Party

Tuesday 27th December

Longforgan Burns Supper

Monday 23rd January 7.15pm

Inchture Quiz Night

Saturday 14th January

Inchtire & Kinnaird News

From Kirk Session News

Inchtire & Kinnaird

- The Session has agreed to changes in the Communion calendar which will see communion celebrated on different Sundays in the four parishes. This will give greater flexibility for those who attend.
- Rev Liz Kay reported good attendance at the Youth Group which is enjoying a wide range of activities with the support of helpers from the linked charge.
- It was agreed that new lecterns are to be purchased for Inchtire and Kinnaird Churches. Mrs Rosemary Penny has very kindly offered to finance the lectern in Inchtire in memory of her father, Mr Charles Perkins.
- After a significant gap of silence, the Church bell will ring out again. Alison Page has agreed to take this on with offers of help warmly received!

Flowers:

	Inchtire	Kinnaird
December 4	Mrs J Ramsay	Mrs E Harrison
December 11	Miss L Kay	Mrs E Harrison
December 18	Mrs S Lamond	Christmas Decorations
December 25	Mrs B Jackson	Christmas Decorations
January 1	Mrs D Petrie	Christmas Decorations
January 8	Mrs M Mellor	Mrs E Harrison
January 15	Mrs R Hird	Mrs J Latham-Warde
January 22	Mrs S Marnoch	Mrs J Latham-Warde
January 29	Mrs M Traini	Mrs E Harrison



Thanks to all who brought bulbs, dug holes, planted and gave the Inchtire Memorial Garden its recent Spring, well, Autumn, clean. Over 100 bulbs were planted, seats were scrubbed, weeds weeded and plaques polished. All we need now is patience!

The Inchtire and Kinnaird Ladies' Group's Christmas Party is on Wednesday 21st December.

The speaker at the meeting on 18th January 2012 is the Minister, Dr Marjory MacLean.

For more information phone Liz Wiseman 01738 860272



Janette and Ian Lowden would like to thank family and friends for helping them celebrate their Golden Wedding.

Thanks to their generosity two cheques of £700 each were presented to CHAS and CLIC Sargent



The Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club was originally started as a 'social activity' for elderly people in the linked charge. 'Activity'? Well, we do activate our jaws a lot, but exercise in several other ways too - flicking tablecloths on to tables, then scurrying around laying them, completing countless circuits to and from the kitchen. It's hard work indeed! But on Monday 12th December we can sit back and enjoy Christmas Lunch at Teen Ranch with the staff. (We must have behaved ourselves last year!) Names to Mamie by 5th December. Transport from Inchtire can be arranged.

Our January Meeting is on Monday 30th January when we will be activating our jaws again. Names by Wednesday 25th January to Anne 01828 686656, Mamie 01828 686691 or Jennifer at the Post Office.

The Church Walking Group

The Walking group has enjoyed a varied programme over the summer and over 40 people, including children and dogs, have taken part, although not all at once!

Next year's dates are already set and, as usual we will meet on the third Tuesday of the month from April to September, meeting at 6.15pm in the car park opposite Inchtire Church.

We are a friendly group and you do not have to be a Church member to join us.

So why not put the dates in your new diary and come along.



Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone for making the Shoebox Appeal such a success. 141 love and fun-filled shoe boxes were gathered from the joint congregations. You have all managed to make Christmas-time brighter for those who would otherwise have nothing.

Although the shoebox collection is finished for this year, we have donations of knitwear packed and ready to go on the Blythswood lorry which is stopping in at Tesco Riverside Dundee car park on December 21st, 13.30 - 16.30 and in at Asda, Perth, on December 22nd 08.30 - 11.30. They will also take donations of toiletries, new clothes: both adult's and children's, and toys, for Christmas distribution.

Alison Page

Invest in Peace - Send a Christmas card to Bethlehem.

Many of us will receive cards at Christmas depicting Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Today living is very difficult for many of its inhabitants. The Church of Scotland World Mission Council wants to encourage people in Scotland to send cards to our partners in Bethlehem to let them know we are remembering them at Christmas.



How you can do it - choose a person or a group from the list below, write a message on the card, address your card to your chosen person or group and send c/o Rev George Shand, St Andrews Church, PO BOX 8619, 1 David Remez Street, Jerusalem 91086, Israel, who will deliver cards in time for Christmas.

- ◆ To Pastor Mitri Raheb and the congregation of the Evangelical Christmas Church in Bethlehem
- ◆ To Faten Nastas, an artist and member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Faten was a Fairshare student in 2010-11 and exhibited in Edinburgh during the Festival
- ◆ To Al Shurooq School for the Blind. Send greetings to the head teacher, Helen Shehadeh, and pupils, some of whom may not be able to go home for the holiday
- ◆ To Daoud Nassar and family at the Tent of Nations, family land which he has set up as retreat and meeting centre to promote understanding, build bridges of reconciliation and understanding between people of different countries and cultures
- ◆ To Dr Zoughbi Zoughbi and staff at the Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Resolution Centre, a grassroots organisation working within the wider Palestinian community to promote peace by training people on both sides of the Palestine-Israel conflict in peaceful relationship building, non-violent responses to injustice and conflict, and the promotion of human rights.



STARTER PACKS DUNDEE

It is particularly hard for resettling needy young people and families coping with Christmas and settling into a new home. Money is tight and there are so many demands.

As well as the collecting box in Longforgan Church there is now one in Inchtute Church and one in Kinnaird Church. Cleaning materials and toiletries are always needed as well as any good unwanted household goods, bed linen, towels and curtains.

Thank you.

Abernyte News

Church Flowers

December 4	Mrs Rattray
December 11	Mrs E Sands
December 18	Christmas Tree
December 25	Service at Kinnaird
January 1	Service at Inchtute
January 8	Mrs M Hole
January 15	Mrs A Davies
January 22	Mrs C Caudwell
January 29	Mrs L Kehrer

Shoebbox Appeal

17 shoe boxes and 2 large bags of goodies to help fill up more shoe boxes were delivered to the Blythswood Collection Point at Perth on 3rd November.

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to this most worthwhile appeal.



Duty Office-Bearers

December
Mr H Carr
Mrs J Smith
January
Mr T Sands
Mr W Ovens

Readers' Rota

Dec 4	Liz F.
Dec 11	Hamish
Dec 18	Graeme
Jan 8	Mairi
Jan 15	Deborah
Jan 22	Morag
Jan 29	Anne
Feb 5	Gavin

Soup will be served after the Christmas Service on 18th December.



Abernyte Women's Group

The Women's Group meets once a month, usually on the last Tuesday evening. The December meeting will be an outing to the CLIC Sargent Christmas Carol Concert. Hannie Kiddie, who has been a very active office-bearer for many years, has retired as President. Hannie and her late husband, John, have played an important role in the Church and community over many years and her enthusiasm and kindness are much appreciated by all.

The Sunday School

We have had a good term and enjoyed using the new Roots material. Ever thought about having an obstacle course down the aisle, complete with slide and cargo net? Neither had I - but it was great!

The dates for the Spring term are:

January 15th and 29th February 12th and 26th March 11th and 25th
We start at 10am, stay in Church for the beginning of the service and finish about 11.20am.
Esther Strickland