



Church News

October - November 2011

Church Services

	Inchture Longforgan 9.45am 11.00am	Kinnaird Abernyte 9.30am 11.00am
October 2	Rev Dr M MacLean	Rev Dr A Jack
October 9	Rev L Kay	Rev Dr M MacLean
October 16	Rev Dr M MacLean	Rev Dr A Jack
October 23	Rev Dr A Jack	Rev Dr M MacLean
October 30	Rev Dr M MacLean	Rev L Kay
November 6	Rev L Kay	Rev Dr M MacLean
November 13	Rev Dr M MacLean	Rev Dr A Jack
November 20	Rev R Donald	Rev Dr A Jack
November 27	unknown	Rev R Donald

**Abernyte linked with Inchture and Kinnaird
linked with Longforgan**

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



**Services of Holy Communion
will be held in each Church on
Sunday 30th October**

FAQ --- The Troublesome 'Reverend'

A few weeks ago an office-bearer asked me to sort out, once and for all, the puzzle of how to use the title 'Reverend'. It's one of those words that you know works in a funny way, and you assume it must be difficult.

The simplest way to get it right is to remember that 'Rev' is not a title, so it's not like 'Mr', 'Mrs' or 'Dr'. So it's not part of a person's name as 'Mrs' might be. That means you can only use 'Rev' in front of a name that is already complete. I call it the Rule of Thumb; stick your thumb over 'Rev' and check that what's left looks OK as a form of address.

Suppose Jo Bloggs is a married woman and becomes a minister. It's OK to refer to her as Rev Jo Bloggs, because 'Jo Bloggs' looks OK once your thumb is over 'Rev'. It's OK to refer to her as 'Rev Mrs Bloggs' or even 'Rev Jo', because they pass the thumb test (although obviously 'Rev Jo' is quite informal, it is still perfectly correct). But you couldn't call her 'Rev Bloggs' – that's the commonest mistake people make – because it would be rude to call her 'Bloggs', so that fails the thumb test. I'd be inclined not to refer to her as 'Rev J Bloggs', though that one might be more debateable.

In parts of the USA, they have adopted 'Rev' as a proper title, which makes it easier over there. In this country some people are a bit more old-fashioned and fussy. Our local clergy these days include two Drs (M+J) and a Miss (L), and all of us answer happily to our Christian names (M, A or L). So that should give you enough options to dodge the Troublesome Reverend!

The deadline for the Dec/Jan edition of Church News is **Friday 18th November**
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A Letter from Rev Dr Alison Jack

My daughter Fiona and I went to the Love Pets show at Ingliston recently. Among the cats and dogs, giant rabbits and chinchillas there was a stand representing the Scottish Rat Club. This was not the most crowded of stands, and Fiona was quickly drawn in and given a large and very friendly rat to hold. The rat's owner was keen to talk and it seemed impolite to leave too quickly, even though we had made it clear from the start that we had no intention of ever becoming the owners of a rat. I asked the owner how long rats live for, and she said, "That's the very sad thing about rats. They only live for two or three years". This struck me as sad only from a real rat-lover's perspective. But then she went on, "But they give such a lot back in that short space of time." A comment that made an impression on me at the time and continues to make me think.

While it might be considered inappropriate to compare the relationship between a pet rat and its owner to our relationship with God, I hope you will indulge me at least for as long as it takes you to read this, my introductory letter for the Church Newsletter. My main task as your assistant minister and trainer is to encourage and develop new thinking about worship; to nurture the gifts of those who might be more actively involved in the leading of worship Sunday by Sunday, to help us all to be more open to new ways of doing things in worship, while protecting those existing things which mean the most. I hope in the process we might all be led into a deeper relationship with each other and with the God we worship too. As Marjory said in her sermon at my service of introduction, that will involve every bit of us: our minds and spirits, senses and bodies. Worship at its truest and deepest is about giving back all of ourselves to a God who knows us completely, and allowing ourselves to receive from that God all that we need to be fully who we are and who we might be.

And so, if you would like to think some more about worship, come to one or all of the Exploring Worship Workshops on the first three Wednesdays in October (5th, 12th, 19th) and in November (2nd, 9th, 16th). We will meet in Longforgan Church Hall from 7.30 - 9pm. I promise there will be no rats - just a chance to reflect on giving back and receiving in those precious moments we share in worship.

With best wishes
Alison

Longforgan News continued

Church Flowers

October 2	Mrs A Cook
October 9	Mrs M Watt
October 16	Mrs M McIntosh
October 23	Mrs K Clark
October 30	Communion
November 6	Dr C Duff
November 13	Remembrance Sunday
November 20	Mrs V Marr
November 27	Mrs W White
December 4	Mrs E Lindsay

An Autumn Evening of Bridge in aid of Church funds was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday 14th September. There was much enjoyment and conviviality for the 44 players.

£1100 was raised for Church funds.

Thank you to all who donated produce, flowers and prizes, to the cooks and helpers and also to our sponsors and suppliers - Star Inn Farm, East Pilmore Farm and Aitken Wines.



Come along to

Longforgan Parish Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December

10am - 12noon

in the Church Hall and Hall of Friendship



Everything for Christmas - Gifts, Cake and Candy, Puddings, Produce, Toys and Games, Teas and Santa's Grotto.

Contributions for the stalls will be most welcome and may be handed to the conveners or into the Church Hall on Friday 2nd December, 2 - 4pm and 6 - 8pm.

Produce: Marjory Strachan 360343

Cake and Candy: Gwyneth Masson 360208

Gifts: Muriel Anderson 360205

Toys and Games: Isabel Taylor 360237

Prize Draw: Grace Christie 775487

Tombola: Jane Coleman 360800

Longforgan News

Kirk Session News

The date set for the admission of new communicants is Sunday 2nd October.

The Minister reported that she had visited 200 of the members on the Communion rolls of the linked charges. The 120 remaining to be visited will be completed at a slower pace due to increased Parish commitment in the absence of Rev Robbie Donald.

The Minister has held a meeting of Sunday School teachers in the linkage and has established the use of the ROOTS scheme and a lectionary based education.

The Rev Liz Kay has held a meeting of youth and adult helpers. The first of the Youth Group meetings will be held shortly.

The Assistant Minister and Trainer has planned six interactive informal workshops exploring Worship in depth. The topics will include Public and Private Prayers, the Bible, the meaning of Sacrament and Readings. The meetings will be held in the small Church Hall beginning on Wednesday 5th October

Discussion took place regarding the various versions of the Bible and Hymn books in use within the linkage. It was generally agreed that it would be ideal to use one version, however, it was noted that difficulties could arise where a set of one particular version had been gifted.

A 700 word 'Story of Longforgan Church' is to be completed for the Presbytery by the end of October.

The Session has received a letter of thanks from the Community Trust for the free use of the Hall for a 'Help for Heroes' coffee morning. £365 was raised.

A quotation for urgent roofing repairs was accepted by the Session to allow the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

The Treasurer, Mr Robert Moir, noted that expenditure had increased markedly and there was a deficit for the six months of £3545. Rev Liz Kay is seeking £150 from each congregation for Youth Group Funding, This was agreed by Kirk Session.

The Safe-guarding Officer, Mrs Katherine Clark presented the new Safeguarding Policy Statement for display in the Church and drew attention to the new Safeguarding Handbook.

Dr John Hulbert reported that the clock's Dundee face is not working and that he will dismantle parts accordingly to investigate the problem,

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 8th November 2011 at 7pm.

Mr Robert Moir is stepping down from the position of Treasurer to Longforgan Church. The Kirk Session wish to record their appreciation for a job well done over nearly four years. The search is now on for a new Treasurer/ Finance Team. Will anyone who may be able to help please contact the Session Clerk, Mr Neil Cuthbert 360237.

Longforgan Parish Church Guild

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

Rev Dr Marjory MacLean is the speaker on 26th October.

(Subscriptions, £10, are due at this meeting, and hospital gifts.)

Mr John Lamb, Principal Othotist in Perth Infirmary will talk on his work with the Sandy Gaul Project in Afghanistan on the 23rd November. All welcome.



Parish Register

Baptisms

21/08/11 Evelyn Penelope Rose Campbell, at Abernyte

21/08/11 Emily Fairbairn Simpson, at Longforgan

Marriages

17/09/11 Philip Smith to Julia Crosbie, at Abernyte

Funerals

24/08/11 Margaret Soutar Boggan, of Inchtur

02/09/11 Bruce Todd, at Longforgan.

NOTICE BOARD

The Harvest Ceilidh

Inchtur

Friday 7th October

Bulb Planting

Inchtur

Saturday 15th October

Communion

Sunday 30th October

Worship Workshops

5th, 12th, 19th October & 2nd, 9th, 16th November

Longforgan Church Hall

Remembrance Sunday

13th November

Kinnaird 9.30am, Inchtur 9.45am, Abernyte 11am, Longforgan 11am

Annual General Meetings to be held in Abernyte School

Tuesday 29 November

7.30pm Abernyte Community Company

8.00pm Abernyte Heritage Group

The Dundee Nativity

Friday 25th November

Christmas Fair

Longforgan

Saturday 3rd December

Community Carols by Candlelight

Longforgan

Monday 19th December

The Manse Garden Party

Thanks to a combined effort on the part of all the Churches, the Manse Garden Party on Saturday 16th August was a great success. The sun shone, the people came, and good time was had by all.



Just over £1200 was raised altogether. It is proposed keep back £500 towards garden maintenance for the Manse and the rest goes to the East Africa Famine Relief Fund.

Songs of Praise

The evening 'Songs of Praise' Service in Inchturre Church on Sunday 25th September was an evening to remember.

Although officially retired at the end of August after association with the charge for many, many years, Rev Robbie Donald conducted the service of praise, introducing each hymn and explaining why it was special. The congregation was in good voice and the combined Churches choir was superb.

After the service Menna Jeffries gave a speech of appreciation and made the presentation to Robbie of a framed McIntosh Patrick print of a painting of a local scene. The boot was on the other foot when the choir sang their 'song of praise' to Robbie and Moira - complete with actions - and Robbie and Moira were suitably embarrassed. Altogether it was a memorable evening. As one member remarked it was like a big family gathering and, although we will see Robbie from time to time when he acts as locum for the Minister, it was a fitting tribute to a well-liked and supportive minister.

Church Website

www.carsechurches.com

The web-site is currently unavailable as it is being up-dated. If you would like to take this opportunity to contribute material for the site or revise the material you have already supplied, now is your opportunity. Contact Liz Kay ekay007@btinternet.com

Inchturre & Kinnaird News continued

Kirk Session News

Inchturre & Kinnaird

At our Session meeting on 27th September the following items were included on the Agenda:

- Lorna Tunstall and John Smith attended a meeting on the 'Angel of the Church' initiative which is seeking reports from each congregation regarding their present position, the challenges they face and looking towards the future. This is in response to a need to see a reduction in both Ministers and Charges in the future. Their subsequent positive report was given to Session which included the vision of our new Ministry team and development plans for Inchturre Church.
- Lorna Tunstall was sworn in as Depute Session Clerk.
- A new laptop and projector have been purchased for the two churches.
- Rev M McLean reported that the new communicants meetings for the Joint Charge were very lively and we welcome Mr Alistair Muirhead as a new member at Inchturre on 16th October.
- Rev. Liz Kay outlined plans for the new youth group that will begin at the end of October at Longforgan Church Hall. This will cater for P7 - S4 age group.
- Rev Alison Jack outlined her future meetings for all those interested in all aspects of worship. These will take place on Wed evenings in October and November.
- At a meeting on Sep 12 to discuss Fundraising for the Development Project it was decided to hold two large scale events each year for the next three years alongside other smaller ongoing fundraising events. A separate fundraising website is to be established with online donation facilities. The Development fund will be launched at a Ceilidh in Inchturre Hotel on Fri 7th October and a warm welcome was given to Longforgan and Abernyte Churches to join us at this event.

Church Flowers



Inchturre

Kinnaird

October 2 Mrs L Hutchinson
 October 9 Mrs S Sievwright
 October 16 Mrs B Melville
 October 23 Mrs M Gardham
 October 30 Mrs M Borwell
 November 6 Mrs A Smith
 November 13 Mrs A Duncan
 November 20 Mrs A Roberts
 November 27 Mrs J Muirhead
 December 4 Mrs J Ramsay

Mrs E Harrison
 Mrs B Laing
 Mrs N Robertson
 Mrs J Latham-Warde
 Mrs C Bryden
 Mrs E Wiseman
 Mrs A Cameron
 Mrs Lorna Tinning
 Mrs Lorna Tinning
 Mrs E Harrison

Inchtüre & Kinnaird News

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A Harvest Ceilidh

A Ceilidh in aid of Inchtüre Church Development Fund will be held on Friday 7th October in the Inchtüre Hotel from 7.30pm till midnight.

Music by "Banned"

Tickets £8.00 adult, £3.00 children, are available from Rosemary (01828 686407) or Jeanette (01828 686618).

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Bring a Bulb
to the
Church Memorial Garden
on
Saturday 15th October
between
10.00 and 12.00



Folks will be on hand for planting, or you can DIY.

The Inchtüre and Kinnaird Ladies' Group
meets on Wednesday 19th October when the talk will be about **St Andrews First Aid**.

On the 16th November there will be a speaker from the **Eagles' Wings Trust**.

The Group meets in the Church vestry at 7.30pm.
New members are most welcome to come along and join our friendly group.

For more information phone Liz Wiseman 01738 860272

Ron and Mamie Gardham would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who offered help in so many ways during Ron's recent illness.

They would especially like to thank everyone who said prayers for his recovery, and for Mamie, at that anxious time. They do appreciate each and every one.

Ron is now, fortunately, well on the way to full recovery.

The Luncheon Club




The Luncheon Club is now into its 5th season. George, the 5-star Kitchen Porter, now rules the kitchen in an orderly, efficient manner. September's meeting was quietly relaxed; perhaps it was the calming vibes from George's kitchen, or perhaps it was the absence of members flying off to sunny clime, or motoring south to Yorkshire, or being confined to their sickbeds!

The helpers were not deterred by the dearth of dishcloths!! The Kinnaird crew continue to provide the flowers and launder the tablecloths. We appreciated the Harvest display flowers from Inchtüre Church which had been attractively bunched up for members to take home. The tasty food was a reminder of Harvest Thanksgiving - the effort to produce it, prepare, cook and serve it. Efforts which were not vain as our Minister heartily cleared her plate twice(!), before departing - revitalised, refreshed and raring to resume her pastoral duties.

Looking forward to meeting members, old and new, in the Village Hall on 31st October and 28th November. Names by Wednesday 26th October and 23rd November to Mamie 01828 686915, Anne 686656. or Jennifer at the Post Office.

Anne Davies



Leaflets explaining how to fill your shoe box are available in the Churches.

The boxes should be ready by the first week in November

Life and Work - the magazine of the Church of Scotland

If you want to commence or cancel a subscription to Life and Work, please advise Mary Page - Inchtüre (01382 562416) or Margaret Wilson - Longforgan (01382 360295) before 18th November.

The Annual Subscription is £17.40.



STARTER PACKS DUNDEE

I noticed, on a recent visit to Longforgan Church, a box into which members can deposit smaller items for Starter Packs eg. cleaning materials, dish towels, toiletries etc. Jill Latham-Warde has been recruited to collect goods from Inchtute and Kinnaird Churches. Arrangements at Longforgan and Abernyte are as before. As ever there is a constant demand for duvet covers, pots and pans, crockery, cutlery, curtains etc

Your donations are greatly appreciated both by the volunteers who take a pride in packing high quality boxes, and the recipients who are trying to set up a home with limited resources. *Pat Motion*

Starter Packs Dundee needs money, as well as donations, to cover the cost of administration and to buy those essential goods which are not usually donated eg kettles. They have applied for a grant of £6000 under the RBS Community Force Award Scheme. The success of the application depends on community support. You can vote on the Community Force website or contact the Community Force helpline on 0800 2100 245. Your vote could make all the difference.

Congratulations!

Saturday 24th September was a significant day for Abernyte Church's oldest member. It was the 100th birthday of Neen Reid. Born at home, Neen was baptised in Abernyte Church, attended the Sunday School there, became a stalwart member of the choir and a staunch supporter of many Church activities over the years.

The Reid family have been respected hauliers and contractors for over 120 years and are still remembered by many in the farming world.

On her birthday Neen's house was a hive of activity all day as family, friends and neighbours dropped by to congratulate this special lady and to show the esteem in which she is held today.

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill." !

Abernyte News

Abernyte Sunday School: Autumn Term

The Sunday School meets roughly every two weeks in Abernyte Church. We start at 10am and stay in Church for the start of the service, finishing about 11.20am.

Everyone up to P7 is welcome at Sunday School although we ask that under 4's are accompanied by an adult.

We explore the Bible through stories, games and songs and aim to have activities to suit all ages.

On the weeks when there is no Sunday School, children's materials will be left in the Church for anyone bringing their children to the full service.

Dates: 9th and 23rd October
6th and 20th November
4th December



Any queries please phone Esther(01828 686311) or Natasha (01828 686808). We are a friendly group and would make you very welcome.

Duty Office-Bearers

October:
Mr W White
Mrs R Havranek
November:
Mrs A Davies
Mrs J Smith

Church Flowers

October 2	Mrs M Hole
October 9	Mrs A Davies
October 16	Mrs C Caudwell
October 23	Mrs D Corner
October 30	Mrs P Neville
November 6	Mrs E McGoldrick
November 13	Mrs J Sands
November 20	Mrs K Doig
November 27	Mrs K Corkhill
December 4	Mrs N Rattray

Souper Sundays

Soup will be served after the service on the last Sunday of the month.

Covered and filled Blythswood Christmas Appeal boxes should be left in the Church, handed in to Anne Davies, or to Jessie Smith, by Wednesday 2 November.

