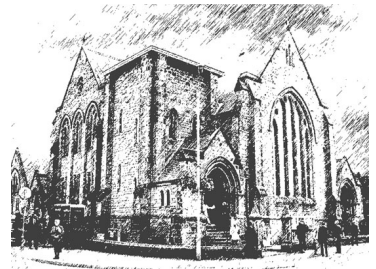


# Newsletter

CROWN CHURCH, INVERNESS

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No. 714



**Parish Minister:** The Revd (Dr) Peter Donald  
**Pastoral Assistant:** The Revd Stewart Frizzell  
**Probationer Minister:** Mr Farquhar Forbes

## WORSHIP SERVICES

*“look to the rock from which you were cut” (Isaiah 51.1)*

Sunday 8 November	10.50 am (n.b.)	Worship for Remembrance Sunday
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship: “And the Lord called Moses”
Sunday 15 November	11.00 am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship— Leviticus
Sunday 22 November	11.00 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship—Leviticus
Sunday 29 November	11.00 am	Morning Worship All ages- first Sunday in Advent
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship—Leviticus
Sunday 6 December	11.00 am	The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
	3.00 pm	The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
	6.30 pm	Thanksgiving Worship, with Special Prayers

***Every Friday, there is a short service of prayer at 12 noon in the Lounge.  
Please let us know of anybody you would like to be named in prayer.***



**To everything there is a season  
And a time to every purpose  
Under the heaven**

**(Ecclesiastes 3:1)**

# From our Probationer Minister

Dear friends,

It's that time of year when we're quite aware of some things coming to an end. Harvest time is over, the clocks have gone back and all around us leaves are turning a kaleidoscope of colours and falling from the trees. So it seems a fitting time for me to finish my period with you as your Probationer Minister.

Of course it's also at this time that gardeners are planting all sorts of bulbs in the hope that when winter is through they will bring forth new life and colour. In the setting up



of Young Crown and the calling of Struan McRoberts to the post of Youth & Children's Coordinator a bulb has been planted and by God's grace it will bring forth much new life in the coming months and years.

These past 14 months have been a blessed season for my family and myself. You have welcomed and

supported us in such a way that we've felt truly at home amongst you – and you've shared with us in the joy of Jamie Lilian's birth and first months of life! This placement has been for me an invaluable time of formation, as I have been given the opportunity to testify to the good news of God's grace, joining with you in the ministry and mission of Crown Church.

As our time with you comes to an end there is undoubtedly sadness in our hearts. That is often our natural response when things come to an end in our lives, and yet it is true that in the pain and uncertainty of our endings, even those we feel we cannot bear, Christ Jesus promises to be with us. Furthermore, it is He who leads us into the new beginnings He has for each one of us, asking us to step forward in faith and in hope and in love so that we may bear much fruit, showing ourselves to be His disciples.

Yours in Christ,

**Farquhar**



## The Guild

The new Guild season is now well underway with a good number of ladies attending and also some new members which is very encouraging. Our main October meeting was a most interesting talk about the Pictish Fort in Burghead. Since its excavation there has been a lot of interest and a new visitor centre has been set up. Our speaker Cath Millar also told us about the fishing industry in the past and about the actual building of Burghead. November is a busy month. Our meeting on the 10th is the Tale of the Ceilidh Quilt when story-teller Lizzie McDougall will come along to relate the stories connected to the beautifully executed quilt. This should be a very entertaining meeting.

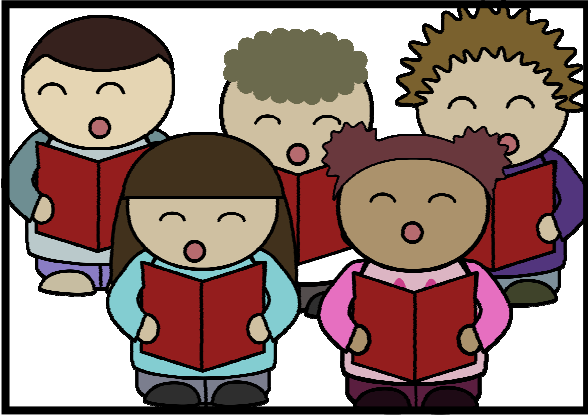
The 25th to the 22nd is Guild week and to celebrate this on the 17th there will be an Inter- Guild quiz in Crown Church. There are two teams from our own Guild entering. At this event there will be a Christmas stall. On Friday 17th a Big Sing will be held at Dunfermline Abbey at 2pm. For details of service bus times contact Heather Beck. On Tuesday 24th Fancy Fandango will be led by Janet MacPherson, a member of our Guild. As usual, a warm invitation is extended to all to join us.

**Dorothy Mein, Guild Correspondent**

**Saturday 7 November**

**Highland Malawi Trust  
Coffee Morning  
Saturday 7th November  
from 10.00am to 12 noon  
in Crown Church Hall.**





## **An afternoon not to be missed!**

Crown Church Choir will be performing their Christmas Concert on Sunday 13th December at 2:30 pm in the Lower Hall in aid of Friends of Cameron House.

In addition to the choir, there will be items from Crown Church youth band. It will truly

be an afternoon not to be missed: Christmas songs and carols, some well loved favourites with one or two surprises including a singalong to finish with.

As if this was not enough, a delicious tea with home baking will be served during the afternoon.

Tickets at £4 will be on sale from the church office and after church coffee from 20th November, with any remaining being available on the day.

**Eileen Ardern**

## **THE RICHES OF SCRIPTURE**

In morning services through November, we shall continue to read through sections of the Old Testament, keeping the narrative flow and connecting it to the lives we lead. For those who would like to delve a little deeper, or simply to have a chance to talk, ask questions or to hear insights on other parts of the extraordinary riches of Scripture, what about

On a Tuesday morning, looking at the visionary actions of the prophet Ezekiel?

Or, on a Wednesday evening, hearing how Paul wrote to the Galatians?

Or, on a Sunday evening, discovering that Leviticus is a good deal more fascinating and a good deal less gruesome than might meet the eye?

You are welcome!!

## **Farquhar Forbes**

It will be our loss when Farquhar, Liz Alec, William, Charlie and Jamie move on from Crown at the beginning of December, in the first instance simply to enjoy Christmas with Liz's family in California. Formally the last working Sunday is the last one of November, though I know they hope also to be with us at our Communion Service on the morning of 6th December. What a gift they have all been to us! We remember them in our prayers, asking God to grant them clarity and peace on the next move in His service, and every blessing on the way.



## The ark of the Lord

The picture shows Elissa Hunter Dorans and Alec Forbes proudly displaying the ark of the Lord which the children made on Sunday 25th October. The children remained in church until after the reading of the lesson which came from 2nd Samuel chapter 6 upon which the subsequent sermon from Farquhar Forbes was based.  
(thanks to Heather Beck for photo)



## Young Crown(SCIO)

Thank you that we continue to receive special givings to support the appointment of Struan McRoberts. Every amount, small or large, is very much appreciated, and we would ask also for your prayers, that Struan and his family move safely and comfortably up north, and settle well into their new rhythms of life and work.

The Church Office or the Treasurer of Young Crown, Gary McAra can give help or advice on one-off gifts or regular transfers, and also of course on Gift Aid.

We intend to have a little welcome party after the morning service on 6<sup>th</sup> December, and look forward to seeing you there, if you can stay on!



## Hannah Donald

Thank you very much for your kindnesses of thought, prayer and even some money gifts which Hannah has so much appreciated. She continues to flourish in the USA for now, before heading out to New Zealand in the early new year for her course with YWAM ("Youth with a Mission").

## The Leprosy Mission, Scotland

The recent Coffee Morning organised by the Inverness Area Committee raised the the sum of £1323.04. The Bring and Buy Stall run by our Church contributed £204 to the total. Thank you to all who supported this event and to Gillian and Sheila Campbell and Janet MacPherson who assisted on the day. The money raised has been sent for the work at Purulia Hospital in Bengal, India.

## LOOS COMMEMORATION TRIP - OCTOBER 2015

Earlier this year the Queens Own Highlanders Association (QOHA), which is the umbrella Association for The Seaforth Highlanders, Queens Own Cameron Highlanders and The Highlanders, was invited to send a party to help commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Loos.



As 5 Seaforth and 5 Cameron Battalions were amongst those directly involved in the Battle it was decided to accept the invitation which had been extended by the small town of Auchy-les-Mines which is close to the main battle site.

Around 40 individuals travelled to France and amongst them were members of the Crown Church and another whose wife/mother is a Crown stalwart. The sub-group consisted of David Crippin, Bob Shanks and his wife Ann, "Ferg" Ferguson and his son Alistair.

The party set off early on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> October and travelled to its base in Lille via Hull and Zeebrugge arriving late morning on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

After changing into kilts, trews etc the party set off for Auchy-les-Mines and the first of 2 parades. Both were attended by the local Mayor, a lady who took a keen interest in the proceedings.

After the first parade some time was spent in the excellent WW1 exhibition about the battle which the local people had prepared.

This was followed by visits to the site of the Battlefield and the graves of the fallen.

This included the son of Rudyard Kipling, the brother of our late Queen Mother and the grandfather of George Harrison of Beatles fame.

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The next day there was a much bigger parade with representatives from the Town, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, The Black Watch Regimental Association and The QOHA Association. The parade wended its way through the town to a site in the outskirts where wreaths were laid on a new memorial. After returning to the local sports hall the QOHA group set off for more visits before returning to its base in Lille.

After breakfast the next day, the party headed back to the ferry but not before having an extended break in the lovely Flemish Town of Ypres with all its many reminders of WW1.

The journey home by ferry and land was uneventful and the coach returned to Cameron Barracks around 20.30hrs on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

This had been a very thought-provoking trip which amongst other things had allowed David to view the ground over which his grandfather had fought as an officer in the Gordon Highlanders and enabled Ferg and Alistair to fulfil a long held desire to visit the cemetery in which Ferg's grandfather is commemorated.

**R. Shanks -22.10.2015**

## **Jamaican Visitor**

For those of you who missed him on Sunday 18th October, a photo of our latest Jamaican visitor, Kevin 'Nana Moses' Calvert who is both storyteller/dramatist and interim minister in the United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (which includes our partner North Street United Church).

Kevin was in Scotland as lead speaker at a Symposium on Human Trafficking held by Church Action Together in Coatbridge a few days previously. Kevin's approach is to use music and drama to reach the young teenage audience most at risk from trafficking in the Caribbean.

During his time here, he was able to make contacts at Eden Court Theatre as well as delight the residents of MacEwen Court with his remarkable story telling skills.

Please keep Kevin in your prayers as he develops both his conventional church ministry and his use of the arts to reach those outside the church facing difficult situations.

## **Mairi Main**

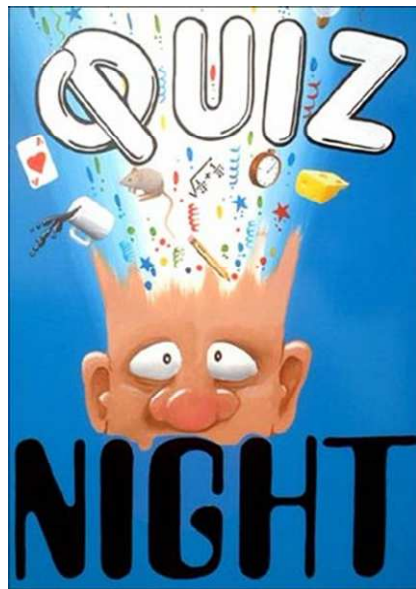






## 3<sup>rd</sup> Inverness Boys Brigade Company

### Fundraiser



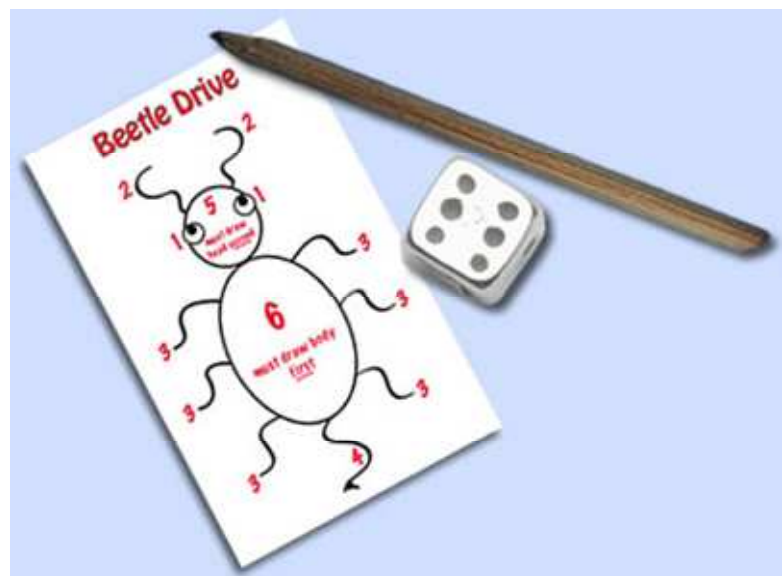
**GREAT FUN; PRIZES; REFRESHMENTS.**

**COME AND JOIN US IN THE CHURCH  
HALLS ON FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
2013**

**EVENT STARTS AT 7.00PM**

Teams of 4

Entry - £10.00 per  
team



Beetle Drive - £1.00 per person

(LOWER HALL)

## **A date for your diary!** **Saturday 28th November**

There will be a presentation by the Rev Doug McRoberts followed by a workshop with Mrs Iona Finlayson which will take place between 2 pm and 5:30 pm at the Raigmore Hospital Recreation hall.

All are welcome. There is no entry charge although donations to the Interfaith group are optional.



Interfaith Scotland this year is focussing on what faiths have to say about caring for the environment and protecting it for future generations. Visit [www.interfaithscotland.org](http://www.interfaithscotland.org)  
Further details are available from John Barbour.

### **Readings for November**

1	1 Kings 1: 1-27	19	Hosea 6: 1-7:16
2	1 Kings 1: 28-53	20	Hosea 9:1-17
3	1 Kings 3: 3-15	21	Hosea 10: 1-15
4	1 Kings 3: 16-28	22	Isaiah 5: 1-7; 11: 1-5
5	1 Kings 10: 1-29	23	Isaiah 1: 1-20
6	1 Kings 11: 1-13	24	Isaiah 2: 1-4
7	1 Kings 14: 21-31	25	Isaiah 2: 5-22
8	1 Kings 16: 24-34	26	Isaiah 6: 1-13
9	1 Kings 17: 1 -7	27	Isaiah 7: 1-25
10	1 Kings 18: 1-9	28	Isaiah 9: 1-
11	1 Kings 18: 20-46	29	2 Kings 22:1-10; 23 1-3
12	1 Kings 19: 1-10	30	2 Kings 22: 11-13
13	1 Kings 19: 11-18	Dec	1 2 Kings 22:14-20
14	2 Kings 9: 30-37		2 2 Kings 23: 4-14
15	Hosea 11: 1-9		3 2 Kings 23: 15-20
16	Hosea 1: 1-2:23		4 2 Kings 23: 21-27
17	Hosea 3: 1-4:19		5 2 Kings: 23: 28-30
18	Hosea 5: 1-15		6 Isaiah 40: 1-11

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<b>8</b>	Remembrance Sunday	Ruby Coe & Jean Munro	Isabele MacKenzie, Joyce Collinson & Lena Clarke
<b>15</b>	Lesley McRoberts	Helen Taylor & Marjory MacKenzie	Eileen Ardern, Kimm Currie, Vi Gollan
<b>22</b>	Pat Douglas	Jane Smith & Muriel Choppy	Janet MacPherson, Mairi Main, Eleanor Ross
<b>29</b>	Jean Smith	MaryAnn Buchanan & Reay MacGill	Seonaid MacLellan MaryAnn Buchanan, Marion Barbour
<b>Dec 6</b>	Communion	Kay MacDonald & Sheena Ferguson	Communion

<p><b>November Count Team</b>  <b>Sheena Ferguson</b>            Ian Akers, Helen Boynton, Richard            Ardern, Alastair MacPherson, Robert            Shanks</p> <p><b>December Count Team</b>  <b>Graham Wilson</b>            Bruce Merchant, Douglas Taylor, Margot            Tuley, Moira Cooper</p>	<p><b>December Welcome Team</b>  <b>North Door</b>            Moira Cooper &amp; Lena Clarke  <b>South Door</b>            Fiona Carter &amp; Janet MacPherson  <b>Midmills North</b>            Marion &amp; John Barbour  <b>Midmills South</b>            Margot Tuley</p>
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# **NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

## **Deaths**

Mr Arthur Bramwell, Eriskay Road, on 28 September

Mrs Maisie Thomas, Aden House N.H., on 26 October

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep"* (Romans 12.15)

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## **The December Newsletter**

The copy deadline for the next Newsletter will be Sunday 29 November.

Contributions should be sent to the Forrests

at: [marionandbobnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:marionandbobnewsletter@gmail.com)

or left in the "F" pigeonhole.

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