

Newsletter

Crown Church, Inverness

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Interim Moderator: Rev Duncan MacPherson



WORSHIP SERVICES

All people, of any age, are warmly invited to participate at all of our services
We have “Treasure Seekers”, age-related fun and learning activity for children every
Sunday at 11.

- Sunday 6th May** **Morning Worship at 9.30 am Rev Morven Archer
and 11am Rev Doug McRoberts**
(with monthly Special Prayers after the 11am service)
- Sunday 13th May** **Morning Worship at 9.30 am Rev Morven Archer
and 11am Rev Doug McRoberts**
- Sunday 20th May** **Morning Worship at 9.30 am Rev Morven Archer
and 11am Rev Doug McRoberts**
- Sunday 27th May** **Morning Worship at 9.30 am Rev Morven Archer
and 11am Stewart Robertson**
- Sunday 3rd June** **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at 9.30 am, 11am and 3.00
Thanksgiving Service with Special Prayers at 6.30pm**

Also prayers every Friday at 12 midday– remembering people by name.

Please make your requests known

**Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them round your
neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win
favour and a good name in the sight of God and man.**

Proverbs 3, verses 3 and 4



Young Crown Update 2018 – the YOYP

You may well be aware that 2018 is the Year of Young People (YOYP). The Scottish Government has told us so. The Church of Scotland has told us so. Various media outlets have told us so. Schools and youth organisations have been enthusing us about it. How's your year of young people been going?

At Young Crown, every year is the year of young people. That's sort of the point of Young Crown! As such we've felt it not-so-necessary to make any particular pushes on the basis of the YOYP – we're always dedicating our work towards ministry to young people. That said, 2018 is shaping up to be another one of innovation and growing work – by the time September's through we're aiming to (on top of our standing work) have run Youth Alpha, three summer holiday clubs, started up a Friday afternoon drop in for secondary school pupils, started two new toddler groups and run a fete. Another year of strong focus on young people!!

You may have been in conversation about the YOYP with some others at church, and explored a little of what we all could be doing to join in. I'm so excited by the prospect of a renewed focus on valuing and supporting our children and youngsters.

Perhaps, though, this all feels a bit too big. How do we make everything excellent with regards ministry to all of those under 18 by the end of 2018?

We can't. But we can make a start. We can use this as a springboard. We can see the difference that many little steps make. That, too, excites me. In fact I think that is what excites me most about the Year of Young People. So with that in mind I thought it'd be fun to challenge you to a game of YOYP bingo!

The task is simple: here's a bingo board with lots of little steps we could take in the spirit of the 2018 YOYP. If you get a straight line of four-in-a-row; show me your board and I'll give you a prize.

Enjoy playing along!

Struan

YOYP bingo

other:	find out more about local schools	tell a Bible story to a child	volunteer for a children's activity
invite a family to church	think of a way to encourage a young family	ask a young person about their hobbies	challenge an assumption about young people
other:	visit the Church of Scotland's YOYP website	pray for the work of Young Crown	challenge a peer to take one of these steps
other:	pray for a young person	ask a young person about their exams	buy a coffee for a parent



The Leprosy Mission: the local committee are having an Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 5th June from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at 18 Auldcastle Road, Inverness.

Funds raised will go to the Nilphamari Hospital, in Bangladesh and Community Based Rehabilitation for leprosy-affected people in the slums of Dhaka.

All welcome.

John and Marion Barbour



The Knitting Group

There will be no meeting of the knitting group on either Monday 21st May or Monday 28th May!

Lena Clarke

Highland Malawi Trust

A date for your diary!

There will be a strawberry tea held at the home of Chrisanne and Stewart Robertson (6 Raasay Road) in aid of Highland Malawi trust on Saturday 9th June 2018 from 2 pm until 5 pm.

All welcome!



PASTORAL CARE DURING THE VACANCY.

During the vacancy, pastoral care is being led by the Rev Morven Archer.

The Pastoral Care team have been looking at ways to give additional support to Morven and to elders in their pastoral care role. The team are considering opening out visiting to members of the congregation who might wish to become involved.

We do have lists of people who are housebound and in care homes but would like to make sure that no one is overlooked and at the same time that no one is being overwhelmed with visits.

We hope to establish from District Elders and from the Home Visitors if the current lists of the housebound require to be amended.

We also hope to recruit volunteers to do extra visiting with the support of Morven during the vacancy. Training in pastoral visiting is available. If you would be interested in helping in any way, please contact Morven or any member of the Pastoral Care Team. The members of the Pastoral Care Team are Lily Baillie, John Barbour, MaryAnn Buchanan, Lena Clarke, Beth Matheson, Jane Wilson and Marion Forrest.

Please note that if someone is going into hospital, or if you know of someone who would welcome a visit, you should contact Gloria at the church office in the first instance.

Marion Forrest on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team



The Highland Foodbank are grateful for your continued support. They are still in great need of the following items :

- Tins of corned beef
- Tins of potatoes
- Tins of tomatoes
- Cartons of long life milk/
juice

Any donations are welcome and can be left in the boxes at the doors inside the church. **Liz Gray**

Our New Partnerplan Contact in the Czech Republic

Having spent their early months in Prague learning Czech, David & Mary Sinclair are now venturing out to congregations with existing links to Scotland. The couple are on a four year placement with the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, contributing to the already rich relationships ECCB has with English speaking countries, helping set up programmes for foreign visitors to the Czech Republic and helping Czech parishes who wish to develop links with parishes in English speaking countries.



So, on Sunday 6th May, David will take part in a service in Orlova, a church which already has links to Scotland, and on Pentecost Sunday, will visit Jarov, a parish in Prague to look at the possibility of their forming a link with a Scottish parish. And it will be two way traffic, as a group from Wigtown/Stranraer are heading to Prague this summer.

More updates will follow as David makes contact with the Theological Faculty of Charles University and the ECCB equivalent of Crossreach, and also develops contacts with two Czech ministers anxious to spend a year working in a Scottish parish.'

Mairi Main

Volunteers Needed Urgently!



Many of you have already volunteered to help collect for Christian Aid from 13 to 19 May. However, David Crippin is still looking for collectors for the house to house collection for some streets. Can **you** help please? If so, please contact David for this worthwhile task.

A recent article taken from the Church of Scotland Website:

Earthquake reconstruction money making "Real Difference in Nepal"

Published on 25 April, 2018

The director of an organisation overseeing reconstruction work in Nepal following a deadly earthquake has urged Scots not to be "cynical" about foreign aid.

Joel Hafvenstein said it would have been "impossible" for the United Mission to Nepal, (UMN) and its local partners to help thousands of people rebuild their shattered communities if it wasn't for £310,000 donated by generous Church of Scotland members.



Parish Profile

The undernoted photograph was one of a number taken on Sunday 29th April outside the church and between the 2 services.

The main purpose in taking the photograph was to allow it to be included within the "*Parish Profile*" which the Kirk session requires to complete in order to progress the work of finding and appointing a new minister.

The detailed work required to prepare the profile has been delegated by the Kirk Session to a small group and we are particularly grateful to the Rev Morven Archer and Eileen Ardern for the work which they have carried out in this respect and which is now almost complete. We hope that you will shortly be able to have a look at our parish profile on the church website.

The next major step in the process will involve fixing a date when the congregation can elect a group of people to form a nominating committee who will then carry out the detailed work which is required in order to fill the vacancy.

The newsletter editors will do their best to ensure that the newsletter keeps everyone up to speed with the process as matters progress.

Our thanks to Donald Matheson for the photograph.



Friendship Club

Many thanks to Stewart Robertson for letting us have these photographs of the Friendship Club lunch which took place on Friday 27th April at the Heathmount Hotel.

The event was very well attended

and, by all accounts, a great time was had by all. We are particularly grateful to Stewart for the picture of an empty box of chocolates. A picture really is worth a thousand words!



Crown Church Breakfast

The Kirk Session recently decided that it would be appropriate to have breakfast together on the last Sunday of every month.

The photographs shown below (courtesy of Morven) were taken on Sunday 29th April at the latest breakfast. The plan is to hold these breakfasts in the Lower Hall between the two services so that those attending the 9:30 and those attending the 11:00 services can meet and enjoy breakfast together in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

The breakfasts have already proved very popular and have been very well supported (croissants and butteries proving particularly popular) although more straightforward tea and toast (with jam or marmalade) is also on offer for those who prefer a more conservative breakfast!

It really is a case of "*the more the merrier*" and we hope these breakfasts will continue to be enthusiastically supported and enjoyed.



3rd Inverness Boys' Brigade Company News

ANNUAL DISPLAY

Another Boys' Brigade session is drawing to a close. This year's Annual Display and Parent's Night takes place on Friday 18th May with a 7.15pm start.



Our theme for this year is music & dance and I'm sure there may be a few surprises along the way!! Our Chief Guests are Colin and Lily Baillie; Colin is currently President of Highland Battalion and has been involved with the Boys' Brigade for a very long time....

All friends and family are invited to join us for this year's Display where the highlight will undoubtedly be the award of a Queen's Badge to 1 young man of the Company, along with 3 President's Badge awards.

Craig Fraser was recently presented with his KGV1 certificate at New Wellwynd Church in Airdrie. Craig has completed 2 week long courses at BBHQ over 2 years and is now a fully qualified officer. One of our other young officers, Duncan MacKnight, is also taking part in the course. Duncan has completed his first year and will be back to finish his second year this summer. **Gary McAra**

LIFE AND WORK

MAY 2018

50 Years of Women in Ministry

The Rev Dr Margaret Forrester reflects on the journey which led to the ordination of women to the ministry in the Church of Scotland; and four female ministers reflect on their journey.

General Assembly 2018

Lynne McNeil meets the Moderator-Designate, the Rev Susan Brown. Reports, Assembly and Fringe timetables, Heart and Soul preview.

Dark Saturday

Ron Ferguson explains why there is much to learn in the journey from Easter to Pentecost.

Mission Mavericks

The Very Rev Albert Bogle appeals to readers to inspire others to walk through 'open doors'.

Generosity is Still Remembered

John R Hume considers the history of a well-known church in central Glasgow.

Two Halves

The Rev Scott McKenna considers the creation narrative of Genesis.

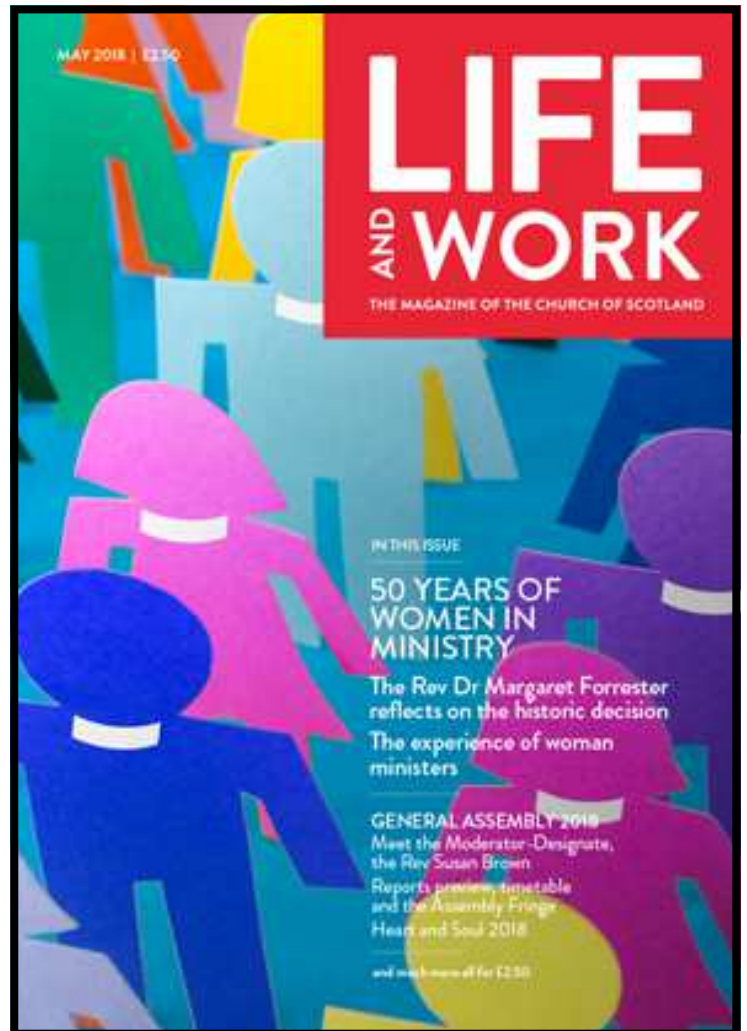
Minute Vacations

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers appeals to readers to arrange 'holy moments'.

Plus news, reviews, letters, registers and crosswords

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50 years of the ordination of women celebrated

This year during the annual General Assembly, the Church of Scotland will celebrate the historic 50th anniversary of the decision to ordain women as ministers of word and sacrament.



The momentous vote is being recognised with special events including a pre-Assembly conference and a women-led procession on 22 May, the exact date of the anniversary.

Rev Dr Margaret Forrester, who is pictured above, (photograph courtesy of Edinburgh University) is a prominent church campaigner for equality, academic. As one of the Kirk's first women parish ministers, she was one of the keynote speakers at the conference, held at New College in Edinburgh on Saturday 28th April.

She was joined by Rev Canon Dr Emma Percy, an academic who is chair of Women and the Church (WATCH) as well as Welfare Dean and Chaplain of Trinity College Oxford.

(based on the notice on the Church of Scotland Website)

Daily Bible Readings for May/June

May 6, 2018

Sunday, Philippians 1:1-18a, Partnership in the Gospel
Monday, Philippians 1:18b-30, Partnership in the Gospel
Tuesday, Philippians 2:14-30, Timothy and Epaphroditus
Wednesday, Philippians 3:1-11, Breaking with the Past
Thursday, Philippians 3:12-4:1, Pressing toward the Goal
Friday, Philippians 4:2-9, Exhortations
Saturday, Philippians 4:10-23, Acknowledgment of the Philippians' Gift

May 13, 2018

Sunday, Philippians 2:1-13, The Christ Hymn
Monday, Acts 1:1-5, The Promise of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday, Acts 1:6-11, The Ascension of Jesus
Wednesday, Acts 1:12-26, Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas
Thursday, Acts 2:37-42, The First Converts
Friday, Acts 2:43-47, Life Among the Believers
Saturday, Acts 3:1-10, Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar

May 20, 2018

Sunday, Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7, Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord
Monday, Acts 3:11-16, Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico
Tuesday, Acts 3:17-26, Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico
Wednesday, Acts 4:1-12, Peter and John before the Council
Thursday, Acts 4:13-22, Peter and John before the Council
Friday, Acts 4:23-31, The Believers Pray for Boldness
Saturday, Acts 4:32-37, The Believers Share Their Possessions

May 27, 2018

Sunday, Exodus 19: 1-6; 20: 1-2
Monday, Exodus 12:33-42, The Exodus: From Rameses to Succoth
Tuesday, Exodus 13:17-22, The Pillars of Cloud and Fire
Wednesday, Exodus 14:1-25, Crossing the Red Sea
Thursday, Exodus 16:1-21, Bread from Heaven
Friday, Exodus 17:1-7, Water from the Rock
Saturday, Exodus 17:8-16, Amalek Attacks Israel and is Defeated

June 3, 2018

Sunday, Exodus 20:3-11
Monday, Exodus 18:1-12, Moses Reunites with His Wife
Tuesday, Exodus 18:13-27, Jethro's Advice
Wednesday, Exodus 19:7-25, The People Consecrated
Thursday, Exodus 20:18-21, The People Feared God
Friday, Exodus 20:22-26, The Law Concerning the Altar
Saturday, Exodus 23:10-13, Sabbatical Year and Sabbath

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May 6	Peter Collinson	Kay MacDonald & Chrisanne Robertson	Mary Ann Buchanan, Marion Barbour, Seonaid MacLellan
13	Sandra Gorman	Jane Smith & Muriel Choppy	Alison Caird, Lena Clarke, Isabelle MacKenzie
20	Bruce Merchant	Irene Munro & Chrisanne Robertson	Kimm Currie, Eileen Ardern
27	Jane Smith	Kay MacDonald & Muriel Choppy	Helen MacLeod, Irene Munro, Fiona Carter
June 3	Communion	Muriel Choppy & Chrisanne Robertson	Communion

<p>May Count Team Alastair MacPherson Ian Akers, Richard Ardern, Robert Shanks</p> <p>June Count Team Sheena Ferguson Heather Beck, Robert & Aileen Laing, Helen Boynton</p>
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<p>May Welcome Team <i>North Door</i> Donald & Isabelle MacKenzie <i>South Door</i> Mairi & David Main <i>Midmills North</i> BBs <i>Midmills South</i> BBs</p> <p>June Welcome Team <i>North Door</i> John & Marion Barbour <i>South Door</i> Fiona Carter & Alison Donald <i>Midmills North</i> Jude Madeleine <i>Midmills South</i> Brian Macgill</p>

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

DEATHS

Mrs Dorothy Simpson, Kingsmills Nursing Home on 22 March

Miss Hester MacDonald, Cameron House on 30 March

Mrs Netta Macintyre, Newtonmore on 8 April

William (Bill) MacKintosh, Castle Gardens Care Home, Invergordon on 15 April

Mrs Ellen (Ella) Taylor, Southside Nursing Home on 19 April

Mrs Margaret MacKenzie, Cameron House on 20 April

Robert Watson, Pine Drive on 23 April

John (Ian) Young, Lovat Road on 24 April

THANK YOU!

As we reach the end of the tax year, Young Crown would like to thank all our lovely annual givers for the one-off donations received in 2017/2018. Your support is imperative to the on going work of our youth worker, Struan and his amazing volunteer team. We hope that you will continue to support this great work with your time, prayer or financial giving. Any donations can be either dropped in the plate inside an envelope marked "Young Crown" or handed into the church office. Thanks again,
- the Young Crown Trustees



The copy deadline for the June newsletter will be Sunday 27th May

Contributions should be sent to the Forrests at:

marionandbobnewsletter@gmail.com or left in the 'F' pigeonhole.

Please note that the newsletter can also be accessed via the church website where you will be able to see the photographs in colour.

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