

South Scene

The Magazine of Stonehaven South Church



Autumn 2011 Edition



Welcome to the Autumn edition of South-Scene.

As you will see from this issue, we have a very busy time ahead of us in the Church. Firstly, there is our celebration of harvest which includes a number of different events which I hope as many of our members as possible will be able to support. This year we again welcome Granite City Brass to our second harvest service- for a "Songs of Praise" service. I would love to see a full church that day!

Also tied in with our Harvest celebrations, we celebrate Back to Church Sunday. This national event has run for a number of years now and Churches have seen the benefit of members returning to worship once more. Hopefully, this year will be the first year of a growing focus on Back to Church at South Church.

Back to Church Sunday doesn't offer any special magic formula for sorting out the issues of the church. It doesn't give a solution which we 'parachute' in from outside our Church. Rather, as I have so often said, Back to Sunday recognises that all we need for the church to develop and grow is already here in the current membership of South Church.

The premise behind Back to Church Sunday is that each member should go out and ask a friend or a neighbour or a family member to come along to Church. To pray for them and to seek to support and encourage them to become part of the fellowship of God's people.

That also makes us ask ourselves a question – what is it that makes our Church worth attending?

It's a good question to ask isn't it? Why should people come to Church and why should they come to South Church? I believe that this is a question we should all be able to answer. And as we seek that answer, perhaps we will discover again for ourselves what makes Church so important to us.

The second part of the challenge raised by Back to Church Sunday is that, recognising what is best about our Church, we should strive to go on improving and developing all that is positive while working to overcome the negatives in our Church life. We can never be complacent in the Church, instead we must strive to make what we do in worship and service and pastoral care the very best that we can offer. We owe it to the brothers and sisters in Christ around us in the family of God's people, we owe it to God, and we owe it the parish that we serve.

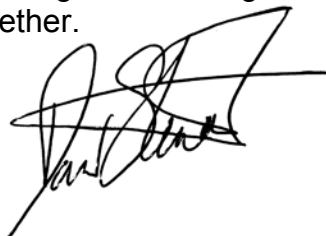
There are many voices today that want to knock the Church, to mock or laugh at the Church. There are many who see no future and no hope for the Church. But I am not one of them! I think the Church is the most amazing place. Off course there is much that is wrong. Off course there is much that needs sorting. But amidst all of that, there is hope and there is peace, there is friendship and there is healing to be found in the Church gathered together in worship and service such as can be found nowhere else, because it comes only when God gathers with his people.

Richard MacKenna, an Anglican priest wrote these words, *“And for every hundred Churches carefully wrapping people up in a cocoon of comfort and death, suffocating them with might and power and authority and man-made institutions, the Spirit of Truth will surely break through in at least one and say, ‘You are a living thing, new and soaring and beautiful, impalpable, imperishable; take up your bed and walk’”*

*God for Nothing, p.150
Richard MacKenna*

I believe our Church is that Church where the Spirit is breaking through. So please continue to support our Church, and think seriously about inviting friends and neighbours along to share in our fellowship and our worship together.

Your friend and minister,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul Clarke', written in a cursive style.

Autumn Services 2011

Sunday, 4th September

Rev. Douglas Aitken

(minister on interim moderator duties)

Sunday 11th September

TS Carron

Stonehaven Sea Cadets Parade

Laying up of Colours

Rev. David Stewart

Sunday 18th September

Mr. Robbie Middleton

(minister on interim moderator duties)

Sunday 25th September

Harvest

South Church Worship Group

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday 2nd October

Harvest

Granite City Brass

Sunday 9th October

TBC

Sunday 16th October

Mr Robbie Middleton

Sunday 23rd October

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Sunday 30th October

Rev. Douglas Aitken

Sunday 6th November

Communion

Rev. David Stewart

Sunday 13th November

Remembrance Service

St. James' Church

Sunday 21st November

Rev. David Stewart

Sunday 27th November

First Sunday in Advent

South Church Worship Group



Be Thankful For Small Mercies!

A group of senior citizens were comparing their various ailments.

“My hands are so shaky I can hardly lift this cup,” said one.

“My cataracts are so bad I can’t see to pour my coffee,” another said.

“I can’t turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck,” said a third.

“My blood pressure tablets make me dizzy,” complained a fourth.

“I guess that’s the price we pay,” said the fifth.

“Yes, but it’s not all bad,” said the sixth comfortingly. “We should just be thankful that we can still all drive.”

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Gift Day – Saturday 24th September 2011, **10am–12noon**

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we raised over £4,000, our best figure yet.

Come along to the Vestry on the 24th and give what you feel you can – all donations will be gratefully received. I hope we can exceed last year’s total.

Also, enjoy some fellowship with tea or coffee in the conservatory afterwards.

I look forward to seeing you,

Bill Wisely,
Treasurer.



Craft Group

*When does Craft Group start again?
Are we making things for the Sale?
Do I have to be able to knit or sew?
Can I come and enjoy fellowship with the group?*



We are looking forward to resuming our meetings on alternate Thursday afternoons and evenings in the Conservatory starting on Thursday, 1st September. If you would like to join us for a chat, a cuppa or a chance to do some craftwork then we will be pleased to welcome you.

As well as supporting some of the charities we are knitting and sewing for, we will be making cards and craft items to sell at the Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Saturday 5th November from 10 -12 noon. If you enjoy doing craftwork at home and would like to make some things for the Craft Stall we will be delighted. Or ... you can come along to the sale and do your Christmas shopping! We will be pleased to see you.

If you have wondered what it is like at Craft Group then come along and give it a try. If you don't like to come on your own, then speak to myself or anyone who comes.

*Join in the fun!
Look forward to seeing you there.
Sheena Brewster tel: 763830*

Thursday afternoons 2.00 to 4.00pm	Thursday evenings 7.00 to 9.00 pm
1st September	8th September
15th September	22nd September
29th September	
6th October	13th October
20th October	27th October
3rd November	10th November
17th November	24th November

Sudoku

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Your choice

One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons ... a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a £10 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

Harvest 2011

Harvest is one of the most important times in the church calendar. While for folk in towns, like ourselves, the connection with land may not be as strong as once it was, it is still vital that we should celebrate the greatness and the variety of God's provision for us. The celebration of Harvest is not just about the things that we eat or the crops that we gather. It is also a thanksgiving for every way in which we sense the care and kindness of God in our lives.

Once again this year South Church is holding a week long harvest festival to celebrate this special time of year.

Our harvest festival will begin with our gift day on Saturday 24th September. At the same time as Gift Day, our Traidcraft Stall will also be open in the conservatory and tea and coffee will be served. Then, on Sunday 25th September, the Worship Group will lead the service and focus around the theme of Back to Church Sunday, emphasising the good things in the life of our congregation. The following week the church will be decorated for our second harvest service and on Friday 30th September and Saturday 1st October the church will be open for anyone who wants to visit and see the flower arrangements. There will also be other displays and activities on in the church during these times. Also on Friday 30th September a harvest home supper will be shared in the church hall. And then finally, on Sunday, 2nd October we will be joined in our morning service by Granite City Brass who will lead us in a harvest songs of praise. After the service flowers will be distributed to our less able members who are not able to attend. On each Sunday there will be a special retiring offering for the work of Farm Africa. Please come along and share in our harvest celebration this year.

Back to Church Sunday

25th September 2011

Back to Church Sunday (BTCS) is now the largest single local-church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism - that we should invite someone we already know to something we love; invite our friend to our church. The initial focus was to invite 'back' those who used to attend, but we want to ensure that anyone who doesn't currently attend can be guaranteed a specially warm welcome.

BTCS has grown beyond all expectations since the first one in Greater Manchester in 2004.

In 2009 Back to Church Sunday mobilised around 6,000 churches across the world (4,650 in the UK) to invite their friends to church. As a result over 80,000 extra people attended church on Back to Church Sunday in the UK alone, with a long-term result of around 10,000 people added to the church in one day.

Back to Church Sunday works in partnership with Traidcraft to ensure that all resources are ethically produced.

Back to Church Sunday began in the Church of England and now takes place in churches across denominations in countries around the world. Our partners include Churches Together in Scotland; the Church in Wales; United Reformed Church; Methodist Church; the Baptist Union of Great Britain; Elim Pentecostal Churches and the Salvation Army. BTCS now operates in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Argentina and continental Europe.

Back to Church Sunday attracts significant media attention as tens of thousands of Christians offer an invitation to their friends, and often the size of a church's congregation is doubled in one day. When this is profiled in the media, personal invitation is encouraged and increased, and a small but significant proportion of people come to church under their own steam with no personal invitation at all.

Back to Church Sunday is all about the people who are not here.

The aim to reach those people who are not here through the people who are. Success isn't a percentage, a number, or a line on a graph. Success is one person inviting one person.

Success Story

When Marion was invited to church by her friend Anne she thought *'Why not?'* After attending Back to Church Sunday at St Mary's Haversham in Oxford Diocese, Marion went on one of their Alpha courses. Back to Church Sunday changed the way she thought of church, *"Churches to me were always cold, severe places in many ways, where you went and got preached at and told off on a Sunday - it wasn't much fun. Now it's different. There's a variety of speakers and approaches. It's very welcoming. I don't remember church being like that in my youth."*

Marion encourages those who've also stopped going to church or have never been to church to *'give it a try and go with an open mind'*.

Marion continues to attend St Mary's and encourages other Christians to continue inviting friends to church.

Back to Church Sunday invitations will be available at the door of the Church throughout September. Members can take these away and use them invite friends and neighbours along on the 25th September.



BackToChurchSunday

News from Fundraising

Nowadays fundraising is a very important part of any organisation and the Church is no exception. At the South Church I hope the first three letters of the word '**FUN**draising' can be part of the work entailed in raising money to help keep the finances of this congregation in good health.

Our **Gift Day** will take place on 24 September when the Church Hall will be open from 10.00am until 12 noon for members of the congregation to give their donations and have a cup of tea and a chat. Clare will be in the Conservatory with Fair Trade goods for sale during that time and will be happy to see you.

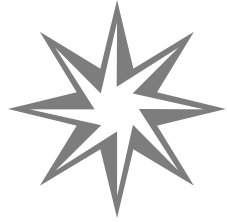
To celebrate Harvest this year the **Church will be open** on Friday 30 September and Saturday 1 October from 10am to 12noon and from 2.00pm to 4.00pm when everyone can spend some time admiring the floral decorations and the displays of some of the work that goes on in the church while listening to music. We look forward to seeing you and do bring friends.

On the evening of 30 September there will be a **Harvest Home** in the Hall. This should be a very special evening with good food and great entertainment. Tickets priced £7.50 for adults and £3.00 for children under 12 will be available at the church door on a Sunday morning or by contacting me on 763380. Come along and enjoy the FUN.

On 5 November there will be a **Coffee & Crafts** morning in the Hall. Come along and start your Christmas shopping. There will be lots of handmade cards and gifts for sale. Tickets costing £2.00 will be available soon.

Next year look out for some more FUNdraising events. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help with events I would be very pleased to hear from them. You can be part of the work of the church and have fun as well.

Karen Smith



CHILDREN'S CORNER

W E L C O M E B A C K

Treasure Hunt/Barbecue

Kids' Praise went out on a high last term with the picnic and celebration service in June. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the Treasure Hunt/Barbecue at the Scout Hut on Saturday, 3rd September.

Sunday Morning Sessions

Our Sunday morning sessions start on Sunday, 4th September at 10.30 a.m. This is in keeping with the service time of 10.30 a.m. As before, children should arrive at the church hall in time to go into the church for approximately the first 10/15 minutes of the service. Thereafter we return to the hall until 11.30 a.m. There is a crèche group which meets in the conservatory every Sunday for children 3 years of age and under.

Programme

We are continuing to work from a resource called 'Sonseekers' which is an Australian children's ministry programme. The programme aims to give children a sound background in

biblical events, people and places in a fun and exciting way. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at stories from the Old Testament. We will also be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving on Sundays 25th September and 2th October.

Holidays

In keeping with school holidays, there will be no Kids' Praise on Sundays 9th and 16th October.

Workshop

On Sunday, 6th |November when Communion is being celebrated in church, Kids' Praise will host one of its workshops, where the children will enjoy various activities/story/games/songs based on a particular theme.

Family Social Evenings

We hope to have a number of family social evenings throughout the year beginning with the treasure hunt/barbecue in September. Other social events planned for the year include a 'Ceilidh', 'Snowman Drive', 'Easter Extravaganza', 'Games Night', 'Tenpin Bowling' and 'Picnic/Games afternoon'. We will shortly be starting 'Family Badminton sessions' on Friday evenings in the hall.

As you can see, we have a busy time ahead of us and we are looking forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead.

If you would like to know more about Kids' Praise, please come along on a Sunday morning and join us for some fun.

Carol Eddie



Bringing in the harvest



Barney says

Hello friends,

Harvest time is here! Gathering all the food from the fields and trees can be really hard work for our farmers.

It's important that we stop to say thank you to God for the work farmers do for us.

Jesus often compared his ministry to the work of a farmer - planting seeds then collecting the harvest.

In this passage, Jesus says the crowds are like a harvest and he wants them all to experience God's love for themselves.

He calls on his disciples to help him do this - and he calls us to do this too.

What role can you play in gathering this harvest? Ask God to help you find out!

Love Barney



Barney's jokes

What do you get when you put three ducks in a box?

A box of quackers!

Why did the pupil eat his homework?
The teacher told him it was a piece of cake



God's word

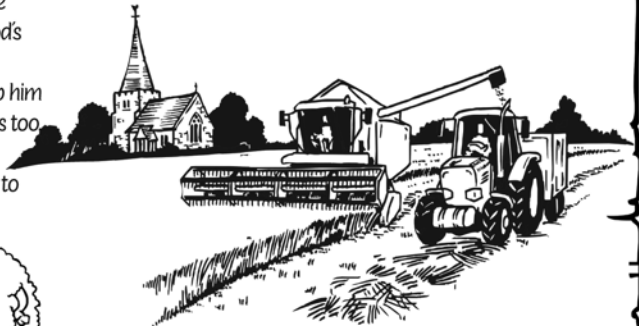
Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages ... When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke ... "What a huge harvest!" he said to his disciples. "How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!"

Matthew 9:35-38 (The Message)



Harvest time

Colour in this picture of corn being harvested by a farmer driving a combine harvester



Let's talk to Jesus!

Dear Jesus, thank you for challenging us to gather your harvest. Please show me how I can play my part. Amen

Your garden in September

Making your own compost is an economical way of supplying the garden with a useful soil improver, as well as recycling kitchen and garden waste for your own benefit. Turn your compost heaps this month and use any that is ready as mulch on your borders, as you tidy the garden for the winter. Keep some air in the mix by layering up grass clippings with coarser prunings and waste from the vegetable garden. It is also a good idea to cover the heaps with old carpet or wooden boards through the wetter months, to prevent them becoming soggy. Using well rotted garden compost as mulch on your borders is a good way of improving the soil with no energetic digging involved.

Gardeners are always looking ahead to the following seasons and this is the time to visit your local garden centre to purchase spring flowering bulbs such as Daffodils and Tulips as well as Crocus and the tropical looking Alliums. Crocus are always a joy in early Spring with their satiny blooms in rich colours. Planted now in sun or part shade, they will give years of spring welcome. Alliums are ornamental members of the Onion family and are grown for their show stopping summer blooms that are followed by seed heads for winter 'drieds'. Like their edible cousins, they resent the wet and the bulbs should be planted on top of a handful of coarse grit to prevent the roots becoming waterlogged. They do best in full sun and poor, well drained soil, where they will slowly increase over the years.

As a child, I remember being fascinated by the straw like blooms of annual flowers used in dried arrangements. Choose a warm, sunny day to cut these and hang them upside down to finish drying before use. Favourites include Statice, Helichrysum and the globular seed heads of Love in a Mist (Nigella), which rattle when the seeds are dry within them. Gather vegetable crops regularly to ensure the plants keep producing for maximum yields. Any excess can be frozen or preserved for use through the winter months.



Hoe between all winter vegetables to keep down the weeds and clear any spent crops to the compost heaps. Feed Brassicas with pelleted chicken manure or fish blood and bone if they are looking yellow and not growing away. 'Ease' onions by lifting them with a fork to break the roots from the soil and encourage them to ripen. Choose a dry day towards the end of the month to lift the bulbs completely and dry them off before storing for winter use.

Main crop Potatoes can also be lifted once the leaves have died back and in areas where slugs are a problem. Be careful not to damage the tubers and gently brush off the worst of the soil without damaging the skins. Store these most versatile of vegetables in a dark, frost free place for use through the winter.

**Colin Dale is the plant buyer for
Nottcutts Garden Centres
www.nottcutts.co.uk**

A BIG THANK YOU TO JEAN AND PETER STEPHEN



Following on from last magazine, when Pat Logue interviewed our retiring cleaner Jean Stephen and her husband Peter, in August the minister and session clerk visited Jean and Peter to present them with gifts from the congregation which had been purchased with the proceeds of two retiring collections in June of this year.

Jean and Peter received a 'one of a kind' engraved glass plaque depicting South Church, a bouquet of flowers and cheque.

Jean and Peter were deeply touched by the congregation's generosity and thought everything was 'just gorgeous'!

Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection.



Remembrance Sunday 2011

Sunday 13th November

10:45 a.m.

St. James the Great Episcopal Church

The Stonehaven Churches will once again host the Royal British Legion Parade at a service of Remembrance on Sunday 13th November at 10:45 a.m. This year we will be making a welcome return to St. James Episcopal Church. With communities across the land, we will join together in this special service to pay our tribute to those have given their lives in the service of our nation, and to those who still risk all in our name. There will be a special retiring offering for the Earl Haig Fund.

After the service an Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial where organisations will lay poppy wreaths.

As there is no service at South Church on this date, it is hoped that our regular worshippers and friends will come along to St. James for this special service.

The National Memorial Arboretum

Alrewas, Staffordshire



Created in 1997, the National Memorial Arboretum is a special place that remembers those who have served, and continue to serve, our nation in many different ways.

With some 50,000 trees already planted, and 200 dedicated memorials established on the site, the Arboretum is

a living tribute that will forever acknowledge the personal sacrifices made by the armed and civil services of this country.

It is a place where current and future generations can wander and wonder. Covering 150 acres, the Arboretum has something for everyone.

For some it is a wonderful place to stroll and enjoy the beauty of the trees; for others it's a peaceful and beautiful place to remember loved ones, particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The focus, however, is not totally military. There is a large area devoted to the Police service members who have fallen while on duty, as well as other areas given over to the Fire & Rescue and Ambulance services. National charities that represent those who have died in particular circumstances, including children, and people killed in road incidents, are also to be found in the Arboretum grounds.

The site is developing on reclaimed gravel workings, bordered by the Rivers Trent and Tame, and gifted to the charity by Lafarge.

The Arboretum was the brainchild of Commander David Childs CBE who wished to see established a national focus for remembrance. Following a meeting with Group Captain Leonard Cheshire VC, an appeal was launched in 1994 by the then Prime Minister, John Major. Assisted also by Millennium Commission funding, the Arboretum was officially opened to the public in May 2001.

Every year sees the dedication of new memorials and every year the Arboretum hosts an increasing number of special events. Over eighty percent of our visitors say they will return, many time and again, to see the Arboretum as it develops.

The Armed Forces memorial is the largest in the National Memorial Arboretum. It contains the names of 16 000 Service men and women killed on duty or by terrorist action since the end of the Second World War, engraved in stone around its walls.

Each June, the names of those who have died in conflict, as a result of terrorist action or on training exercises, in the previous calendar year, are added to this impressive memorial, as a permanent reminder of their sacrifice. The names of 112 members of the UK Armed Forces who were killed on duty during 2010 were dedicated in the presence of their families and her Majesty The Queen on 20th July 2011.

The Veteran's Lament

So here we stand again. A year has passed.
Once more our sorrow turns to millions killed.

What have we learned?
What do you say to us, dear soldier
From your eternal silence?

Do you implore us to improve our killing efficiency,
To make bigger and better bombs,
Condemning millions more to your sad fate?
Do you cheer us in our blindness?
How many thousands have we added to your number this past year?
No - I hear you plead now.

I hear you cry across the years:
Weep not for me but for those yet unborn.
Go! - save your own children from my fate
Go! - thank me, by walking away today
To reject the futility, the waste, and the lie
That you have repeated over and over
even as you stand
For where do your billions go
If not to ensure far more will know the hell I knew?
It is too late for me.
I have no voice but yours,
Please - speak for me.
So, when you stand here again,
When this next year has passed
Come here in certainty
That you have taken some small step
Along a different road.

Bill, World War II veteran



Shallot, Pumpkin and Red Pepper Soup with Candied Shallot and Pumpkin Seeds served with Low Fat Crème Fraiche

For the soup:

- 4 red peppers, deseeded and cut into quarters
- 30g butter
- 1 tbsp rapeseed oil
- 6 shallots, diced peeled
- 750g pumpkin, peeled and diced into 2cm pieces
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
- Leaves of one sprig of thyme
- 1.2 litre good vegetable stock
- 100ml double cream (optional)
- Sea salt and black pepper

For the candied shallots:

- 250g unsalted butter
- ¼tsp of cumin seeds
- 8 (250g) shallots, peeled and sliced
- ¼tsp ground cumin
- ¼tsp paprika
- 1 tsp honey

To serve:

- 2tsp chives, finely chopped
- 30g pumpkin seeds, toasted
- 120ml low fat crème fraiche

Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6.

Place the peppers skin side up, on a baking sheet and roast in the preheated oven for 20-25 minutes, until the skins are charred.

Remove from the oven and place in a bowl. Cover with cling film and leave to cool. Once cool, peel off the skins, and reserve the flesh.

Meanwhile, melt the butter with oil in a large, heavy based saucepan. Add the shallots, pumpkin and red chilli, season with sea salt and black pepper and sweat the vegetables for 5-10 minutes without browning. Add the garlic and thyme and cook on a low heat for a further minute. Pour in the vegetable stock, bring to the boil and simmer gently for 15 minutes.



Add in the red peppers and cook for a further 5 minutes.

For the candied shallots:

Melt the butter in a small pan over a medium heat, add the cumin seeds and shallots and fry until soft.

Add the ground cumin and paprika and cook the shallots for a further then 1 minute, stirring the shallot mixture all the time to prevent burning.

Fry until caramelised for approx. 1-2 minutes. Remove from the heat and season with sea salt and stir in the honey.

To finish and serve:

Blend the soup in a food processor or with a hand blender and adjust the seasoning to taste.

Return to the pan, if a little thick add more stock and if you wish, stir in the cream.

Gently reheat the soup and ladle into warmed bowls.

Place a spoonful of low fat crème fraiche in each and sprinkle with the chives, toasted pumpkin seeds and candied shallots.

**For further information and recipes,
log on to www.ukshallot.com.**

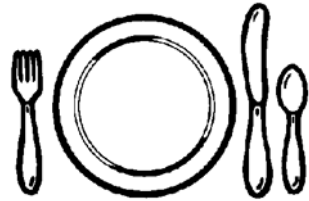
Calendar

Sep	1	Craft Group	2.00pm	In Conservatory
	4	Morning Worship	10.30am	Coffee to follow in Hall
	5	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory
	8	Craft Group	7.00pm	In Conservatory
	11	Morning Worship	10.30am	
	12	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory
	15	Craft Group	2.00pm	In Conservatory
	15	Congregational Board	7.30pm	In Conservatory
	18	Morning Worship	10.30am	Coffee to follow in Hall
	19	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory
	22	Craft Group	7.00pm	In Conservatory
	24	Fair Trade Goods for sale	10.00am-12noon	In Conservatory
	24	Annual Gift Day	10.00am-12noon	
	25	Harvest Thanksgiving Service	10.30am	
	26	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory
	29	Craft Group	2.00pm	In Conservatory
	30	Floral Celebration of Harvest	30 Sept to 2nd Oct	Church
	30	Harvest Supper	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Church Hall
Oct	2	Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Music by Granite City Brass	10.30am	Coffee to follow in Hall
	3	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory
	6	Craft Group	2.00pm	In Conservatory
	6	Session Meeting	7.30pm	In Conservatory
	9	Morning Worship	10.30am	
	10	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory

	13	Craft Group	7.00pm	In Conservatory
	16	Morning Worship	10.30am	Coffee to follow in Hall
	17	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory
	20	Craft Group	2.00pm	In Conservatory
	20	Congregational Board	7.30pm	In Conservatory
	23	Morning Worship	10.30am	
	24	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory
	27	Craft Group	7.00pm	In Conservatory
	29	Fair Trade Goods sale	10.00am	In Conservatory
	30	Morning Worship	10.30am	
	31	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory
Nov	3	Craft Group	2.00pm	In Conservatory
	3	Session Meeting	7.30pm	In Conservatory
	5	Coffee and Craft Sale	10am to 12 noon	In hall
	6	Holy Communion	10.30am	Coffee to follow in Hall
	6	Holy Communion	6.30pm	
	7	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory
	10	Craft Group	7.30pm	In Conservatory
	13	Morning Worship	10.30am	
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	27	Morning Worship	10.30am	
	28	Way In	9.30am	In Conservatory

Catering Committee

It has been lovely to see so many of you joining us at our joint coffees following the services throughout the summer. These have proved to be very popular occasions where there has been the opportunity to spend time chatting and catching up with our friends from Dunnottar.



My thanks go to the many willing and able helpers over the weeks - not only from the South but also the ladies from Dunnottar. From the coffee makers and servers to those who brought along some greatly appreciated tasty home bakes and not forgetting the dish washers. I am always delighted to hear people actually volunteering to wash up! I even spied some of our men very ably gathering up the cups and saucers on trays – beware - I have taken note for future events! They already help out by setting up the hall with the tables and chairs but I am delighted to find they have even more talents!

It was nice to see so many attend our catering meeting in August – especially when we held it on one of the few decent evenings that there have been over the summer. As usual these ladies offered their own special talents for the months and events ahead. These begin in earnest with our support to the Fund Raising Committee for a Harvest Supper at the end of September and a Coffee Morning in November.

We begin our usual routine of serving coffee following the Sunday morning services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays starting on the 4th September and look forward to seeing you and to serving you on these and future events.

Wendy Christie

Harvest Home Social

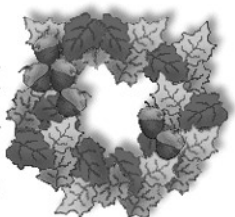
Friday, 30th September

Stonehaven South Church Hall

7 p.m. For 7:30 p.m.

An evening of great food
&
great fun for all

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HARVEST

Tickets: £7:50 adults £3 Children

South Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th November

10 a.m. -12 noon

South Church Hall

Handmade cards, crafts and gifts, Home Bakes

Tickets £2

Hand written on the wall of Mother Theresa's room

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centred;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior
motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and
some true enemies;
Be successful anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy over-
night;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be
enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

Hope and fear: riots across England

For a few days week in August, chaos erupted across towns and cities in England. From London to Manchester, mobs ruled setting fire to buildings, looting shops and savagely mugging innocent by-standers.

Government officials and police officers found their summer holidays interrupted in an attempt to quell the violence. Fire crews have been dealing with a heavy workload as firebugs attempt to wreak havoc on anything from litter bins to cars.

And people are afraid.

Businesses sent workers home early so they could get back safely. People's comments on Facebook and Twitter during the nights of the riots showed they were scared and unsure what was going to happen next. And the mob appeared to rule.

What caused these riots? It's hard to say. They stem from the shooting of 29-year-old Mark Duggan on Thursday, August 4. The following evening, 300 people gathered outside Tottenham police station demanding justice for Mr Duggan and his family. The initially peaceful protest started to get violent later in the evening, which then exploded into the riots that spread across the country over the following days. Duggan's family were quick to condemn the riots but this didn't quell the violence and looting.

Newspapers and websites were full of images of the looters with their ill-gotten gains: some were just children. One image that stays with me is a young boy cycling home with a shopping basket full of loot, while in another picture a woman is seen leaving a store clutching what seems like her body weight in crisps. They are lighter images compared to the violent robberies.

Needless to say there plenty of people asking why. It's hard to pinpoint an exact reason. Poverty, lack of fathers, a sense of entitlement, too much cheap alcohol, the gap between rich and poor and greed have all been mentioned as possible causes.

Whatever the reasons, it's brought our nation to a place where it's afraid. The air of uncertainty has been palpable. Rumours of riots and fires spread like wildfire across the internet, often baseless, sometimes true. When out in town in the evenings, people have been looking suspiciously at groups of friends out for an innocent evening.

Fear is not a nice emotion. It's much better replaced with hope. We saw that in the aftermath of the London riots, when people willingly gave up a day to clean the streets armed with a broom and some gumption.

And we see that in the Bible. The words of hope that come from Jesus. The promise of a better life with him and living for him. Communicating that hope should be our priority over the coming weeks and months as these broken communities start to stitch themselves together again.

Canon J John, writing in a blog just after the riots, noted: "These terrible events have simply strengthened my own belief that Britain desperately needs to go back to the Maker's instructions, the Ten Commandments. It is God who encourages the poor to work hard and, whatever the injustices, to obey the law ... It is God who gives people the power to resist the temptation to go on a rampage 'for kicks'."

Perfect love casts out all fear. That's the message we need to be sharing.

Gideon Mitchell

Remembering John Stott

At the end of July, a remarkable ministry came to an end as the Rev. John Stott was promoted to glory at the age of 90.



Born in 1921, he was brought up in West London worshipping at All Souls Church in Langham Place. He went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied modern languages with a view to becoming a diplomat. But God had other plans: he stayed at Cambridge to study theology.

He was ordained at All Souls and it is said that he made an immediate impact with his preaching and pastoral work. In 1950, at the age of 29, he became rector of the church and had a desire to see all church members involved in the task of evangelism. This meant holding services for non-Christians and overseas students, offering chaplaincy to West End stores and professional groupings.

Stott also took up media opportunities, writing books and taking part in BBC programmes – his church being close to Broadcasting House.

He always sought ways in which to make Jesus accessible to people, serving on a number of bodies such as the World Evangelical Alliance.

Such was the respect for his ministry that his death was widely reported, with the BBC's tribute noting that Stott had a gift for explaining "complex theology in a way lay people could easily understand". It is reported that Stott's preaching both defended Scripture and displayed it, giving Bible exposition with clarity and depth – despite this, his Christianity is said to appeal to all classes of people.

Christianity – and the Great Commission – for Stott meant one thing: serving others. Speaking to the 1974 Lausanne conference, he said: "If we truly love our neighbour, we shall without doubt tell him the Good

News of Jesus. But equally, if we truly love our neighbour, we shall not stop there.” That meant that preaching and social action could go together and it is to Stott’s credit that he managed to convey this message in a gracious way that people could readily accept.

There is much more to his ministry than a short tribute can ever convey: this truly was a man who was devoted to serving God and bringing his kingdom here on earth.

Stott never married, instead feeling called by God to stay single. He did have a range of interests including birdwatching, even writing a book on the subject. He died listening to Handel’s Messiah.

On learning of his death, Billy Graham said: “The evangelical world has lost one of its greatest spokesmen, and I have lost one of my close personal friends and advisors. I look forward to seeing him again when I go to Heaven.”

A great many people will feel the same.

PHIL CREIGHTON

COMMUNION

Our Autumn Communion will be celebrated on
Sunday, 6th November
at the morning service
at 10:30 a.m.

Informal Evening Communion
in the chapel
at 6:30 p.m.



South Church Duty Rota

DATE	ELDERS	BOARD	FLOWERS
Sept 4th	H Beveridge	R Crabb	Mrs J Anderson
	B Wood	Mrs H Alexander	
Sept 11th	Mrs C Clouston	Miss C De Jonckheere	Mrs K Smith
	Mrs S Brewster	Mrs I Lawson	
Sept 18th	Mrs K Smith	Mrs A Craig	Miss C De Jonckheere
	Miss C Hunter	Mrs K Latto	
Sept 25th	L Murdoch	Mrs A Arandia	Mrs C Balsillie
	Mrs A Dawes	Miss A Smart	
Oct 2nd	Mrs P Logue	A Johnston	Mrs J-M Michie
	W Wisely	Mrs R MacMillan	
Oct 9th	L. Anderson	Mr S Aitken	Mrs. A McAlpine
	G. Edgar	Mr R Crabb	
Oct 16th	R. Walker	Mrs H Alexander	Mrs M Crabb
	Mrs. E. Craig	Miss C De Jonckheere	
Oct 23rd	H Beveridge	Mrs I Lawson	Mrs I Stephen
	Mrs C Clouston	Mrs A Craig	
Oct 30th	B Wood	Mrs K Latto	Mrs M McKenzie
	Mrs S Brewster	Mrs A Arandia	
Nov 6th	Mrs K Smith	Miss A Smart	Flower Fund
	Miss C Hunter	Mrs R MacMillan	

A RIDDLE

Here is a riddle that only five per cent of Stanford University graduates figured out! Can you answer all seven of the following questions with the same word?

1. The word has seven letters....
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More Evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it....
7. If you eat it, you will die.

Did you figure it out? Try hard before looking at the answer

The Answer is: NOTHING!

NOTHING has 7 letters. NOTHING preceded God. NOTHING is greater than God. NOTHING is more Evil than the devil. All poor people have NOTHING. Wealthy people need NOTHING.

If you eat NOTHING, you will die.

**Life without God is like an
unsharpened pencil - it has no
point.**

Sudoku answer ⁵⁵

8	2	1	6	7	9	3	5	4
5	4	9	2	8	3	1	7	6
3	6	7	1	4	5	2	8	9
1	7	6	5	3	4	9	2	8
9	5	3	8	2	6	4	1	7
4	8	2	7	9	1	6	3	5
6	1	8	4	5	2	7	9	3
7	3	4	9	1	8	5	6	2
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FAMILY News

Baptisms:

None since last magazine

Deaths:

Florence Thompson, Funeral on 12th August

Alexander Clement

Marriages:

None since last magazine

New Members:

Natalie Arandia (District 3), 3rd July by profession of faith

Alison Smart (District 2), 3rd July by profession of faith

Please note that only Church Members are noted here. Deaths and marriages may have taken place of non-members.

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Normal Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am

Tea and Coffee served after service
on 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month