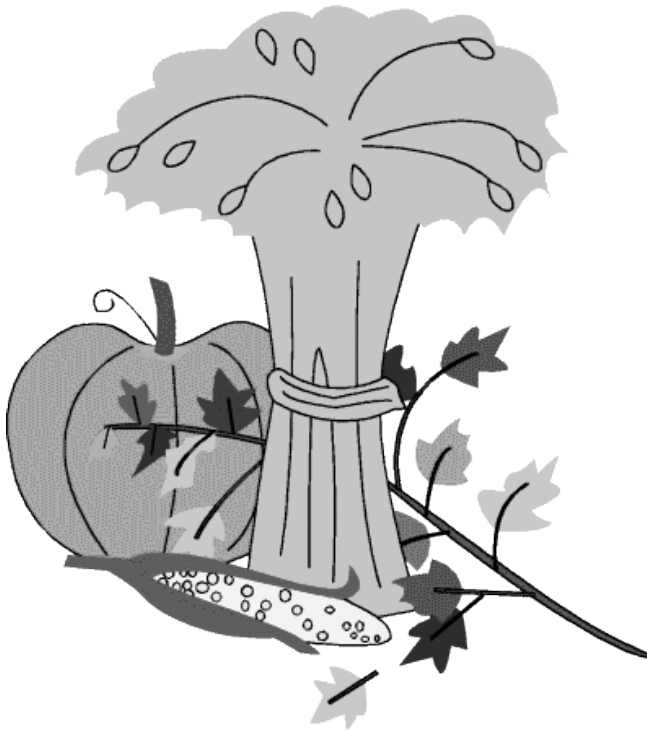


South Scene

The Magazine of Stonehaven South Church



Autumn 2010 Edition

You're invited to worship...

The Celebration of Harvest

Our Harvest celebration takes place from
Friday, 1st October to Sunday, 10th October 2010

We will be joined on one Sunday by a big band to lead us in singing our
harvest hymns,
While the other harvest service will be lead by members of the congrega-
tion.

Other harvest activities include a harvest social with special guests on
Friday, 1st October and our Gift Day on Saturday 9th October.

October Communion

Please join us for the Sacrament of Communion
On Sunday, 31st October 2010
at 10:30 a.m.
&
6:30 p.m.
(short informal Communion Service)





Welcome to this autumn edition of South-Scene.

With autumn comes a new season in our church's life. The summer is over, the holidays are all but past, and I think of the September as the start of a new Church year. In September our organisations will start again, our Kirk Session and Congregational Board will begin their discussions again, and church life and worship settles into its recognised pattern.

As we begin this new season then in Church life what are our expectations and our emotions? Perhaps there is a feeling of more of the same - just the usual old routine of Church life. Perhaps there is a sense of uncertainty - what will this new season bring. And no doubt for many there is a feeling of concern - our falling numbers, our need for more income, the lack of response to the church in our community.

All of those emotions and thoughts might well be present, along with many others, but I pray that there is something else present too - HOPE. When the church meets, when we gather to worship God, when we live the faith of the risen Christ, there is always hope, there is always the expectation that God is at work. And when God works anything can happen.

I don't often use long quotations but I trust you will forgive me if I offer to you this reflection on the walk to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35 from Max Lucado.

HOPE by Max Lucado

Two disciples are walking down the dusty road to the village of Emmaus. Their talk concerns the crucified Jesus. Their words come slowly, trudging in cadence with the dirge-like pace of their feet.

"I can hardly believe it. He's gone."

"What do we do now?"

"It's Peter's fault, he shouldn't have ... "

Just then a stranger comes up from behind and says, "I'm sorry, but I couldn't help overhearing you. Who are you discussing?"

They stop and turn. Other travellers make their way around them as the three stand in silence. Finally one of them asks, "Where have you been the last few days? Haven't you heard about Jesus of Nazareth?" And he continues to tell what has happened.

This scene fascinates me—two sincere disciples telling how the last nail has been driven in Israel's coffin. God, in disguise, listens patiently, his wounded hands buried deeply in his robe. He must have been touched at the faithfulness of this pair. Yet he also must have been a bit chagrined. He had just gone to hell and back to give heaven to earth, and these two were worried about the political situation of Israel.

"But we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel."

But we had hoped ... How often have you heard a phrase like that?

"We were hoping the doctor would release him."

"I had hoped to pass the exam."

"We had hoped the surgery would get all the tumour."

"I had hoped the job was in the bag."

Words painted gray with disappointment. What we wanted didn't come. What came, we didn't want. The result? Shattered hope. The foundation of our world trembles.

We trudge up the road to Emmaus dragging our sandals in the dust, wondering what we did to deserve such a plight. "What kind of God would let me down like this?"

And yet, so tear-filled are our eyes and so limited is our perspective that God could be the fellow walking next to us and we wouldn't know it. You see, the problem with our two heavy-hearted friends was not a lack of faith, but a lack of vision.

We are not much different than burdened travellers, are we? We roll in the mud of self-pity in the very shadow of the cross. We piously ask for his will and then have the audacity to pout if everything doesn't go our way. If we would just remember the heavenly body that awaits us, we'd stop complaining that he hasn't healed this earthly one. Our problem is not so much that God doesn't give us what we hope for as it is that we don't know the right thing for which to hope.

Hope is not what you expect; it is what you would never dream. It is a wild, improbable tale with a pinch-me-I'm-dreaming ending. And it is the two Emmaus-bound pilgrims reaching out to take a piece of bread only to see that the hands from which it is offered are pierced. Hope is not a granted wish or a favour performed; no, it is far greater than that. It is a zany, unpredictable dependence on a God who loves to surprise us out of our socks and be there in the flesh to see our reaction.

From *God Came Near: Chronicles of the Christ*
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I have hope for our Church. I have hope because our church is not some old boring stuffy institution, it is the place of the people of God. I have hope because I believe that God is working here. When we worship, when we live our faith, God is here with us. And when God is here anything can happen.

So as we begin this new season in the life of our Church, let us begin with hope. Let us hope that God will work in our church's life and in our own lives. Let us look forward with that "unpredictable dependence on God"

Your friend and minister,



THE KIRK SESSION

Members of the congregation must often wonder what goes on at Kirk Session meetings.

The first Thursday evening of the month is Kirk Session time and elders meet together to discuss church business. The minister, known as the Moderator in session, opens the meeting with a Bible reading, a short reflection and prayer. Then it is down to business.

Business includes reports from church groups such as Kids Praise, Worship Group, Craft Group, Catering Committee and also a record of baptisms, weddings, funerals and any changes to the roll. Our Presbytery elder, John Balsillie, keeps us up to date with what is going on in the presbytery and through correspondence we learn of the wider work of the Church of Scotland. We have feed back on past services and events and the Moderator gives details of future services and events.

Often there is a discussion time, which can be lively, and subjects discussed recently included Communication and Same-sex relationships and the Ministry.

The South Church is fortunate to have a Kirk Session with members who respect each others views and are good colleagues and friends.

If there is anyone in the congregation who would like to hear more about becoming an elder please speak either to the minister or myself.

Karen Smith
Session Clerk

Sudoku

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Prayers

It's never easy to know how to pray.

What should I say, what words do I use, how do I talk to God? But at the end of the day there is no formula to prayer. Simply start talking to God and telling him what is in your heart.

Here are a couple of prayers to get you started.

*Heavenly Father,
I want to be close to you,
I want answers to these questions I have,
I want to know the way forward.
Help me be honest with you
And lead me in your peace
Amen*

Loving Father,
As I sit here,
Help me to be honest with you,
Help me to share all my thoughts and all my feelings.
I hear so much about this peace that you have promised
But I can't seem to find it for myself,
So show me your way, Father.
I so dearly want to feel your love burning in my heart,
I so desperately want to be alive for you.
Work in me, my God, I pray
Amen



Craft Group



This group meets on a Thursday in the Conservatory and is a great opportunity for 3c's - craft, a cuppa and a chat. We meet every week on alternate afternoons and evenings.

Do come and join us for a time of fellowship and creativity. The choice of craft is yours and you don't need to be an expert. We have agreed to help the Fundraising Committee and have a Christmas Crafts Stall at the Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Saturday 13th November. If you can't come to our Thursday meetings, but would like to make some items for the sale at home we will be delighted.

Contact Sheena Brewster for More details.

| Thursday afternoons 2.00 to 4.00pm | Thursday evenings 7.00 to 9.00 pm |
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| 2nd Sept | 9th Sept |
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| 18th Nov | |

HOME GROUPS

Plans to start **Joint Home Groups for South and Dunnottar Churches** are in progress.

Initially we would like to hear from people if they are willing to join a group for a series of twelve studies. These would be on a fortnightly basis and have been designed to run in tandem with current activities in both churches.

Time slots planned are:
Monday – daytime group
Wednesday – evening group

The plan is for the groups to begin around the end of September and stop during December, for Christmas activities, continuing into the New Year from mid. January.

The planned Study Book is on ‘Old Testament Characters’. There will be lists in both churches. Please put your name and phone number on the list and if you would be willing to offer your home as a meeting place, we would be very grateful. Once the groups are formed it may be that people in a group will share the use of their home so that no-one feels it is ‘always at their place’.

Each group will meet for approximately one and a half hours with a simple ‘cuppa’ at the close of study. Venues will be fairly central and transport can be organised.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to hearing from you. Come along and enjoy some new fellowship.

Pat Logue: Phone: 01569 766564
Clare Clouston Phone: 01569 764656
Ros Marshall: Phone: 01569 762813

News from Fundraising

This autumn, the Fund Raising Committee are organising a Harvest Supper with entertainment on Friday, 1st October. We hope that as many people as possible will be able to join the celebration. Tickets will be available in September.

Later in the year, we are having a Coffee Morning and Christmas Sale in the Church Hall.

The committee is anxious to get new members as our numbers have dwindled and we would welcome anyone to join us. Please speak to Clare Clouston (tel. no. 01569 764656) if you are interested in helping in any way. Thanking you for your support and hoping to see you at the Harvest Supper.

Clare Clouston



Where to find Guidance

The Bible has many things to say about the problems we face. God is concerned about all areas of life. Here are some themes covered in the Bible, together with the passages where they can be found:

Spiritual questions

What the church is like: *1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4. 1-16*

Leadership in the church: *Mark 10.35-45; John 13.1-17*

Doubt about God: *Psalms 146; Job 38, 39; Mark 9.17-24*

Forgiving others: *Matthew 18.21-35*

Giving thanks: *any of the Psalms 95 to 103 are good models to use*

Guilt and forgiveness; *Psalms 51; John 1, 2*

How to pray: *Luke 11.1-13*

Temptation: *Matthew 4.1-11; James 1.12-18; Psalms 15, 19*

Personal problems

Feeling angry: *Matthew 5.38-48; Matthew 18.21-35; Luke 6.27-42*

Feeling anxious: *Philippians 4.6-7; Matthew 6.24-34*

Feeling rejected: *Romans 8.28-39; 1 Peter 3.8-17; Psalm 139*

Jealousy: *Luke 12.13-21; Psalms 49, 73; James 3*

Money worries: *Matthew 6.19-34; 1 Timothy 6.6-12; 1 Corinthians 9.6-11; Luke 19.11-27*

Sick or in pain: *Romans 5.1-5, 11; Psalms 6, 29, 32, 41*

Tired: *Isaiah 40.28-31; Psalms 95, 1-7; Matthew 11.28-30*

Worried: *Psalm 46*

Pointers for life

Facing poverty: *Luke 10.25-37; Philippians 4.10-13*

Joy in living: *Philippians 1.2-19*

Knowing peace: *Philippians 4.6-7; Matthew 11.28-30*

Leadership responsibility: *Joshua 1.1-9; Timothy 2.14-15, 22-26*

Loving others: *John 2.7-11, 15-17; 3.11-18*

Needing wisdom: *James 1.5-8*

Uncertain about the future: *Romans 8.31-39; Matthew 6.25-34; Psalm 121*



KIDS' PRAISE
CHILDREN'S CORNER
WELCOME BACK

Barbecue /Games Night

Kids' Praise went out on a high last term with the picnic and celebration service. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the barbecue/games night at the Scout Hut on Friday 3rd September.

Sunday Morning Sessions

Our Sunday morning sessions start on Sunday, 5th 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 about –

David and Saul.
David Crowned.
David and the ark.
Absalom.
Solomon becomes King.
Solomon's temple.

Celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving – 3rd and 10th October

Holidays

In keeping with school holidays, there will be no Kids' Praise on Sundays 17th and 24th October.

Workshop

On Sunday, 31st October 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. As the church will have celebrated its 'Harvest Week' prior to this, our workshop will be based on 'Harvest' and will be called 'Harvest Hits'.

Family Social Evenings

We hope to have a number of family social evenings throughout the year beginning with the barbecue/games night in September. Other social events planned for the year include a 'Scottish Quiz Night', 'Ceilidh', 'Easter Extravaganza', '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





Barney's Page



A heartfelt desire: trust in the Lord

Hello friends,

Here we are at the start of a new school year. You probably have a new class with a new teacher and you'll be learning new things.

Some of the things you learn will be hard. Don't worry if it takes time to get the hang of it – but trust God with all your heart and he will help you understand.

Our verse this month reminds us of this. There's a saying that wise men still seek Jesus and it's true! Will you be wise this school year and put your trust in him?

Love Barney

Jokes

What fur do we get from a tiger? As fur as possible!

What kind of tree does a maths teacher climb?
A geometry!



Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding

Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)

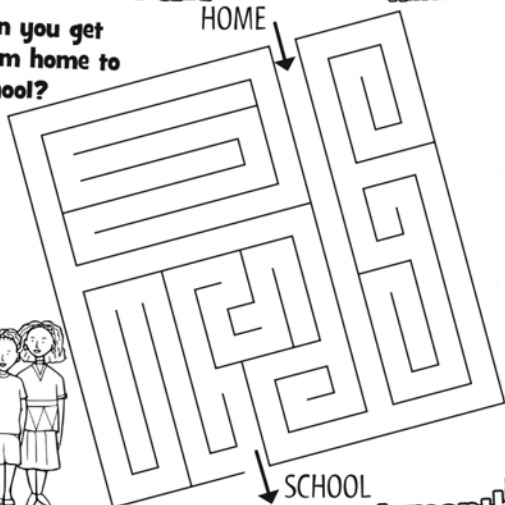


God wants us to be wise and know that true wisdom comes from him!

Father God,
please make me wise and put you first this new school year.
Amen

School run

Can you get from home to school?



Groan!

See you next month!

STONEHAVEN SOUTH CHURCH

Calendar

- September 2 Craft Group in Conservatory 2pm
Session Meeting 7.30pm
5 Kids Praise restarts
9 Craft Group in Conservatory 7pm
16 Craft Group in Conservatory 2pm
Congregational Board Meeting 7.30pm
23 Craft Group in Conservatory 7pm
30 Craft Group in Conservatory 2pm
- October 1 Harvest Home Supper followed by
entertainment by Couthy Company
3 Harvest Thanksgiving Part 1
7 Craft Group in Conservatory 2pm
Session Meeting 7.30pm
9 Gift Day Church Hall 10am – 12 noon
10 Harvest Thanksgiving Part 2
14 Craft Group in Conservatory 7pm
21 Craft Group in Conservatory 2pm
Congregational Board Meeting 7.30pm
28 Craft Group in Conservatory 7pm
31 Holy Communion 10.30am and 6.30pm
- November 4 Craft Group in Conservatory 2pm
Session Meeting 7.30pm
11 Craft Group in Conservatory 7pm
13 Christmas Crafts and Coffee in Church Hall
10am – 12 noon
14 Remembrance Sunday
18 Craft Group in Conservatory 2pm
Congregational Board Meeting 7.30pm

REMEMBRANCE

The Two Minute Silence, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, has been observed since the end of the First World War, but the relevance remains undiminished. When we bow our heads in reflection, we remember those who fought for our freedom during the two World Wars. But we also mourn and honour those who have lost their lives in more recent conflicts. Today, with troops on duty in Afghanistan and other trouble spots around the world, this two minute tribute is as important as ever.

Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday in November, is the day traditionally put aside to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. On this day people across the nation take part in parades and attend churches or in other ways pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave Service men and women.

The National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Whitehall is a unique expression of national homage devoted to the remembrance of those who have given their lives in war. It was originally conceived as a commemoration of the war dead of the First World War but after the Second World War the scope of the ceremony was extended to focus on the nation's dead of both World Wars, and in 1980 it was widened once again to extend the remembrance to all who have suffered and died in conflict in the service of their country and all those who mourn them.

The service at the Cenotaph is framed to ensure that no-one is forgotten. The wreath laid by The Queen and the other tributes placed on the Cenotaph are dedicated to all who have suffered or died in war. Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers and certain other Ministers and the Mayor of London are invited to attend the ceremony, along with representatives of the Armed Forces, Merchant Air and Navy and Fishing Fleets, and members of faith communities. High Commissioners from Commonwealth countries also attend the ceremony and lay wreaths at the Cenotaph.

In Stonehaven this year the service of Remembrance will take place on Sunday, 14th November at Fetteresso Church at 10:45 a.m. As always this service will involve all the congregations in Stonehaven.

We Remember Them



At the rising of the sun and its going down,
we remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of
winter,
we remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the
warmth of summer,
we remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends,
we remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share,
we remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make,
we remember them.

When we have achievements that are based
on theirs,
we remember them.

As long as we live, they, too, will live; for they are now a
part of us, as we remember them.

THE BOYS'
BRIGADE
>the adventure begins here



**1st Stonehaven Boys' Brigade
Welcomes all boys to their meetings.**



P2 & P3

Fetteresso Hall

Monday 6:00 to 7:15 pm



P 4, P5 & P6

South Church Hall

Monday 7:00 to 8:30 pm



P6 to S6

Fetteresso
Hall

Monday 7:30 to 9:30 pm

**Company restarts and welcomes old and
new members on Monday 6th September**

Joint Summer Services 2010

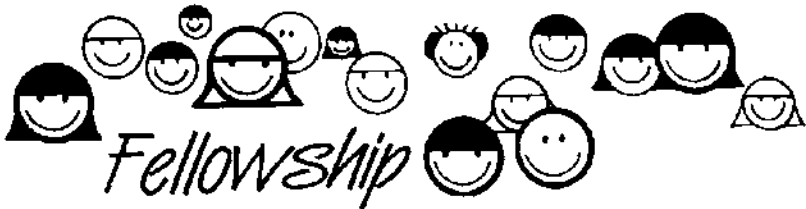
As we enter September we return to our usual pattern of worship at 10:30 a.m. at South Church. This marks the end of our joint summer services with Dunnottar Church and therefore a fitting point to reflect on our summer services.

This year the focus of our services was on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, identified in Galatians 5:22-23. These gifts are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control. On the first Sunday in July those attending worship received a bookmark specially created for our summer services printed with those words from Galatians. Each Sunday, Rev. Duncan and Rev. Stewart focused on a particular gift using various texts from the Old New Testaments.

Services were as always well attended and, as well as worshipping together, members of the two congregations enjoyed times of fellowship over coffee after the services.

In addition to the usual worship there were also four services of baptism over the summer. It was a joy to join together with family and friends on these special occasions.

All in all, I think it is fair to say that once again our joint summer services have been a great success. Thanks to all help make this possible.



World-Alive

Jesus sits on a big city street, he's in the shopping mall, in all you meet.

Jesus asleep in a cardboard box, lover of the broken, brother of the lost.

Jesus' hand beneath a new born lamb, raise up your children, safe from harm.

Jesus is a whisper on a summer's breeze, warmth of sun and strength of trees.

Jesus flows on the morning tide, refreshed anew, the world alive.

SD Hannah

“It is not always granted to the sower to live to see the harvest.

All work that is worth anything is done in faith.”

German theologian Albert Schweitzer

Cheap grace?

The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer coined the phrase ‘cheap grace’. Writing during the rise of Nazi Germany for Bonhoeffer cheap grace was worship without discipleship, forgiveness without repentance, grace without the cross. What we do with money is part of our discipleship and Jesus hard words about money suggest that it is possible for our attitude to wealth and possessions to be another arena in which cheap grace is possible: possessing the gift while forgetting the Giver.

The phrase came back to me recently while flicking through a book of clerical jokes and stories by a former Bishop of Birkenhead. This one I know for a fact is true! A clergyman was dropping off a parishioner at a railway station when seeing the open car door a member of the public, a complete stranger, got in and asked to be taken to a hotel. Saying nothing the clergyman agreed and at the destination was offered £5 for the fare. When he said he was the Vicar the £5 was withdrawn and a 50p piece offered for the church collection!

What are the complex, completely unconscious mental processes that assume that the journey is for free because the Vicar is driving and offer just one tenth of the value of the taxi journey to the church’s ministry? All too often there is an instinctive perception that the church is not free, just cheap. Truthfully perhaps sometimes the way we go about things can give the impression that ministry on a shoestring is the way we like to do things. But the cost of living is never cheap. Life that matters, life that means anything always costs. My first climbing rope cost a lot of hard cash in a Newcastle climbing shop but I could never put a price on the day we spent on Main Wall in Llanberis or the two day traverse of the Skye ridge. A new baby, a new home, a longed for holiday, sports, leisure, friends: all these slices of life worth living cost money.

So will our church and its ministry. As long as there is life and ministry and witness in the church it will cost us money and make a claim on our wallets and purses. Only when the doors are closed for good after the

last service is held will our church cost us nothing. Until then Gospel life will always cost and we will always need to rise to the challenge of generous, grace filled giving to set ministry free, local and far away. That is why when Paul commends the Jerusalem collection to the church in Corinth he asks them to look at the Macedonian church. It was poor and persecuted but generous beyond what it could afford because of God's grace. Significantly Paul does not tell the Corinthians about the money which the Macedonians gave but about the grace that was given to them (2 Cor 8:1ff).

About the author

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GIFT DAY 2010

Saturday 9th October 2010
10 a.m. - 12 noon



Envelopes and information will be delivered to every member by the end of September.

Every year South Church members give generously through the Gift Day Appeal raising in excess of £3500 for church funds annually. Once again this year the need before us is great. Fabric repairs in the last two years have depleted our funds significantly and further repairs are needed on the east wall of the church which will cost over £5000. It is more important than ever that members support our Gift Day Appeal.

Please give as you are able.

In Your garden in September

By Colin Dale, plant buyer, Notcutts Garden Centres

Herbaceous perennials are the mainstay of summer borders and also invaluable for late flower colour as the days shorten and the mornings turn crisp. There are still many to enjoy into October, including Sedums with their succulent leaves and flat flower heads, which start green and open to hundreds of star-like flowers – irresistible to butterflies and bees.

Perennials which have finished their summer displays can be pruned to within a few centimetres of the ground now and given a mulch with garden compost. Remove the rest of the growth in the spring, when the plants start to shoot back into growth.

Some plants are only too happy to perform through the winter, such as the shrubby Winter Honeysuckle, with its highly-scented flowers appearing from November to February. There are also varieties of winter-flowering Viburnums which are equally easy to grow. *V. x bodnantense* ‘Deben’ has a long flowering season and deliciously scented clusters of white flowers. *Viburnum tinus* has no scent but produces welcome clusters of white flowers on evergreen plants.

A visit to your local garden centre will reveal a good range of Spring-flowering bulbs – all for planting now. Why not create a vibrant Spring border by planting Tulips with Wallflowers or Forget-Me-Nots? Pinch out the tops of Wallflowers when you plant them, to make them bush out.

The vegetable garden will still be full of produce, which should be harvested regularly to ensure that the plants go on cropping for the longest possible period. Main-crop potatoes should be lifted, unwashed for storage now in Hessian or paper sacks. Brush the excess soil off the tubers and only store those which are not damaged, in a dry, cool, but frost-free, dark place.



CHURCH FLOWER GROUP

As can be seen from the list of donors to the Church flowers for the next few months we are very fortunate indeed that almost all of the dates are covered by generous donors. For this we are very grateful and extend thanks to all of our donors who give over the whole year because, like everything else, flowers are becoming increasingly expensive. Hopefully, we shall continue to be so very fortunate in receiving the support of the congregation and be able to spread their kindness among the members who are at a low time in their lives

Once again, thank you all very much for your generosity.

Margaret Carless



It's Harvest Sunday at a small village church in rural England, and the vicar is organising his annual harvest service, where people bring their home-grown plants and vegetables to the service.

But this year is different. The local village cricket team has just won their league, and the village is in celebratory mood, so the vicar decides to do something special - he will combine the normal harvest service with a cricket theme.

The day of the service arrives and the church is filled with flowers. People are bringing in their offerings of vegetables, and in the middle of the display is a cricket wicket; a strip of turf with a set of wooden stumps at each end, and people are laying their offerings on the wicket.

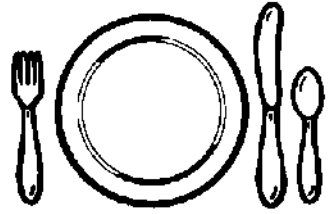
Everything is going fine, until one lady comes up to the front of the church, and places a bag of frozen peas among the other vegetables, but she is stopped by the vicar, so she returns to her seat, still clutching her peas.

"What happened?" asked the lady she's sitting next to.

She shrugs her shoulders, and says: "There's no peas for the wicket."

Catering Committee

The summer period as usual has been a quiet time for the Catering Committee.



At the end of June we served coffee after the Celebration Service which brought Kid's Praise to a close for another session.

During July and August when we have had the joint Summer Services with Dunnottar we have shared coffee after each of these in the large hall at the South and the Marischal Aisle at Dunnottar. It is lovely to see this old building being packed out after the service and we are fully aware of the extra difficulties which this presents for their catering ladies in this venue. All have been well attended especially as there have been several christenings over the summer. It is good to share worship and fellowship with our friends "up the hill" and hopefully this will lead to more joint ventures in the future.

As always I must record my sincere thanks to all committee members who so willingly agree to help when asked, and also a special thank you to husbands Joe Carless, Jim Logue and Andy Christie who are invaluable when it comes to moving tables and stacking chairs and are not averse to getting their hands wet either! On that note we are pleased to welcome Steven

Hannah, the first gentleman to come on board for quite some time, and also Roseanne Smith and her two little helpers – Megan and Warren on to the committee. They both volunteered their services! I am also delighted – nay relieved! – to say that Wendy Christie has agreed to take on the convenorship for the next couple of years and I know the committee will give her their full support.

Now we look forward to another year's activities which so far include our support to the Fund Raising Committee for a harvest supper in October and the Craft Committee for a coffee morning in November.

We do enjoy a lot of fun and laughter – and even one or two disasters which YOU never hear about – in the kitchen. Any more volunteers to join in will be most welcome.

Carol Gardner

Sudoku answer 43

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ROSTERS -
SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2010

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Duty Elders</u> | <u>Church Flowers</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sept 5 | J Hines Mrs C Gardner | Mrs J Anderson |
| 12 | B Wood L Anderson | Mrs K Smith |
| 19 | Miss C Hunter J Balsillie | Miss C De Jonckheere |
| 26 | W Wisely Mrs C Clouston | Mrs C Balsillie |
| Oct 3 | H Beveridge R Walker | Mrs J M Michie |
| 10 | G Edgar Mrs S Brewster | Mrs A McAlpine |
| 17 | Mrs E Craig B Wood | Mrs M Crabb |
| 24 | L Murdoch J Hines | Mrs I Stephen |
| 31 | Mrs A Dawes W Wisely Miss C Hunter | Mrs McKenzie |
| Nov 7 | Mrs P Logue H Beveridge | Flower Fund |
| 14 | Remembrance Sunday | |
| 21 | Mrs C Gardner G Edgar | Mrs Gray |
| 28 | L Anderson Mrs E Craig | G & M Stewart |

FAMILY News

Baptisms:

Anna Jessica Carol Hamilton Hall, daughter of Corey and Hazel (25th July)

Deaths:

Julia Manwell (funeral held on 25th June)

Brian Strachan (funeral held on 16th July)

Robert Love (funeral held on 12th August)

Marriages:

Dawn McIntosh to Neil Kerr on 17th July at South Church

New Members:

None since last magazine

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 Sunday of each month