

St Kane's Matters

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ST KANE'S STEWARDSHIP SEASON 2015

This year's Stewardship Season will once again take place in June and the theme this time around returns to **Treasure**, one of the Time, Talents and Treasure topics which are covered in rotation.

Stewardship is a biblically based principle. It focuses on the fact that everything we have is a gift from God. We are called to be good stewards of everything we have and as a response we should willingly give back to God to enable His work in the church and the wider community, whether that be in relation to time or to talent or to money. **The gifts we have received are not ours alone. God gave them to us for the purpose of serving Him and serving other people.**

The main focus of this year's Season will be asking members to reflect on how they use the **"treasure" God has given** them not only **to support the church's work but also those in the local community who are less fortunate than we are.**

So, as well as asking members to review what they are currently giving to the church itself through their offerings, we will also be asking you to think about making practical donations to two North East based charities :

- the Trussell Trust (Aberdeenshire North) Foodbank and
- The Aberdeen Cyrenians who work with the homeless.

These won't be cash donations, but rather donations of goods that can be used by these two good causes.

During May, a visitor from the church will drop off some resources explaining more about the Stewardship Season and the sorts of items that the two charities can put to good use including information on how and where you can make donations. There will be drop off points available throughout the month of June and also at our main

Soup & Sweet event on Saturday 27th June.

We are hoping that it might be possible to have speakers from the charities to talk to the congregation at the

Sunday services on 14th and 21st June, so keep an eye out for special announcements about these services nearer the time.

Sunday Services

April— June

11.30am Sunday Service

11.20am JAM— for P1—P6 children in Church Centre—Term time only

11.30am Crèche — Pre school—in Church Centre

(if Crèche is unattended please speak to the elders on church door)

11.30 Rock Solid— P7-S2— in Church Centre—Term time only

Sunday 12th APRIL **JOINT SERVICE St. Kane's 11.30 am**
Retiral Collection for M'buka CCAP (all welcome)

Sunday 26th APRIL **COMMUNION** 11.30am (all welcome)

Sunday 14th JUNE STEWARDSHIP SERVICE 11.30am (all welcome)

Sunday 21st JUNE STEWARDSHIP SERVICE 11.30am (all welcome)

PARISH REGISTER

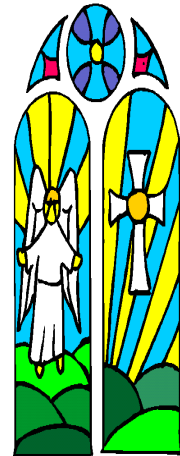
Baptisms

Sunday 29 March Freddie Ewan Macleod and Jessica Margaret Macleod

Deaths

Tuesday 03 February Helen Reid, West Bank Care Home, Old Meldrum

Sunday 29 March Christine Mennie Stephen, Pathhead, Cruden Bay.



Worshipping at St Kane's: Everyone is welcome to join us on a Sunday in the Church at 11.30am. We sing a mixture of Psalms, hymns and modern worship songs and seek to apply the unchanging message of the Bible to our lives in a changing world. A crèche is available in the Church Centre.

Communion : A formal communion service usually takes place on the last Sunday in April and October

Prayer Requests:

**Please complete the slips in church and café or call Anne Melia
On 01771 643917 We have a Prayer chain for urgent requests**

Letter from the Interim Moderator

Dear Friends.

The incident from the gospels, which is uppermost in my mind as I write to you, is the story of how Jesus was anointed in a house in Bethany during Holy Week. (Mark 14:3-9)

This anointing was done by a woman with a jar of very expensive perfume.

The woman was severely criticised by others in the house, who contended that the perfume might have been sold and the money given to the poor.

Jesus however took the woman's part and said,

"Now I assure you that wherever the gospel is preached all over the world, what she has done will be told in memory of her".

These words were spoken in encouragement to the woman and they can bring encouragement to us.

For one thing they assure us that nothing can stop the progress of the gospel. Jesus speaks of the gospel being preached all over the world and that, of course, happens today.

This does not mean that the gospel is universally acceptable. Quite the contrary. From the very beginning, the gospel has had to fight for its life. Those who preached it were arrested and suffered persecution, even death.

Yet over the past two thousand years the gospel has made head way and will continue to do so.

Again, these words also assure us that the good we do in this life and the service we give to Jesus, can live on after we are dead.

Jesus said of this woman,

"what she has done will be told in memory of her."

No one can dispute the truth of that What the woman did was transmitted orally, then written in the Gospels then preached about, on countless occasions.

This does not mean that every good act we do will ensure immortality for us. It does mean however that our service to Christ may make more of an impact that we think.

Just as we can look back and be encouraged by the faithful service of those who have lived before us, so the people who come after us may be blessed by some of the good things that God's grace has enabled us to do.

Finally, this story also encourages us because it assures us that we all have a special gift to bring.

The woman had a special gift, a very expensive jar of perfume. We may not have a gift like that yet we all have something special to offer Jesus.

We have the natural abilities God has granted to us. We have influence with others . We have goods and possessions. We have the vigour of youth and the maturity of age.

So let us be encouraged by this woman and offer what we have to Jesus.

Good wishes from Joan and myself.

Your friend and Interim Moderator.

Billy

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Faithshare Twinning Visitors to New Deer

TWINNING NEWS



Our Malawian brothers Pope Mzumara and Yowass Nkhoma flew into Aberdeen airport on Tuesday 24th March after 25 hours of travel from Lilongwe in Malawi to beautiful blue skies and bright sunshine. They however were expecting the cold and arrived well 'rugged up' but after lunch were feeling much braver and decided to go 'native'

In the past 10 days they have visited schools both Primary and Secondary, the council recycling plant and Thainstone Mart. They have found out about the Fishing industry and farming and visited the Trussell Trust to learn about how the Foodbanks work. There have been church services and prayer meetings, visits to youth activities including various sections of the Boys Brigade and the Brownies and opportunities to meet with folk from a variety of different places.

They even took part in Maud churches *Generation Game*, where we understand they demonstrated the many ways the Malawian women use Kitenge's - to carry babies, supplies, as a skirt etc etc. The Easter period has seen their attendance at Maud's Agape Supper and Good Friday service at St Kane's and as I write this they are gearing up for the outdoor Sunrise service at 7.30 am on Easter Sunday.

Lots more activities are planned for the remaining 2 weeks of their stay including a trip to Aviemore to see snow - the recent wee shower not being sufficient! a visit to Blantyre to the church where David Livingston was baptised and the Visitor centre and a day in Edinburgh visiting '121' church offices and the Royal Mile with perhaps a wee trip on the Tourist Bus to take in all the sights.

The Twinning partnership is a great way to share fellowship and exchange experiences with our brothers and sisters in Malawi and we hope that our 'Youth trip' in July will cement those ties even more.

Anne Melia, Chair Twinning Committee



St Kane's Church Financial Review for the year 2014

This is a short review of last year's Church Finances for those who missed the AGM on 22nd March.

The main source of income for the church is members' offerings and gift aid tax recovered. With this being a full year in vacancy figures have reflected this by showing a decrease in gift aid donations of £5,185 but with the introduction of the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, allowing tax to be reclaimed on the open plate, the tax recovered was up from £8,508 to £8,751.

The Giving Day this year showed an increase of £647 resulting in a figure of £3,470 being raised for Fabric purposes. The Kirk Shoppie had an increase of £212.

The Glebe income was down by £1,712 as a result of poor grain prices but we acknowledge with thanks all the voluntary work involved in farming the Glebe. The Church Centre made a surplus of £6,566 and the Mini-Market was up by £369.

The George Walker Outreach Fund received a Legacy of £2,000 from Mrs E M Dingwall-Fordyce and a grant towards the Holiday Club of £500 from Shell UK.

Total payments were down £5,502 mainly due to a full year's vacancy allowance of £7,643 compared to £842 in the previous year.

John Greig
Treasurer

The '4 Fs'

Fitness, Fun, Food and Fellowship - Time for ourselves.

Last summer a group of ladies and children met weekly to enjoy Fun, Fitness, Food and Fellowship – hence the name!

They were blessed with great weather and enjoyed some lovely walks (and cake!) in our local area visiting Fyvie Castle, Delgatie Castle, Haddo House, Aden Park and Strichen Park. A great



GRACE COURSE
Session 4
Wednesday 22nd April 7.30
&
Thursday 23rd April 10 am

RETIRAL

Letter from Harry Chapman

After much consideration I have decided to retire from being an elder.

When I became an elder in 1962, Dr. Neilson had retired in 1960 and Rev. Donald McLeod was minister. Dr. Neilson was the first tenant in the manse. Rev. Donald McLeod was the second, Rev Russell Moffat was the third, Rev. Alistair Donald was the fourth and Rev. Paul Read was the fifth. We are now awaiting the sixth tenant.

There has been a lot of change in the community which reflects in the Church.

I have been attending New Deer St. Kane's Church for almost 80 years. When I think back to where we sit in the church, looking across at the balcony, it was quite full. Now it is not used at all except on rare occasions.

Back then large numbers were employed in agriculture. Since then many farms have disappeared into larger units. Very few people are employed on the farms.

Brucklay Estate employed a lot of people and I can remember when the estate ran a mini-bus to deliver and collect the employees to the three churches in the village.

Back in that time there were 5 services going on at the same time - the Parish Church, the Free Church, the Congregational church and the Brethren in what is now part of the Brownlee's house. And there was a church behind what is now the chip shop next to Reform Cottage I think it was Episcopalian, church of England. It is hard to think today that so many churches could have met at the same time in New Deer.

Back then everybody in the parish was allocated a seat in the Parish church. We are one of the few who still sit in the Artamford seat. All the seats in the block in front of us were from the Artamford area. The church was divided into sections and every section seated an area of the parish.

My father came to Artamford in 1926 and he became an elder. He was later joined by my brother, Robert in the fifties and then I became an elder in 1962. And so my family has had a long connection with New Deer Church.

I have seen a lot of changes in my time as an elder. The Session meetings used to be held in the Free Church before it was sold to the Council. Communion has taken different forms over the years. The Session used to all sit in the choir area and the elders all wore dark suits, white shirts and black ties. When I became an elder there was quite a large choir—10-15 members including 3-4 male singers. They had a weekly choir practice. Everybody knew the night the choir practised and they had to steer clear of that night for any meetings or functions.

We now have the Church Centre and it has revolutionised the church. The café provides a good service to the community and the various rooms and halls are well used. We are the envy of the neighbourhood with this flexible facility.

The thing that has amazed me in recent years is how well off the church is compared to what it was when I was fabric convenor in the eighties. Finding finance to do anything in the church and manse was well nigh impossible. We must give credit to different schemes like the Giving Day, the freewill Offering system and the opportunity to claim tax back - a very prudent Treasurer. It is refreshing to think that our church has embraced a church in Malawi and we are very happy to welcome 2 of its members here now. I believe there are 9 members from New Deer visiting Malawi this year.

I have enjoyed my involvement with St. Kane's Church as an elder. When I think back over the years I have met many genuine "salt of the earth" people. We are hoping to appoint a new minister in the near future. I am sure that the congregation will rally round to give the new minister support. I still hope to continue to take part in the life of the church.

I hope and pray that our church goes from strength to strength in the years to come.

Harry Chapman

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

- Sunday 5th Morning Worship 11.30am **EASTER family Service**
Sonrise Culsh 7,30am Bacon Rolls afterwards Mustard Seed Cafe
- Friday 10th Twinning Celebration and Farewell Event 7pm Stovies 7.30pm Praise & Ceilidh
- Sunday 12th **JOINT SERVICE St. Kane's 11.30 am**
Retiral Collection for M'buka CCAP (all welcome)
- Thursday 23rd Guild Talent Night **7.30pm (Church Centre)**
- Sunday 26th **COMMUNION** 11.30am (all welcome)
Crèche, JAM club 11.20am Church Centre Rock Solid 11.30am
- Monday 27th-8th May **KIRK SHOPPIE**

May

- Sunday 3rd Morning Worship 11.30am
Crèche, JAM club 11.20am Church Centre Rock Solid 11.30am
- Sunday 10th Morning Worship 11.30am
Crèche, JAM club 11.20am Church Centre Rock Solid 11.30am
- Sunday 17th Morning Worship 11.30am—**Guild Service**
Crèche, JAM club 11.20am Church Centre Rock Solid 11.30am
- Sunday 24th Morning Worship 11.30am
Crèche, JAM club 11.20am Church Centre Rock Solid 11.30am
- Sunday 31st Morning Worship 11.30am
Crèche, JAM club 11.20am Church Centre Rock Solid 11.30am

June

- Sunday 7th Morning Worship 11.30am
Crèche, JAM club 11.20am Church Centre Rock Solid 11.30am
- Sunday 14th Morning Worship 11.30am Centre—**Stewardship**
Crèche, JAM club and Rock Solid 11.20am Church Centre
- Sunday 21st Morning Worship 11.30am—**Stewardship**
Crèche, JAM club 11.20am Church Centre Rock Solid 11.30am
- Saturday 27th Soup & sweet - **Stewardship**
- Sunday 28th Morning Worship 11.30am
Crèche, JAM club 11.20am Church Centre Rock Solid 11.30am

GUILD

OPEN DOORSwww.opendoorsuk.org

26th March Guild meeting

The speaker talked to the Guild members and visitors about Open Doors. Open Doors is continuing the work with persecuted Christians around the world started 60 years ago in 1955 by God's Smuggler, Brother Andrew.

He spoke about the various situations, examples of God's intervention and experiences of Christians in current war zones and in countries where Christianity is not acceptable and the price people are paying for their faith today.

A very challenging and inspiring talk and very relevant when we consider the price Christ paid on Good Friday for our freedom.

Chat to Anne Milne or any of the Guild members if you would like to find out more about the Guild. Everyone welcome.



CHURCH ROTAS



Church Welcoming Teams

'I joyed when to the House of God; Go up, they said to me.'
Psalm 122

05/04/15	M Brown	W Brown	S Brown	E Brownlee
12/04/15	H Chapman	A Dickinson	A Elphinstone	W Elphinstone
19/04/15	E Foubister	G Greig	J Greig	S Jackson
26/04/15	HOLY COMMUNION			
03/05/15	E Macrae	R McLean	A Melia	F Penny
10/05/15	G Shepherd	S Shepherd	M Walker	B Aitken
17/05/15	W Anderson	K Bremner	A Brodie	D Brodie
24/05/15	Karen Brown	Kathleen Brown	M Brown	W Brown
31/05/15	S Brown	E Brownlee	H Chapman	A Dickinson
07/06/15	A Elphinstone	W Elphinstone	E Foubister	G Greig
14/06/15	J Greig	S Jackson	G Linton	Jen Mc Coll
21/06/15	John Mc Coll	D MacLellan	E Macrae	R McLean
28/06/15	A Melia	F Penny	G Shepherd	S Shepherd

If you are unable to attend please arrange a substitute and adjust the Church Rota in the Church vestibule.

Sunday Tea Rota

April- Marjorie Walker
 May - Anne Linton
 June - Sheila Shepherd



Flower Rota



If you would like to gift flowers or be on the Flower Rota
 Please contact : Nancy Rennie 01771 - 644637



Gordon Hay
 Kathleen Hay 01888 544729
 Frances Lamb 01771 623435
 Jennifer McColl 01346 532558

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Prayer & Bible Study	Mrs Anne Melia	643917
Flower Convener	Miss Nancy Rennie	644637
Mustard Seed Café	Mrs Anne Milne	644097
Newsletter/Safeguarding	Mrs Sandra Jackson	644558
JAM Club/Holiday Club	Mrs Fiona Penny	653442
Rock Solid	Mrs Edna Brownlee	644228
Worship Committee	Mrs Karen Bremner	
Boys' Brigade Co Section	Mr Alistair Russell	
Anchor Boys	Mrs Marion Martin	644625
Junior Section	Mrs Anne Dickinson	
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Kirk Session (Elders)

Mr W Anderson	Mr J Greig
Mrs K Bremner	Mrs S Jackson
Mr A Brodie	Mr G Linton
Mrs K Brown	Mr R McLean
Mr M Brown	Mr D McLennan
Mr W Brown	Mrs A Melia
Mrs E Brownlee	Mr G Shepherd
Mr A Elphinstone	Mrs M Walker
Mrs E Foubister	
Mrs G Greig	

Congregational Board

The Board consists of all the Elders plus elected members:

Mrs B Aitken	Mrs D Brodie
Mrs K Brown	Mr S Brown
Mrs A Dickinson	Mrs W Elphinstone
Mrs A Linton	Miss J McColl
Mr J McColl	Mrs Elsie McCrae
Mrs A Milne	Mrs F Penny
Mrs S Shepherd	



BOYS' BRIGADE



DIARY DATES

(Church Centre)

- Anchor Boys Monday 6.30pm
- Junior Section Friday 6.30pm

St. Kane's School Hall

- Company Section/Seniors Friday 6.45pm

Mustard Seed Cafe



MONDAY - FRIDAY

10-3.30PM

1st Friday in the month

Toddlers' Lunch

11.30am - 1pm

Adults £3, Children free

*Open to parents/guardians
and their children*

1st Thursday in the month

Lunch Club

12noon - 1.30pm

Soup & Sweet £3

JAM Kids Club

Term time only

JAM is always looking for new faces to come and join us so if you are in **P1 – P6** we would love to see you on Sunday mornings from **11.20am – 12.45pm** in the Church Centre.

Both JAM and Rock Solid urgently need more leaders and helpers. We ask that you remember us in your prayers and if you feel you can help in any way or just want some more information please talk to any of the leaders.



Rock Solid

Rock Solid is a fast moving, action packed hour, based around a different theme each week.

There are usually games based on the theme and we also take a more detailed look at the issues involved, and what the Bible says on the topic.

We usually have a chat over some juice and snacks.

It runs at the same time as the morning service – 11.30am we meet in the church and stay for about 10 minutes then go over to the Church Centre till 12.30.

Rock Solid is for young people P7 – S2.

Join us at the Church

PRAYER CHAIN

For urgent prayer requests

Call Anne Melia 01771 643917 or 07833148187



Church of Scotland Guild



Motto: Whose We Are And Whom We Serve

The Guild is a movement within the church of Scotland which invites and encourages both men and women to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

The theme for 2012 /2015 is: **"A Fellowship to Build"**.

All meetings are held in **St. Kane's Church Centre at 7.30pm** (last Thursday of the month September—April, excluding December) unless otherwise stated. Open to everyone.

2015

23rd April

Members Night - Talent night

7th May

PCM Coffee Evening Fraserburgh Kirk Centre

27th April-8th May

Kirk Shoppie

The meetings give us an opportunity to share fellowship with each other, learn about the work of other charities and organisations and support the Guild projects around the world. There is always a superb cup of tea and lots of home baking, so please come along and join us.

You don't have to be a member and we **welcome women and men of ALL ages!**

27TH APRIL-8TH MAY

KIRK SHOPPIE

Thank you!

From the Faithshare Twinning Committee

Thank you for all the support that you have given hosting and accompanying Mr P Mzumara and Mr Y Nkhoma during their visit to New Deer.

Thank you also to all who attended and gave generously at the fund raising Table top sale and coffee morning supporting the funding of the Youth trip to Malawi in July.

Please continue to pray for Josephine and the church at M'buka.



WANTED

Fundraising for
JAM Club.



**CD album & DVD
Collection Box**

Please place CD album & DVD donations in to the box below

ALL CD albums and DVDs
must have a barcode



CDs must be albums only
No singles or EPs please



Handy Tip! An album lists 5 or more songs
or is over 25 minutes long

To help us raise the maximum amount possible, please **DO NOT** include the following items

❑ PC Software	❑ CD singles / CD EPs	❑ Discs that are badly damaged	❑ Vinyl / Tapes / VHS
❑ Items without a barcode	❑ Items with missing or badly damaged artwork	❑ Copied Discs	❑ Promotional CDs (from newspapers, magazines etc)

To arrange a collection, please call us on 08702 957 930 or email collections@musicmagpie.co.uk

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**Old Mobile Phones
(with battery)
and
Inkjet Cartridges**

**Please help us to raise
funds, just drop items into
the box in the
Church Centre**

and help

**1st New Deer
Boys' Brigade**



Items for Twinned Church in Malawi

Last call!

**The last collection date for all items to be sent to
M'buka CCAP will be announced very soon in the
church or Café or check St. Kane's website**

Thank you for your support