

# The New Vine

news across the pews



Summer  
2024

## Dear Friends

Growing up, one of my favourite television programmes was 'The Two Ronnies.' The diminutive Ronnie Corbett, and the slightly larger Ronnie Barker. Who can ever forget their sketch about 'Fork 'andles'? Comedy at its very best.

They would end their show the same way each time. Ronnie Corbett would say, "So it's goodnight from me," while Ronnie Barker would respond, "And it's goodnight from him."

Well, in a similar fashion, after 32 years of ministry, the last 23 having been spent in the parishes of Dyce and Newmachar, it is now time for myself and Sheena to say, "It's goodbye from me, and it's goodbye from her."

It has been our privilege and joy to serve in these two parishes. The friendships we have formed in our time here are most precious to us both. Thank you all for your friendship, support, prayers and love.

So now we will shortly move to Inverbervie, to pastures new. We are looking forward to a new, exciting chapter in our lives. Our excitement however is tinged with sadness. We shall miss you. However, Inverbervie isn't that far away, and visitors will

always be most welcome. So, if you're passing by, do drop in past.

May God continue to bless both congregations. Stand firm in the faith. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Let your light shine in the local communities and beyond, thereby revealing the love of Christ.

I end my final letter with the words of the apostle Paul in his first letter to the believers in Thessalonica. "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

Your grateful minister (and wife),  
Manson & Sheena



## Sanctuary Redevelopment

For some time, Dyce Kirk Session has been discussing a possible revamp of the interior of our Sanctuary. What has been discussed is the removal of pews, replacement of individual seating, and installation of a more economical heating system. The object being more flexible use of the Sanctuary, allowing it to be used in many different ways, to accommodate the many groups that use the Church Hall facilities.

Before any action can be taken with this, it is necessary to consult the Congregation, to establish their views on the matter. **What Do You Think of this Suggestion?**

I have consulted the Presbytery Property Convenor, who visited the Church and has provided me with advice and contact details of people who can advise in relation to the way forward, and I have contact details for Churches who have recently done this type of work.

However, before any action is considered the Kirk Session would appreciate the views of the Congregation.

As the Church is going to be in vacancy over perhaps the next year, it has been suggested that we should make use of this time to gather opinion and if it is the congregations wish we start to make progress in relation to the way forward.

If you wish to comment on this proposal, please contact Dyce Church Office or speak to myself.

Raymond Mack  
Session Clerk

**JULY**

1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>  
SUNDAY  
DYCE CHURCH  
HALL

3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>  
SUNDAY  
PATHWAY CENTRE

Fellowship, food & fun  
**CHURCH**  
Picnic

**SAVE THE DATE**

Bring your own cold picnic & soft drinks

Remember your chair!

- Saturday 17 August
- 13.00 - 16.00
- Haddo House (Overspill car park area)
- Burgers & Hot Dogs provided

# Children and Family Work Update



It's been a busy year so far in terms of Children and Family stuff at Dyce. Mainly Music continues to be a fantastic outreach opportunity for Dyce. Sadly, we said 'Goodbye' to seven children this summer who are off to new adventures at Nursery or School. But we have new families waiting in the wings to join the Monday morning fun. In 2022 I started a new group for new mums and their babies. This group is part of the Mainly Music franchise, called Mainly Babies. It is a time of bonding for mum and baby through songs and rhymes as well as getting to know other new mums. So far 13 mums and their babies have gone through the group, some graduating to Mainly Music depending on their family circumstances. **Mainly Music** returns on **Monday 26th August**. We currently have a small waiting list. **Contact Shirlee on 07979 388257** for more information. **Mainly Babies** will restart in September. Contact Natalie for more information.

**The Thursday Toddler group** continues to be busy. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet up with other local parents and their children. It's also a good place to meet a friend, let the children play while you have a chat and a cuppa. Toddlers will run over the school holidays on the following dates – **Thursday 11th July, Thursday 18th July and Thursday 8th August**. It will return to normal on **Thursday 22nd August**. Older siblings are welcome to come along in the holidays.



Dyce Church has run three **Messy Church** sessions so far this year. In February we learnt about the parable of the Good Samaritan. April was Creation and in June we learnt more about Noah's Ark. Messy Church is a different way of doing church. It is for families, with primary aged children, however everyone is welcome. We do art, crafts and activities relating to the theme of the month. Sometimes we play games and do some singing. We always learn more about the Bible story or theme and have a chat about what it means. We end the session with a meal together. It is a lovely way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

The next Messy Church will be **Saturday 14th September, 4pm-6pm in Dyce Church Hall**.

**Sunday Club** has finished for the summer holidays. We had a lovely service on Sunday 30th June, sharing what we had learned about the Armour of God. We had our picnic on Sunday 7th July. Sunday Club will return on **Sunday 25th August**.



As we worship at Newmachar on the 3rd Sunday of the month, I started a family bible study in Dyce Church Hall for families that week. We have had two sessions, it's a really relaxed time of sharing some breakfast and chatting about what it means to be a Christian. There are activities to keep the children busy relating to the theme. It has been a good time for families to come together and get to know each other a bit better. The next one will be **Sunday 18th August**.

As part of my role here in Dyce I am keen to help families whenever and wherever possible. Please feel free to contact me if I or the church can help you in anyway.

Thanks Natalie

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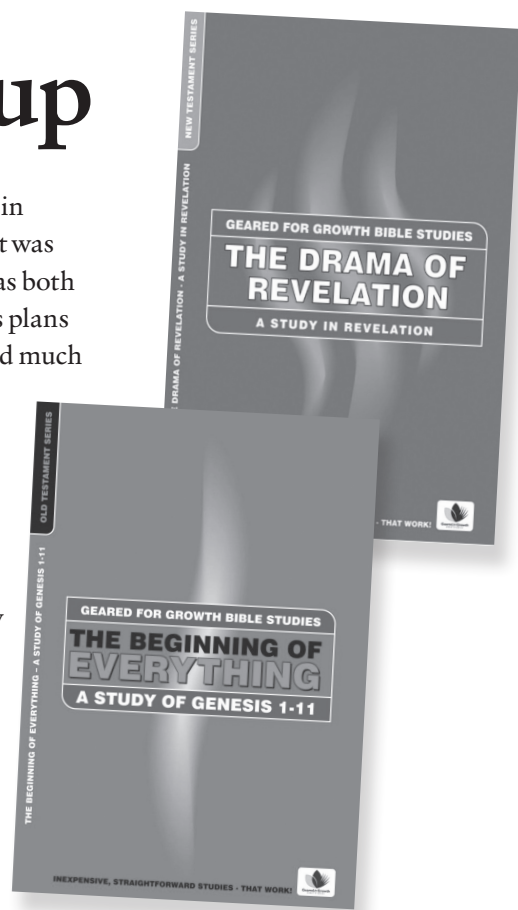
# The Bible Study Group

Since the beginning of this year, the Bible Study group have completed a study in revelation called the Drama of Revelation. It took nine months to complete but was well worth the effort. We have a great future to look forward to, in Christ. It was both humbling and awe-inspiring to dig deep into the Apostle John's vision of God's plans for the end of the age – and at times – a bit scary, but we have nothing to fear and much to look forward to in Christ's second coming. Praise be to God for granting John his vision and for his faithfulness in writing it down for our benefit.

Since Easter, we decided that as we now know God's plans for the ending of history – we should take another look at the Beginning of Everything. We are currently working our way through the story of Genesis up to chapter 11 and have covered Creation, the fall, Cain and Abel and we are currently in the story of Noah and the Flood. All exciting stuff and there's much we can learn for our lives today, from these stories.

I hope you will join us next time – perhaps we'll carry on with Genesis and look at the life of Abraham.

Every blessing  
Joan x



## The Chosen: Season 4 – God's Goodness for the Chosen



Over the summer we will be running our 4th bible study based on the multi-award-winning TV Series, "The Chosen – Season 4" about the life of Jesus.

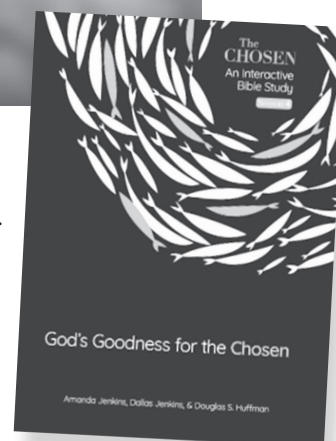
The bible study is one with a difference – and focuses on what it really means to follow Jesus on "the narrow road that leads to life."

In this bible study we will be looking at God's promise that He brings good things out of bad things for the sake of His people and for His

glory. However, when we personally experience suffering, we often have a difficult time believing in that promise.

Each week we will watch one of the eight episodes and then complete the parallel study for each episode over plenty of tea, coffee, and fine pieces!

**You are welcome to come and join us starting Tuesday 9 July for 8 weeks Dyce Church Lounge @ 19.00**



# Dyce Church Foodbank

## *Hello church friends,*

Thanks to every single person that has supported the foodbank and helped people in our community.

We have been blessed by food and financial donations from our church family in Dyce and Newmachar, and from people in the wider community. Financial donations allow us to stock up our wee freezer and give folk something a bit more substantial than tinned and dried food. It's pretty new and seems to be a great help.

We are always hugely grateful to the ongoing support from ASDA Dyce, without whom we would really struggle. They are a massive blessing to our foodbank and our community. Very recently Tesco in Dyce have been in touch and will also collect for us. They have always collected for foodbanks generally but are now keen to support the local community and collect for our foodbank. We are really grateful and welcome their support. Aramark continue to give us fruit every Friday and we love to be able to share something fresh and healthy. We don't have much space or cool storage

so folk that come to us just after collection are encouraged to take a good amount. We are really committed to ensuring we don't waste anything.

When we have anything extra we share with Cyrenians and also make up food bags for 'The Quay' (at Crown Terrace Baptist church in Aberdeen) – a place where some folk from Dyce church volunteer which provides soup and sandwiches and a good blether for folk who are either homeless, asylum seeking or are just having a tough time. It's great that we are able to be part of a wider Christian community who support vulnerable people. We know God's love extends to everyone, whatever their situation. We meet people where they are, show them kindness and offer them practical support. As Christians we are called to help our neighbour. We are grateful so many people respond to that call – so thank you.

The foodbank can be contacted on **07486 603330** and is available to people from Newmachar, Dyce, Bucksburn and anywhere in between.

Observant folk may also have noticed CFine's mobile food pantry has started to come to Dyce. The mobile pantry parks in the Dyce church car park and helps people access affordable food at a low cost. It works on a membership basis where people pay £3 a year to be a member, and then £2.50 at each visit. They can then choose up to 10 items from fresh, frozen, tinned and dried foods, toiletries and household items.

The Mobile pantry parks in the church car park every 2nd Friday from 10–10.30am. There's not an appointment system, they welcome people who visit during those times, however people do need to become a member in advance if they want to have the full benefit of the fresh food available. Anyone wanting to join should contact CFine on **07311 652513** or email **pantry@cfine.org**

They are back in Dyce on **Friday 26th July**...and every two weeks thereafter. During the break people who are already signed up can collect food at CFine in Aberdeen. No appointment needed.



## Dyce Guild

Dyce Guild is currently in summer recess, but the leadership team are busy making plans for our first meeting of 2024–25 on **September 16th at 7:30pm in Dyce Church Hall.**

Before our return some of our Guild members have a day trip to Perth planned in July where we will be meeting up with friends from our link Guild of Falkirk Grahamston for some food, fun and fellowship. The following month a few of the members will be traveling to Edinburgh to join in the Guild Annual Gathering on September 7th where our very own Finlay Morse and a few of his musician friends will be singing and playing.

The next session for 2024–25 will see us begin our new three year strategy of "Let us Build a House". Just like the rest of the Church of Scotland, the next few years will be challenging for the National Guild as congregations and Guilds are united, so this new strategy allows us to focus on our faith and the people and events that have shaped it.

Over the next three years we will follow these themes:

- 2024–25 Sure Foundations
- 2025–26 Living Stones
- 2026–27 Beyond the Walls

Our first theme of "Sure Foundations" encourages us to think about the foundations of our faith. In Ephesians 2:19–22 we read "So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together we are His house built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Jesus Christ Himself".

Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith, he is our reference point, showing us not only how to live but how to maintain connected with God and with each other.

As we plan for the following years, let's be visionary and faith filled as we set our foundations, remain alive to the call of God, and cement our relationships with each other, always aware that "unless the Lord builds the house, the builder labours in vain".

As convener of Dyce Guild my prayer is for the Lord to strengthen our guild numbers, to reach more of our community in which we find our friends and to be servants to our brother and sisters. I pray this in our Lord Jesus name **Whose We are and Whom we Serve.**

## TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS



Tuesday Coffee Mornings finished for the season on Tuesday 25th June.

Money raised was £3,300.

This will be distributed as follows:

Dyce Church Heating & Lighting	£1,000
Dyce Community Bus	£1,000
McMillan Nurses	£500
Charlie House	£250
Rescue Dogs	£250

Thank you to everyone who has supported the coffee mornings and we look forward to seeing you when we resume on **September 3rd.**

**Margaret Mack**  
**Wilma Donald**



SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

# Deep Sea Divers

Tue / Wed / Thurs

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> August

2pm – 4pm

Pathway Centre

P1-P7

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> –

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

10 – 1pm

Dyce Parish Church Hall

£10 for the week

*(Light lunch included)*

**“Deep Sea Divers” is our underwater-themed Holiday Club!**  
Join us for games, crafts, songs, bible stories, snack and Lots of Fun!

**NEWMACHAR  
HOLIDAY CLUB**

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**DYCE  
HOLIDAY CLUB**

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# New Machar Coffee Mornings

We meet at The Pathway Centre on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am. Come along for a chat and a fine piece.

Every month we will be supporting a different cause to raise awareness of local charities and groups.

Charities supported this year so far: Macmillan, Christians Against Poverty, Summerhill House, Balmedie House, Clan, Living Well & Newmachar Primary School.

Please note there will be no coffee morning during July & August. It will restart on Saturday 14th September.



## New Machar Church Cool Club

We meet at the Pathway Centre once a month on Sunday afternoon from 4pm - 5.30pm.

We play games, sing, craft, stories, and generally have lots of fun! Oh and lots of food too!



Contact: Karen Creswell for more info.  
kcreswell44@gmail.com



## Song in a Teacup

This group is open to anyone in the community who would like to come along, including those with memory difficulties or dementia. It is a time for singing songs together with words and music on a screen, having refreshments and a chat. There is no entry fee but donations can be given on the day.

We meet in the Pathway Centre approximately every six weeks on a Friday afternoon 2pm until 3.30pm. Our next Sing-Along will be on Friday 30th August.

We place posters in the Axis Centre, library, pharmacy, and Co-op prior to each event.

For further information please contact me, **Hilary Andrew 01651 862046.**



# An evening of worship, testimony & Fellowship

## Tea N Testimony

Next one Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Pathway Centre, Newmachar

A Light meal, tea & coffee will be provided  
All Welcome



# Dyce Flower Rota

<b>JULY</b>			<b>JANUARY 2025</b>		
<b>7 Mrs H McCulloch</b>	54 Victoria Street, Dyce	01224 722563	<b>5 Mrs S Knight</b>	46 Glenhome Gardens	01224 729825
<b>14 Mrs B Corse</b>	26 Glen Gardens	01224 772117	<b>12 Mrs P Riley</b>	Berrymoss Court	01224 722498
			<b>26 Mrs M Strachan</b>	Cardenwell, Glen Drive	01224 772028
<b>AUGUST</b>			<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>4 Mrs J Johnstone</b>	5 Berrywell Gardens	01224 722251	<b>2 Mrs P Sharp</b>	8 Goval Terrace	01224 724887
<b>11 Mrs M Allan</b>	15 Ardlair Terrace	01224 722168	<b>9 Mrs S Merchant</b>	100 Burnside Road	01224 722380
<b>25 Mrs E Irvine</b>	23 Hopetoun Court, Bucksburn	01224 714573	<b>23 Mrs C Paul</b>	6 Craighaar Gables	07444 006167
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			Flower Convenor for July, August, November, December: <b>Mrs Audrey Ross</b> 07860 951609		
<b>1 Mrs J Baxter</b>	86 Denvie Road, Potterton	01358 743420	Flower Convenor for September, October, January 25, February 25: <b>Mrs Heather McCulloch</b> 01224 722563		
<b>8 Mrs A Ross</b>	Mains of Dyce House	07860 951609	<i>Please remember if the date is not suitable you are required to arrange a swap with another person. It is the duty of the provider to collect and deliver the flowers after the 10.30am service. Please arrange for someone else to deliver if this is not possible.</i>		
<b>22 Mrs M Parley</b>	23 Berrywell Place	01224 722122	If you would like to be removed from the rota, please let Audrey know <b>07860 951609.</b>		
<b>29 Mrs H Bowie</b>	11 Overton Walk	01224 724242			
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
<b>6 Mrs S Mclean</b>	24 Victoria Street	01224 722482			
<b>13 Mrs P Lamb</b>	Sagatoum, John Street	01224 723216			
<b>27 Mrs C Duncan</b>	Hillcrest, Station Road, Newmachar	01651 862483			
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
<b>3 Mrs D Gittens</b>	3 Glen Gardens	01224 722946			
<b>10 Mrs J Harper</b>	25 Garmaddie Lane	01224 467100			
<b>24 Mrs C Simpson</b>	39 Tornasheen Gardens	07838 095300			
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
<b>1 Mrs M Gunn</b>	3 Glen Drive	01224 722831			
<b>8 Mrs A Marjoribanks</b>	13 Brucklay Court	01224 725147			
<b>22 Mrs M Reid</b>	19 Summerfield Terrace, Aberdeen	01224 640548			
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