

Members of the Girls' Brigade at their dedication service on 29th September



Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial, before the parade made its way to Peterhead New Parish Church



NEW PARISH CHURCH



WINTER 2024

"The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

We wish all our congregation a very Happy Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

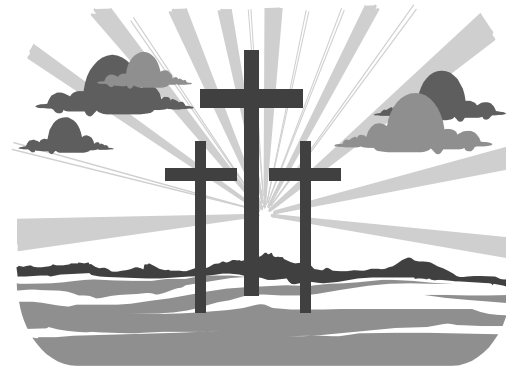
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DEATHS

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Mr Philip Keith	Station Hotel, Ellon
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“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted”

Matthew 5 : 4

If you would like to have your loved one added to the Memorial Book at the front door of the Church, please pass details of the person’s name, date of birth and date of death to Ruth Mackenzie.

Mission Statement

We seek through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and obedience to his commands to promote the worship, life and pastoral care of the parish; to dispense the sacraments; to be open to His Spirit so that we may discern God’s will for the community of Peterhead and for the changing world and be empowered through prayer to carry it out.

	Communion 6th October DOOR ROTA	AFTER CHURCH TEA ROTA	FLOWER ROTA	CHILDREN’S CHURCH	COUNTING ROTA
Dec					
1st	J. Copland, S. Buchanan	R. Murray, M. Thomson	P. Smith	Ann and Margaret	M. Glennie, M Simpson
8th	A. Grant, S. Scoular	B. Stephen, A. Grant	J Copland	Aileen and Sylvia	A. Johnstone, E. Smith
15th	R. Mackenzie, M. Simpson	M. Philip, J. Young	E. Johnstone	Elsie and Edna	J. Copland, R. Mackenzie
22nd	J. Copland, F. McKenzie	A. Hastie, J. Wood	J. Wood	Pat and Mary	A. Grant, N. Grant
29th	S. Buchanan, B. Wood		S. Buchan	John and Jennifer	A. Florence, D. McPherson
Jan 2025	Communion 26th Jan				
5th	A. Grant, S. Scoular	B. Wood, A. Marshall		Aileen and Sylvia	S. Buchanan, J Copland
12th	M. Simpson, M. Glennie	M. Gray, O. Hamilton		Elsie and Edna	M. Glennie, M Simpson
19th	J. Cowie, B. Stephen	S. Scoular, A. Turner		Pat and Mary	A. Johnstone, E. Smith
26th	F. McKenzie, B. Wood	I. Stewart, S. Marshall		Ann and Brenda	J. Copland, R. Mackenzie
Feb					
2nd	R. Mackenzie, J. Copland	E. Johnstone, A. Gallacher A. Milne		John and Jennifer	A. Grant, N. Grant
9th	A. Grant, S. Scoular	R. Murray, M. Thomson		Ann and Margaret	A. Florence, D. McPherson
16th	M. Simpson, M. Glennie	B. Stephen, A. Grant		Aileen and Sylvia	S. Buchanan, J Copland
23th	S. Buchanan, B. Wood	M. Philip, J. Young		Elsie and Edna	M. Glennie, M Simpson
Mar					
2nd	J. Copland, F. McKenzie	A. Hastie, J. Wood		Pat and Mary	A. Johnstone, E. Smith
9th	A. Grant, S. Scoular	B. Wood, A. Marshall		Ann and Brenda	J. Copland, R. Mackenzie
16th	M. Simpson, M. Glennie	M. Gray, O. Hamilton		Elsie and Edna	A. Grant, N. Grant
23nd	J. Cowie, B. Stephen	S. Scoular, A. Turner		John and Jennifer	A. Florence, D. McPherson
30th	R. Mackenzie, F. McKenzie	I. Stewart, S. Marshall		Ann and Margaret	S. Buchanan, J Copland

FLOWER ROTA The Flower List is available to allow people to donate either money or flowers on a particular Sunday in the year. These flowers are then delivered to those who are ill, those who are housebound, those who maybe think they are forgotten about because increasing frailty stops them coming each week, those who just need to know someone cares.



Please speak to June if you wish to provide flowers for any of the Sundays in 2025

You can either give money and some one else will arrange flowers for you or you can buy and arrange them yourself.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH Thank you to everyone who help support the children who attend Children’s Church. It is very much appreciated. If you cannot attend on your allocated week, please try to swap with someone or contact Ann. We are always eager to involve other adults with our young people, so if you think you would like to be included on the rota, please speak to Rev. Julia or Ann.

If you are unable to come on any particular Sunday for any of the rotas, please try and swap with someone. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Family Fun Christmas Party

On 8th of December from 2-3.30 pm join us for family fun—crafts, games and bible stories all centered around Christmas and Jesus' birth! All ages are welcome! If you can join us please let Rev. Julia know jpizzuto-pomaco@churchofscotland.org.uk.

Nativity Play

15th of December during morning worship at 10.30 am we will hold our annual Christmas Nativity play. It is called 'A very chocolate Christmas'. Come along and find out why! If you know of any children or young people who would like to participate please contact Rev. Julia.

We will practice on 8th of December at 3.30 pm and on 14th of December at 10 am.

Church Service

On 22nd of December at 10.30 am join us for some first person narrations of the Christmas story and a Christingle to take home and put together.

Christmas Eve

On 24th of December at 7pm there will be our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service for children, families and all of us! Invite a Friend!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

Summer Holiday Club

Next year's holiday Club is to be held from Monday 7th July 2025 to Friday 11th July 2025.

If you are able to help in any way, please let Rev Julia know. There will be a meeting in the Church hall on Tuesday 4th February at 10am for all volunteers.

Easter Egg Hunt

This has proved to be so popular that we plan to have another Egg Hunt at the Lido on Saturday 19th April 2025. We have been so thankful for the generous contributions of eggs and sweets etc in the past and will be hoping for your generosity again.

CHOIR NEWS

The choir are in full rehearsal for the Advent Season, and are learning some new (to them) Christmas Carols. These will be used over the Sundays in December and also at the Senior Ladies Carol Concert.

As there is not much other Choir news I have included a poem I wrote on a recent visit to Canada, where for part of our holiday we were on the Rocky Mountaineer. This poem won me the prestigious 'Salmon Award' A little badge that I wear on my jacket on a Sunday.. great to be recognised. Hope you enjoy it.

THE TRAINIE!

Up at 4.30am, and oh! the pain,
but we have to be ready to meet the train
The crew there to meet us with waves and bright smiles,
we boarded the train for the many long miles.
With our luggage handed over and safely stored,
we all climbed the steps and got on board.
The food, now what can I say? Was just a treat,
and none could say they had too little to eat.
The crews information of past history
helped to clear up some things long a mystery.
At Quisnel our driver, Bill was his name,
made us all feel that we were so glad we came.
The scenery was great, snow capped mountains
and rivers,
at times brought to us a case of the shivers.
We saw many animals, elk, deer and moose,
it was lovely to see them all running loose.
A cry at last of "bear" caused a hoo-hoo,
it turned out to be only a 'coo'.
We are now on the last day of our journey by train,
but I'm sure most, if not all, will be back here again



MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER — REV DR JULIA PIZZUTO-POMACO

Bask in the Son each day!

Isn't it amazing what a few days in the 'sun' can do for your outlook? Lydia and I had a chance to visit family and friends in the US over the October holidays. The sun shone every day and the temperatures were in the 20s! It certainly helped our attitude to be more positive. I was thinking that I might be disappointed when we came back to Scotland because our summer had been so grey. But it proved to be a real treat that the first few days back were quite bright and cheery. Walking the dog, encouraging Lydia to play outside and even watching the sun out of the window was a visual reminder that God's light can make a big difference in our lives.

I began to wonder about light and darkness and how the Bible speaks so much about it. Darkness is the absence of light and light represents God's glory and goodness. John 1:5 speaks of the contrast in this way: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' Light has a way of penetrating the dark places. When we light up our dark room with a torch we can see clearly.

In Scotland many of us are deficient in Vitamin D because we don't have enough sunshine in our lives, particularly during the dark winter. I am also wondering if our lack of 'son' (yes I spelled that right!) might also impact our spiritual health. If we fail to spend time with Jesus, the son of God, do we suffer from lack of 'sonshine' as well???

Obviously if we want to grow in our faith we need to spend time with the son! Ways we do that include reading the Bible, praying and listening to the Lord and spending time with other believers. Just like we can be vitamin D deficient, we too can suffer from failing to spend time with Jesus, soaking up the light of his love and grace. When we sit in the 'sonshine', relaxing, meditating and being in God's presence, then we will find our perspective often changes. Spending time with God does not automatically take away all our woes, just like taking Vitamin D or using a sun lamp does not solve all our light deficiency. However, being in relationship with God goes a long way towards changing the darkness that easily seeps into our lives.

I am not sure about you, but I want to look at the world through God's eyes and the only way I can develop that perspective is to spend time with him. I want to be reminded of his goodness particularly when life is hard and the way to see that happen is to allow the light of Jesus' love into my dark places. I love in the winter how a warm fire or the glow of a candle or Christmas lights can brighten my mood. Maybe I am just a child at heart but there is something about these small points of light that reminds me of my heavenly father and the goodness he brings into my life.

So, during these dark months take some time to light a candle and watch how the warm glow transforms a room. Take some time to study the twinkle of stars in a dark sky or watch for the aurora borealis and see how just the pulsing light and darkness can change the sky (even if you can't see the colours with the naked eye!). Get ready for the warm lights of Christmas to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12).

Do not be 'son' deficient when there are so many opportunities to see God's light around us. Be a person that reflects the light to others and spend time during this dark season soaking in the light and love of God. Let me know how it goes! I am looking forward to hearing about many of your light filled God moments!



The symbols of the Christingle on the front cover:
The orange represents the world. The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ. The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations. The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



GUILD



The Guild resumed meetings in the Autumn with an Afternoon Tea, to which we issued an invitation to the congregation as well as to Cruden Bay guild members, as they no longer have a Guild Branch in Cruden Bay and to St Andrews Guild. Unfortunately St Andrews Guild meet on the same day as we do so were unable to come.



In October we enjoyed hearing about Jean Bradley's life through the songs that reminded her of the stages of her life while she accompanied herself on her own piano. Jean's husband, Maurice will be the guest speaker at our February 19th meeting. He will be telling us about his experiences in Uganda. In December we will be joining the Senior Ladies for Christmas lunch in the Palace Hotel and for the Christmas concert on 9th December in our Church hall. Then in January we are inviting the Senior Ladies to join us for a Burns lunch, also in the Palace Hotel. We will be hoping that the weather will be kinder to us than it was last January, when several of our members felt unable to come out because of the snow.

Unfortunately our meeting on Wednesday 20th November had to be cancelled because of the adverse weather conditions.

You will be welcome, men and women, to come along to any or all of our meetings, even if you are not a member of the Guild. You will find details on the previous Sunday's intimations sheet.

Giving to the Church

The church needs a regular income to meet its monthly costs – each month we have to pay insurances, staff wages (Cleaner and Organist), heating and lighting, repair bills e.g. replacing strip lights, a proportion of the minister's salary.

We are forever grateful to the organisations who meet in our building for their generous contributions to help cover costs.

There are a number of ways in which you can give your weekly offering.

A Weekly Freewill Offering Envelope which you can put on the plate either in the vestibule on the way out or on the plate on your way into the hall.

If you prefer, you can put cash on either of the plates. This is called the Open Plate Offering.

A payment made at the time of your choosing as a bank transfer. The account details you need for this are

Bank Sort Code: 82 67 12

Account Number: 40109248

Account Name: Peterhead New Parish Church



Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer in the UK, please do consider completing a Gift Aid Form. This allows us to claim back 25% of your annual giving. If you gave £500 over a year, approx. £10.00 per week, then the church could claim back a further £125.

Jimmy Copland is the Gift Aid Convenor – please ask him for a form.

SENIOR LADIES

Our President Linda Reid was delighted to welcome everyone back to our first meeting on Monday 26th August when Brenda Crawford came to talk to us about the Family Heritage Group. Their office in Broad Street is run by volunteers and is open on Thursdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Brenda is a researcher for the group. Anyone who is interested in their own family tree can come and ask for help. There are a huge amount of resources available.

At the office there are a lot of photos representing all aspects of Peterhead life from leisure activities to work places. If you think you might be able to identify anyone in the photos please pop in and do so. Brenda has found the work fascinating and had many an interesting story to tell. Her enthusiasm was obvious as she told us 'it is the most exciting jigsaw you'll ever find.'

On the 9th September we had the welcome return of Isobel Gregory who came this time carrying a basket and several bags full of surprises — her Memory Box. She started with a school bell and a leather school bag with lots of school stuff including the fearsome tawse. Next came the doctor's bag and all the old remedies. She had us remembering kids' games and simple outdoor past times. Many items had been given to her for her memory talks. Many she had kept over the years.

However she ended with this quote 'It's not what I gather in life, it's what I scattered. She certainly scattered lots of fun and laughter for us all.'



On the 21st September Raymond Mack the singing bobby came to call and delighted the group with such favourites as You are my sunshine and Bye Bye Love. With a few funny stories thrown in it was a most enjoyable afternoon.



Helen McDonald our guest speaker for the 5th October entitled her presentation 'Encounters along the Road.' Helen is a story teller. Her 1st story came from Baghdad about a caliph and his new born son. The 2nd story was local one featuring a young lass near Bennachie and is the story of the Maiden Stone at the Chapel of Garioch.

From there she took us to the Jewish Community in Afghanistan. This was about a King with everything that money could buy but who was never content.

She involved everyone in her stories with some songs, actions and repetition of lines. A very different but enjoyable afternoon.

Coming closer to Remembrance Sunday our next speaker was very relevant. Michael Parkes is a representative for The Erskine Veterans Charity. The Erskine Hospital began as a converted stately mansion and was called the Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for limbless Sailors and Soldiers. It opened its doors in 1916 and very soon shortened its name to the Erskine Hospital. Built for the veterans of WW1, it became a pioneering hospital for prosthetic limbs.

Later it became a care home for veterans but is now a 5 star hotel. A brand new care home was built in 2000.

In Glasgow there is the Erskine Veterans Village which has the Erskine Reid McEwan Activity Centre after the pioneering doctor of 1916.

In Edinburgh there is the Erskine Edinburgh Care Home and Army Personal Recovery Centre. They are hoping that by this Christmas a brand new Erskine Activity Centre will be opened in Forres, Moray. The Victoria hotel In Forres is being converted and will offer IT skills, art therapy, a relaxing room with counselling, indoor archery, a walking group, a gym, and a one stop shop which will be a financial advice centre.

The charity is funded by donations, legacies, and fund raising by supporters. It has helped thousands of veterans over 108 years and continues to adapt to their needs so that now they are working on supporting veterans in their own homes. Michael ended by telling stories of veterans whose lives had been transformed by the help and love they had received from the charity.





GIRLS' BRIGADE



This year the annual Buchan Division training day was held in our church hall in August. It was well attended by Leaders from the other companies in our Division.

We are very pleased to have a new Leader – Anna Pizzuto-Pomaco. She has just completed her Induction training.

We started back to Brigade on the 26th August and were delighted to see just about all of last year's girls returning. We welcomed some new girls as well. We now have 8 Explorers and 15 Juniors in our company.

We have been busy with badge work. Explorers theme this year is 'Space', and the Juniors are progressing with their Friendship topic. Juniors covered shoe boxes and packed them with Christmas gifts for the Blythwood shoe box appeal. 19 boxes were delivered to the Blythwood van when it came on 4th November.

Disney Princess Party



We had our Dedication and Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 29th September. We had a good turnout of girls. They all took part in the service doing readings and singing. They then handed out Harvest cards to the congregation.

We had a Disney Princess themed fancy dress party, with lots of games, ate hot dogs and had birthday cake.

Then we had a night of remembering Linda, our leader for many years, who sadly passed away. We spoke about Linda, had a story about 'Peace Babies' that she had first told a few years ago, and sang one of her favourite songs.

She was a very special lady and will be missed by our company.

Boxes ready to go to the Blythwood van



SMILING

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile
Then realised its worth
A single smile, just like mine
Could travel round the earth.

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And get the world infected

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Memories of Linda Reid

Linda Reid was a very special lady, who has left many special memories for so many in this Northeast corner. She was born on 28th August 1954 in Dufftown. Her family moved to Ellon area and she met John at a dance there. They married in Ellon and moved to Peterhead. Linda and John had 41 happy years together until John died in November 2016. They have 2 daughters, Teresa and Susan. Linda worked and supported many groups but nothing was more important than her family. Teresa married Martin and gave Linda and John 2 grandsons, Kyle and Callum. Susan married Karl and gave them 3 more grandchildren, James, Rachael and William. Linda also has a Sister Irene and Brother Gordon.



I met and became friends with Linda when we were brought together by Olive McRobbie when she and Dr David Ross started the Girls Brigade in 1980. I remember when we were commissioned in the Muckle Kirk; Linda could only manage to come into the church to get commissioned and then had to leave as she was very heavily pregnant with Susan at the time. Linda has been in the Brigade for over 44 years. We have done some silly things, like dressing up as the 3 crows, a punk band, done highland dancing, and Maori sticks. Linda, Suzanne, Janis and Mildred were the Ishmaelites, (riding on camels!) when we performed Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat in 2001. Linda was always reliable and was very proud of all the girls that came through the Brigade. She was caring and patient with them. Linda was involved at Divisional level as well, being Badge secretary for many years. She was also involved with training and was our Deputy Commissioner for a while. Linda was a very supportive person and would do anything to help people. She was unassuming and did lots of things behind the scenes to help in any way she could. Even when she was battling cancer that did not stop her from remaining involved with the groups that she supported. Over the years Linda has been heavily involved with the church. It started with mother and toddler; the young women's group; the guild where she was president at the Muckle Kirk, before we joined with Trinity to form the New Parish church guild where she was the speaker's secretary. In later years she became President of the Senior Ladies Fellowship (when she got to appropriate age). She also became an Elder and was Clerk to the Board of the Church. As I said at the start she was a very special lady leaving lasting legacies

Sylvia Scoular

It was the Muckle Kirk that brought Linda and me together. We were two young mums. At the same time as I was asked to start the first mother and toddler group Linda was asked to be a leader in the Girls' Brigade. From then on we were often found to be involved in all kinds of Kirk activities. Jumble sales in those days were a common fund raiser. The big Sale of Work in November in the Central School. The auction - very exciting stuff. Hard work but good fun.

The Friday night melee of the Flower Festival with everyone mucking in and who could forget the Thrift Shop in May.

The Muckle Kirk had a group of very hard working people who did their very best to keep the Kirk viable and Linda and I did our bit. We were also involved in The Young Wives group and then the Guild. She was a people person, working well as a team member and also as a team leader. Always happy to oblige and help.

We had our adventures like the time we got lost looking for Lonmay Church on a dark winter's night. We found the road but it was closed so we had to take a circuitous route by which time we had lost all sense of direction. We stopped at a property to ask for directions. The man kindly hopped into his car and led us to the church. He, having local knowledge, could ignore signs saying road closed. We joked about that for years and would wonder on any outing if we would get lost again.

We took part in a team of four in a quiz held by Guilds Together. On the way we were sure we would be a disaster as we all seemed to have problems remembering anything. But someone might remember the first name for the answer and that would jolt the memory for someone else on the team. Of course we did not win but we were delighted not to disgrace ourselves.

Latterly she became president of the Senior Ladies but sadly soon after she had health issues which coincided with Covid and meant she was unable to attend for a long time. Throughout, she did all the programming for us as well as contacting speakers for the Guild, kept in touch and was involved in all decisions. She was an inspiration in the way she handled her illness and treatment.

She will be sadly missed.

Hazel Ross

WORK PARTY

We were delighted with the results of our Coffee Morning held on 2nd November. The final total was £1,365.00. Our sincere thanks go out to all who prepared, donated or helped on the day.

A busy coffee morning



The sales table ready for the doors to open



The latest container left Dundee on 2nd October on its way to Grangemouth which it left on 4th October. It then travelled to Belgium, Germany, France and Portugal and from there to Africa via the Atlantic Ocean. Hopefully it will arrive in Ekwendeni in early January.

We are fortunate to have a contact in Tesco, who makes sure we have a constant supply of boxes. Many others are struggling to get banana boxes because the supermarkets no longer use them. Fortunately the cost of sending each box has stabilised at £17.50 per box.

We have an updated list of things which we can include in the boxes. – clothes, bedding, medical supplies such as bandages, surgical gloves etc., educational materials such as books, pencils etc, craft materials such as sewing machines, sports equipment and toys.

The Work Party are going to have lunch out on Thursday 5th December and will resume meeting on Thursday 9th January 2025.

If you are free on a Thursday morning, why not come along. If you can't knit or crochet, this could be an opportunity to learn. There are other ways to help too and the fellowship is always warm.

A blue rectangular box containing the logo for 'The Write Image' which features a pencil tip. Below the logo, it lists services: Shop Frontage · T-shirt Printing · Stickers · Vehicle Graphics · Digital Printing · Safety Signs · Banners · Engraving & More. Contact details include T: 01779 470971 and E: marshal@the-writeimage.co.uk. The address is 1 Ellis Street, Peterhead, AB42 1JR.

A white rectangular box with a decorative border. The logo for 'The Little Shoe Boutique' is written in a cursive font. Below it, the tagline 'Shoe Heaven for Your Little Darlings' is written. Contact details include the address 26 Queen Street, Peterhead, AB42 1TS, phone number 01779 479758, and website www.thelittleshoeboutique.com. There are colorful circles on the right side of the box.

Hopes and Dreams

At its September meeting, the Presbytery of the North East and the Northern Isles agreed that the Peterhead New Parish Church be given an A grading, meaning that it is the building best suited to ministry of the Church of Scotland in the town of Peterhead.

The Kirk Session agreed in September that the building is becoming tired- looking and could be improved to make it more welcoming, more comfortable and better suited to meet the differing demands of Christian Witness to our town and its community. We need to do the following -

- Tell – Be people that tell others about Jesus.
- Teach -Be people that learn and teach others about Jesus
- Treasure -Be people that believe and work for human dignity for all
- Transformation - Be “salt and light” in our communities
- Tend - Be people that actively care for creation

Invitations went out via the weekly intimations to come along to two meetings where our hopes and dreams were recorded, discussed and fine-tuned.

More than 25 ideas were written down and discussed further.

These were then sorted into Health and Safety items which need action **now** -

- Lower thermostats on hot water (kitchen and toilets)
- Finger shield edging on doors from hall to toilets
- Adjust sensors in toilets to child-friendly height
- Replace blown light bulbs in sanctuary
- Front door is hard to open from the outside if visiting and late

Main ideas to go forward are

- Remove pews and pulpit
- Upgrade heating system
- Storage Space for Banana Boxes for Ekwendeni
- Glass Porch / Vestibule area to be more outward looking and welcoming
- Relocate organ from ‘Muckle Kirk’ to Peterhead New
- Use upstairs for storage and install lift

We will seek advice from the Presbytery Buildings Officer and others known to us who have already made improvements to their buildings. We are also looking to search out advice on sources of grants.

There is still time to add your ideas.

Please complete this slip and return either through the offering plate, the box in the hall or to ursular@tiscali.co.uk

Hopes and Dreams

Please return via the weekly offering plate, the box in the hall or email ursular@tiscali.co.uk **by Friday 20th December**

I / we would like to see.....

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Name and Contact Details (optional)

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CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Thanksgiving on 29th September was combined with a service of dedication for the Girls’ Brigade where the girls took part in the service by singing, doing the readings and handing out harvest cards to the congregation. Members of the congregation were asked to bring along groceries etc so that we have supplies on hand to offer to those who are in need, including those who come along to our warm hub which has started again on a Saturday from 12 to 2pm. People come to share a cup of tea and conversation in a warm space.

Family Fun Day on 6th October had the theme “Autumn Apple Fest when the children were offered a range of activities to reflect the time of year — e.g. making apple art using paper plates and wool, painting stones, decorating cakes to look like pumpkins (then eat them naturally), games such as pass the parcel with plastic apples and of course a story “Johnny Appleseed”, read by Ruth.



Alpha Supper Buffet



There has been an **Alpha Course** meeting on Thursdays from 12th September to 12th December, apart from three weeks during the October holidays. This is open to all who don’t know but want to learn about our Christian faith or who want to deepen their understanding of it.

We meet for a shared supper and fellowship at 5.30pm and at 6.30pm we move into the sanctuary to see a short film. This is followed by a

discussion in groups about what we have just seen and heard. We have provided supervised children’s activities, so no-one has to miss out if they have no child care available. There are only two meetings left in December, but it is not too late to come along, as each one has a stand alone topic.



Remembrance Sunday was a little bit different this year. The minute’s silence was held at the War Memorial on the South Road at 11am before the parade marched down to join us at the New Parish Church. This meant that our Church Service started at 10.55 so we could have the minute’s silence before the parade arrived at about 11.15.

In Boddam, a short service, led by Rev Julia, was held at 9am and was well attended, with several wreaths being laid. The last wreath was laid by a young villager.

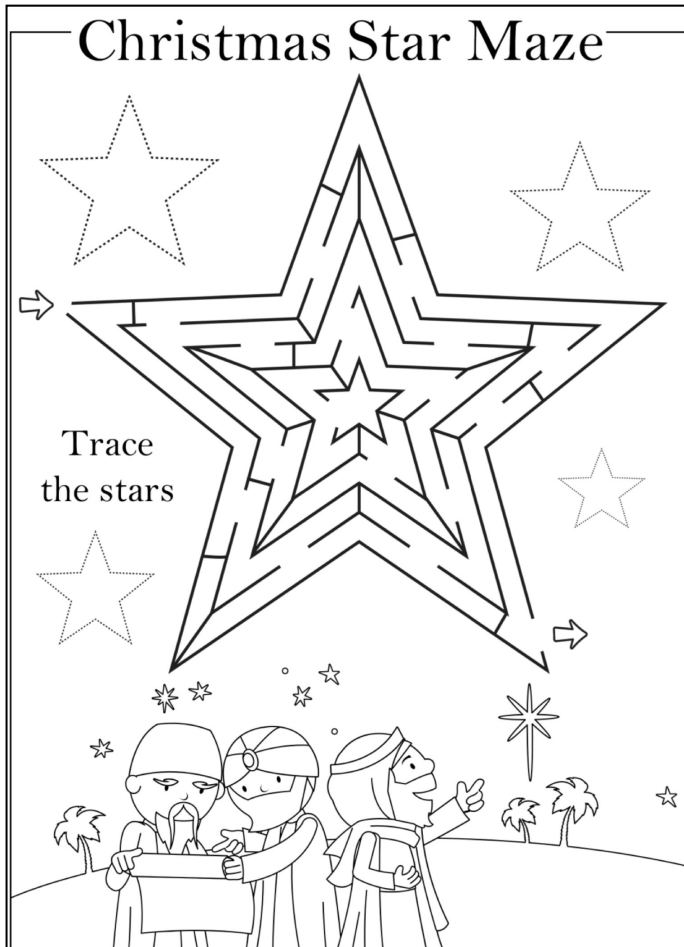
Daily Advent Readings

Come wander with me through the journey of Advent. If you are able, I would encourage you to read Luke chapters 1 and 2.

Rev. Dr. Julia has produced a booklet of Daily Advent Readings to cover 1st - 25th December, the time of waiting expectantly for the birth of Jesus. The wandering reaches a climax with the reading for 25th December, the birth of the baby, the Saviour. Each day has a reading from Luke chapters 1 and 2 with a short meditation.

Copies are available on the vestibule table and can be collected during the weeks leading up to Christmas. It will also be placed on the church website – www.peterheadnew.org

If you wish to have an electronic copy, please send an email to ursular@tiscali.co.uk with Christmas Readings in the title.



More Words to Find

- JOSEPH
- MANGER
- MARY
- MULES
- MYRRH
- NIGHT
- SHEEP
- SHEPHERD
- STABLE
- STRAW



Away in the Manger, Revisited



Away in a manger our Saviour once lay,
and that is the reason we have Christmas day;
He came down from Heaven to live here below
To suffer and die because He loves us so.



The shepherds first found Him on that starry night;
An angel spoke to them and they saw His light.
They knelt in the hay there so fragrant and warm
and worshipped our Saviour that first Christmas morn.

Three kings came to praise Him and gifts to him gave,
And to all His children He then showed the way
To serve Him and others by day and by night,
And love God, the Father, with heart, mind and might .



He taught us to know what is wrong and what's right...
To pray without ceasing and seek further light
To love everybody, the weak and the strong;
And ever remember to Him we belong.

Let us then be worthy in spirit and truth,
To guide others to Him, our lives be the proof;
To bring souls to Jesus that they might be free,
And praise, ever praise Him, where e'er we may be!

Away in a manger, asleep in the hay,
Our Saviour's the reason for Christmas today.



NATIVITY SCENE

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



- ANGEL
- ANIMALS
- BIRTH
- CAMELS
- CHILD
- CHRIST
- COWS
- DONKEY
- GIFT
- GOLD
- HALO
- HAY
- HORSES

H S S A U D Y E K N O D T L
 A H E G N S R A S B T J C U
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 B W L N R T R R L T O S U N
 H U Y R A M C H I L D W X O
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.