



Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman Church Magazine



Dear friends,

I hope this finds you all as safe, warm and well as possible.

This Lent we suggested ways to open ourselves to God. In difficult times, we can turn inwards – it's a natural instinct to keep ourselves warm and to protect ourselves. When we're unsure, it can be tempting to cut ourselves off from others who may confuse or hurt us further. In painful situations, we may not feel we've any energy left to engage with others or with God. All these natural human reactions risk closing us to God's presence with us in difficult and painful circumstances – hence the invitation to open up to God with us.



In Holy Week we will follow the story of Jesus, God with us, as everything seems to close in around him, with threat turning to arrest, torture, execution and burial. Yet we also move from Good Friday to Easter, as God opens up new possibilities beyond death, loss and despair. We see new life with forgiveness, acceptance and fresh purpose for Jesus' followers. Some weeks later, at Pentecost, we see the Holy Spirit open them up so wide they reach all peoples and languages.

These are difficult times for the congregation. The wider world is full of troubles. Many of us are dealing with painful situations in our lives. It may feel easier to close down or turn inwards. But I believe that God knows and loves us and this wounded world, I trust in Jesus' promise to be with us always, and I hope for the Holy Spirit's comfort and guidance. So, I keep trying to open myself to God and to God's new life and possibilities. I hope and pray we may all find ways to do that – ourselves and together as a church family.

May we open ourselves to the love, peace and presence of God with us.

With love and prayers,

Jenny

From the Assistant Minister

Dear friends,

I can hardly believe I have been with DSH and Lossiemouth as Assistant Minister for over six months now. Time has gone by very quickly.

We are now into Lent, journeying towards Easter. Lent is well known as a time when people can choose to refrain from eating or drinking certain things, or they attempt to give up certain personal habits.



Some choose to refrain from eating chocolate or some other treat. Others can give up caffeine or alcohol. Others choose to donate an item of food during each day of Lent, or donate clothing, or shoes/ accessories that they don't wear any more.

Those choices during Lent, reminded me of all who face more difficult choices, such as those who must refraining from putting on the kettle on for a cup of tea or coffee. Those who now must wash in cold water, rather than spend money on heating water. Many must sit at dining tables with their jackets on or wrapped in blankets, as they can't afford to put their heating on. Many are missing meals in order to pay their bills, or ensure that loved ones are fed instead.

These difficult choices around basic necessities encouraged me to consider when Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4. The conversation began with a simple request, when Jesus asked the woman, "Will you give me a drink?", yet it sparked a deep, direct, and faith filled discussion, where, Christ taught, "The water I give people will be like a spring flowing inside them. It will bring them eternal life." Water is a basic necessity, and it was much of the central focus during the well encounter for the Samaritan woman and Jesus.

During this Lent season, I wonder what we each will choose to focus on? May God guide us in our focuses and choices, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

May the love, peace and grace of God be with us all.

Christine

Fields of our Hearts

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;

 Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
 thinking that never he would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
 quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
 thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

Fields of Our Hearts

As I write this, it's mid-February, the weather has been mild and sunny, snowdrops, primrose and crocus are flowering, there are buds on bushes and the strong green leaves of daffodils are pushing up through the soil. But it's not spring yet and winter hasn't quite relinquished its rule over the world. Having been outdoors tending to the garden, my heart has been lifted by the signs of emerging growth and the fresh greenness to be seen.

This is such a hopeful time of year – even though we know that storms are still likely - the soil has been enriched by all the decaying leaves of autumn, and opened up and broken down by the frosts. Soon it will be time for sowing and planting again.

Soon too it will be time to celebrate Easter – life restored after death: eternal life promised to us through Christ's suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. This lovely hymn describes the resurrection in terms of seed germinating in the dark earth and sprouting up through the soil as a blade of grass which will grow to produce wheat. That grain will be ground into flour and baked into bread to feed us. The bread can take away our physical hunger and also be the body of Christ which feeds our spiritual hunger in Holy Communion. Jesus died, was buried, and rose from death to offer us new life in him. The writer calls Jesus Love and the repeated line at the end of each verse: "Love is come again like wheat that springeth green" reminds us of that eternal cycle of plants flowering in the warm months of the year, setting seed then withering in the autumn, that seed waiting deep in the ground all winter, then sprouting back into growth with renewed life each spring. In John's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains." [John 12:24] This is true as a botanical fact, but Jesus is using this image to explain how the Good News will spread and the Kingdom of God will grow.

Only through his own crucifixion, death and resurrection will the world come to understand that he is indeed the Son of God, and to believe his promise to us of eternal life. This might seem to be a gloomy hymn, and the tune is not joyful, but words such as "slain", "grave" and "dead" are carefully contrasted with "lives again", "risen" and "quick" (an old-fashioned word for living – think about biting your nails to the quick}. The final verse brings all this into our own reality, that when things seem bleak and we are despondent, Jesus is there to bear our burdens and replenish our flagging spirit. His love for us will turn the bare and barren "fields of our hearts" into fertile, flourishing, green places again – we grow in, and through, his love for us.

I pray that, as winter makes way for spring in the amazing beauty of God's creation, we will know God's love and grace renewing, refreshing and restoring the fields of our hearts for a bountiful harvest to come.

Every blessing,

Anne-Marie

Watch with others?

We are aware that many of those unable to attend worship in our buildings may not have skills or technology to access YouTube. One option is for people who do have the skills and equipment to **visit and sit with others**, watching and sharing in worship together. Perhaps even a couple of visitors – friends and elders alongside someone who can work the technology – either on a Sunday morning or at times that suit.

To do this on behalf of the congregation we would ask volunteers to get appropriate Safeguarding checks for work with vulnerable groups, which we can assist with.

Do you think you'd enjoy sharing in worship with someone unable to come to our buildings? Do you think you can (or could learn how to) watch the church's YouTube channel on a tablet or laptop to share? To help, please contact Jenny jadams@churchofscotland.org.uk



Thanks to Michael and Chris Thompson we are now able to “livestream” services from Duffus Kirk. These are available to watch live at the time of the service, and are also available for people to watch afterwards – all through our YouTube channel (see above).

It would be really helpful to have a few **others** willing to learn **how to use that technology** to share our worship and funerals. It is not sustainable for it to be totally depend on Chris and Michael.

If you would be interested in learning more, with time to occasionally help livestream from our buildings, please contact Jenny jadams@churchofscotland.org.uk

Gathering by phone & online

**Along with other people in the Moray-wide church family, we share in offering a 10 minute reflection on a phone line:
(01309) 484774**

This phone line has weekly reflections from many local churches, and is accessible through a local number without any additional charges of need for the internet.

For those with access to the **internet or YouTube**:

Find us on **YouTube** at [youtube.com/@duffusspyniehopeman](https://www.youtube.com/@duffusspyniehopeman)

@duffusspyniehopeman. That will offer a weekly 10 minute “bite-sized” video reflection, plus livestreams/ recordings of services in our buildings whenever possible.

Find “Duffus Spynie Hopeman” or “Jenny Adams” on **Facebook** for the YouTube reflections and other information

Our neighbours in the Lossiemouth congregations have a weekly Zoom Fellowship on Wednesday evenings,

7pm. Please contact Rev Geoff McKee

GMcKee@churchofscotland.org.uk for a Zoom link if you’d like to join any of those sessions.

Online church www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk shares weekly and daily worship, discussions, reflections and music to explore

Many churches locally, nationally and globally share worship and reflections online. Jenny would love to hear more about what you are finding helpful and inspiring.

A “Wee Sing”

Come and make a joyful noise together, learning and singing songs short and long, old and new, local and global, assisted by friends. No musical experience or ability required, just a chance to enjoy singing with others and God.

We’ll have a first go at this on Sunday 14th May in Duffus Kirk Hall from 1pm. After morning worship there’ll be the offer of a simple lunch in aid of Christian Aid, then we’ll sing together. (People are also very welcome to come along just for lunch and/or the Wee Sing.)

SOCIAL HUBS

Hopeman Monday 2-4pm,
Spynie Thursday 10-4pm.
Burghead Monday & Thursday 12-2pm.

The social hubs have proved very popular & there is clearly a demand for somewhere for people to gather & enjoy some company & activities.

Spynie Kirk usually has in excess of 20 gathering for socialising & enjoying time to take part in activities if so desired. There are hot drinks available throughout the day and cup a soups available for lunch. People of all ages come & go throughout the day when young & old enjoy each others company. Hopeman Social Hub has been a wee bit slower to take off but it is hoped to widen the age range of folks who might attend. There are games & books to interest everyone & plenty of hot drinks. Our hope is to encourage young families to pop in on the way home from school when they will be offered hot chocolate & juice. If this proves successful then we would ensure healthy snacks & fruit would be available.

The Community Bus is happy to transport folks to the various Social Hubs. Please call **07485 561007** if you would like a lift to any of the social hubs.

Please call Shona on **07908583320** if you would like any more information or if you think you might like to help out.

Spynie Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.30-12 noon

Spynie Toddler Group has got off to a flying start with usually 10 to 12 little ones enjoying a couple of hours of company & fun. Their parents and carers have time to chat with one another, while their children play safely. We offer hot drinks & biscuits to the grown ups & a biscuit to the children. Our plan is to start offering a healthy snack option for the children.

The Community mini bus is available to provide transport. Call 07485 561007 if needed.

The Toddler Group will be closed on the 5th & 12th April for Easter holidays.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Hello again.

It's officially spring, but as I write this there's several inches of snow on the ground here and my gardening plans are certainly on hold in the meantime. It might be chilly, but it's also very beautiful and sunny. We just need to be patient for a wee bit longer before the warmer days return.

I can't quite believe that I've almost reached half-way through my year of probation. If you've noticed that I've been absent on a couple of Sundays recently it's because I've been attending training conferences – one in-person event in Hamilton and another online. It's always good to meet with fellow probationer ministers and to learn from more experienced colleagues – formal and informal learning combined.

I've also been busy with a variety of very different activities closer to home. I especially look forward to visiting Hopeman Primary School once per month to assist with the library group, where staff and pupils always make me so very welcome and infect me with their energy and enthusiasm. Having done some supply teaching at Lossiemouth High many years ago, I also enjoy going back there for assemblies as part of the chaplaincy team. The young people there are attentive and thoughtful in their responses. Forest Church is very close to my heart – everything I love most: good company, being outdoors, nature in all its beauty and worshipping God!

One stand-out event for me recently was the eco-information and coffee morning at Hopeman Memorial Hall. It was lovely to meet folk and have time to chat (mainly about plants and gardens) to so many people and to enjoy hospitality in the wider community. There's always something remarkably satisfying about all pulling together as a team to make something worthwhile happen.

Thank you all so much for your continued support in my training. My family and I feel very much at home with you. I pray for you to find the space and time you need to refresh and grow as we journey through Lent together, towards the wonder of Easter again.

Every blessing,

Anne-Marie

Duffus Kirk Organ

As with many topics in the history of the post-Reformation church in Scotland, the use of music in worship was controversial. Until the middle of the 19th Century, the majority of pipe organs were found in Episcopal and Catholic churches. In 1866 the singing of hymns with organ music accompaniment was officially permitted in the Kirk, unaccompanied psalm singing declined and there was a surge in demand for church organs.

A modest plaque on Duffus kirk organ states “Built by E.H.Lawton Organbuilder Aberdeen 1913”. I was curious to find out more about the man and his instruments.

Ernest Henry Lawton was born in Sheffield on 7th February 1869.

He was apprenticed to organ builders Brindley & Foster in 1881, when he was just 12 years old. Although he was initially interested in the mechanical side, he developed skill in tuning and voicing pipework, which was to be of great benefit later in his career. By 1888 he was a journeyman organ builder in Glasgow where he met and later married Janet Murdoch on 1st July 1890 at the Friends' Meeting House.

Raised by Church of England parents, he applied to join the Quakers on meeting Janet. He was attracted to Quaker principles and worship and became a lifelong abstainer. The fact that he was an organ builder (and enthusiastic fiddle player) was at odds with the ways of some Quakers. He pointed out that Quaker worship was not for everybody and that if good organ music drew people into Church, anything he could do to increase attendance was justified. He believed himself to be the only Quaker organ builder in the world and strengthened his links with Friends worldwide throughout his life.

From 1891 Mr Lawton worked with Wadsworth Brothers of Manchester. During this time he came to Aberdeen to install Wadsworth organs.

In 1898 he left Wadsworth Brothers and set up his own business in Aberdeen.

At first the business was based in a corrugated iron workshop in Pittodrie Lane. These premises were enlarged three times before the company finally outgrew them and by 1909 he was living in a substantial house in Linksfield Place with a granite-built Organ Factory at nearby Ardarroch Road. This factory was large enough to accommodate several organs at various stages of production at any one time. There was electrical power drawn, by arrangement, from the tramway lines, sufficient to operate all the machinery associated with fabrication as well as a 3 ton crane for handling large packing cases.

Lawton's benefited from work generated by Carnegie Grants, money given by the philanthropist Andrew Carnegie to churches installing pipe organs. A church would raise half the cost and Carnegie donated the rest. Thus many churches in Scotland obtained instruments they would not otherwise have afforded. (The grants ceased in 1903, but there was such a backlog that Lawton's built the last Carnegie organ in 1920)

Anticipating a reduction in work after the Carnegie Grants ceased, Lawton's took on work in Ireland, England and Africa.

Mr Lawton sent his first African organ to Cape Colony in 1905 for construction by local labour but soon became aware of the difficulties of transporting and building organs in that continent, not least because some natives were terrified of the instruments, believing they contained evil spirits. Thus he personally supervised transportation and building of a further five organs up until 1915, occasionally travelling around on a bicycle – no mean feat on dirt tracks and bridge-less river crossings!

After the outbreak of WW1 in 1914, Lawton's continued with a reduced workforce of older employees and the factory was given over to manufacture of aircraft parts, mainly by women. These were for AVRO 504 biplanes assembled at Forbesfield Aircraft Factory in Aberdeen. Mr Lawton undertook a pilot's course to better understand the consequences and responsibilities of aircraft manufacture and later supervised some of the work at Forbesfield.

In the immediate post-war period, business resumed apace as many church organs were ordered as memorials to the fallen; bittersweet circumstances for Mr Lawton's workforce, as some team members never returned, having been killed in action.

By 1922, Mr Lawton had entered the New Zealand market and carried out several large contracts, travelling half way round the world by ship to personally supervise installation of instruments in 1922, 1924 and 1927. During his 1927 trip he entered into partnership with a Mr Osborne to ensure that the company was in good hands when he returned to Scotland.

Mr Lawton turned his attention back to Africa in 1929, concentrating on Kenya, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and Nyasaland (Malawi) with a particular interest in developing instruments to make them suitable for tropical service. Glue melted easily in the heat, so he used rivets and screws to secure parts. Weevils, termites and other boring insects reduced felt to dust and demolished wooden parts, so he found alternative materials and chemical treatments to protect these essential elements of his instruments.

Organ construction at Lawton's was again interrupted by the outbreak of war in 1939. Lawton's main work consisted of essential tuning, repair and maintenance, retrieval and restoration of bombed organs and fitting of electrical blowers. 'Blower boys' to hand-pump the bellows were in short supply due to the demands of war!

As befits a man whose work was his life, Mr Lawton appears to have given little thought to retirement after WW2; organ building and restoration resumed as before.

However, the winter of 1946-47 was particularly harsh, bitterly cold and snowy. While travelling on business, Mr Lawton's train was trapped in snowdrifts and he developed pneumonia to which he succumbed, dying at home in Aberdeen on 9th March 1947. He was survived by his wife, daughter and son-in-law. With no succession plan, the business was sold and the factory closed.

From his first organ in Rhynie Parish Church in 1889 until his final commission at St Paul's Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen in 1947, Mr Lawton took personal responsibility for the design, build and installation of all his instruments. Records from the Aberdeen works show that he designed, built and renovated at least 150 organs as well as having responsibility for maintenance and repair of hundreds of additional instruments.

He had a reputation for being a determined, straightforward and honest man. He used good, solid materials for his instruments and often held organ recitals at his factory on the completion of a new instrument, not seeking fame for himself but as publicity for the business. He was in demand as a public speaker giving illustrated talks and demonstrations of his work and travels and remained interested in innovation and technology throughout his life.

The Duffus Kirk organ, built in 1913, is simple by Lawton's standards, but a popular design of which at least six examples were built at a cost of around £125 each.

More elaborate organs of up to four manuals (keyboards) and with thousands of pipes were produced for churches, cathedrals, concert halls and private residences around the world. There are many local examples including Rhynie, Boharm, Forres St. Laurence, Knockando, Deskford and Macduff although space constraints prevent further elaboration at this time.

Susan Scott

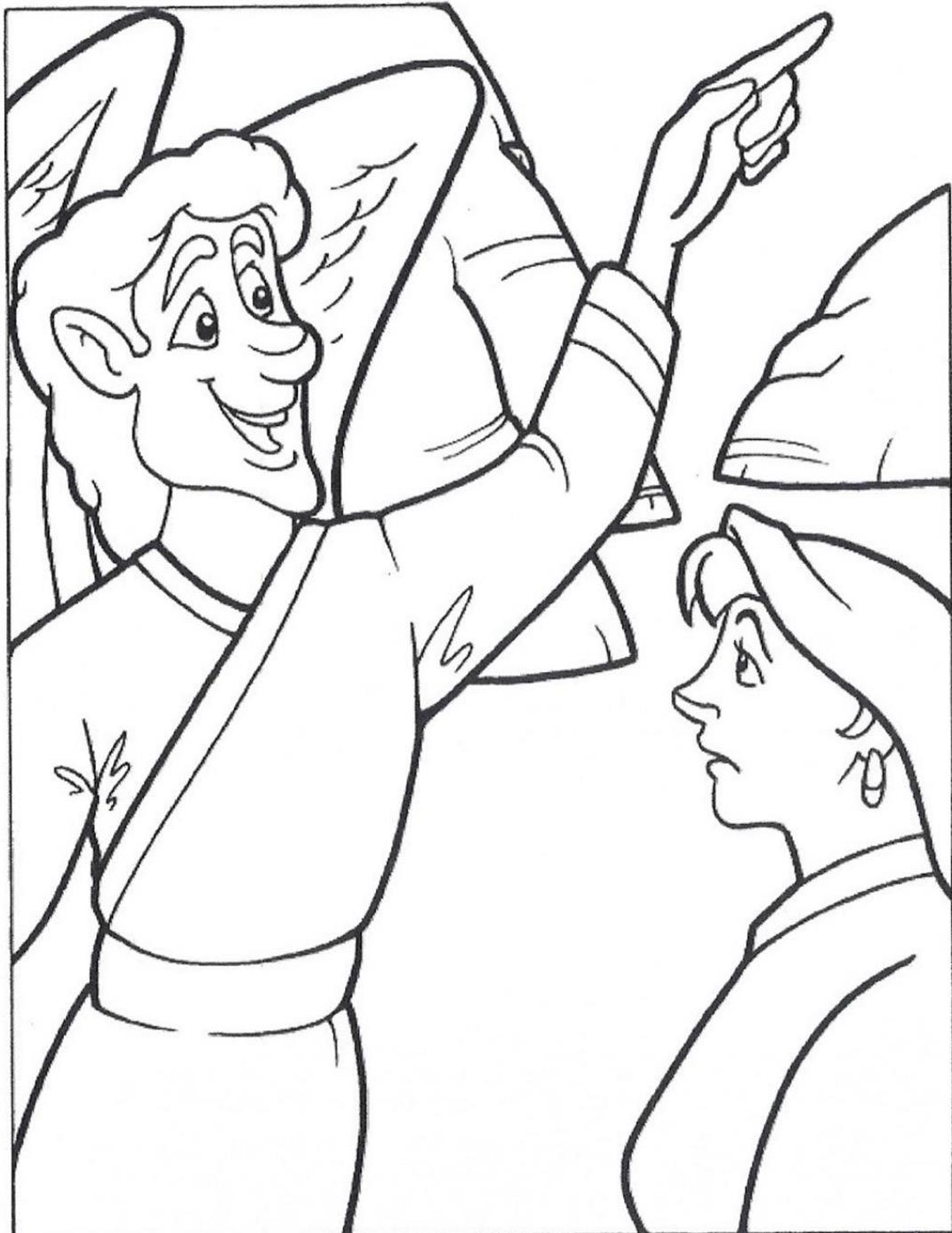


Acknowledgement:

In addition to my own research, I have relied heavily on information provided in a booklet "A Chapter in Scottish Organ Building: EH Lawton Organ Builder Aberdeen 1898-1947 by Philip MG Wright (1970)

Coloring Page

With thanks to Christine Smith



"He is not there, he is risen"
Mark 16:6

Moray Food Plus

Moray Food Plus provides a variety of services to those either experiencing or at risk of food insecurity. They also work with partners to reduce the amount of local food waste taking surplus food and redistributing it amongst the community.

Food poverty is on the increase in Moray. Moray Food Plus is working hard to support people who through no fault of their own find themselves in crisis. Reasons for this are varied but include changes in personal circumstances, illness, welfare reform, low income, and unexpected bills.

The crisis service works on a referral basis from agencies such as social work, housing and health. They also accept self-referrals. Once a referral is received a team of volunteers make up a food parcel containing three days' worth of food (including pet and baby food on request).

If you or your family are experiencing a food crisis and need the support of the Moray Food Plus, please get in touch with them: 01343 208293 request@morayfoodplus.org.uk

Donations of food and toiletries can be made in most supermarkets, and **we collect items for the food bank at the service on the first Sunday of every month**. Half of the collections from our Christmas services this year will support the work of Moray Food Plus.

For those with the technology, you can download the “Bank the Food” app which lets you see what items Moray Food Plus are most urgently needed at any time.

Other support available

Here are some useful local contacts offering advice and support:

Advice on benefits and budgetting:

Moray Citizens Advice Bureau 01343 550088

Moray Council Income Maximisation Team (for those of working age) 0300 123 4563

Affordable low cost loans:

Moray Firth Credit Union 01309 676735

Money in a crisis:

Scottish Welfare Fund 01343 563456

Energy advice:

REAP (Rural Environmental Action Project) 01542 888070

reapscotland.org.uk/benefits-energy



*We remember them with love,
give thanks for their lives,
entrust them to God's loving arms,
and hold their families and friends in our thoughts and prayers.*

John Main of Hopeman - funeral 17th January

Gillian Murray of Aberdeen - 27th January

David MacKay of Hopeman - 24th February

These are the Church Funerals.

We also remember others who have died in our communities

Presbytery updates

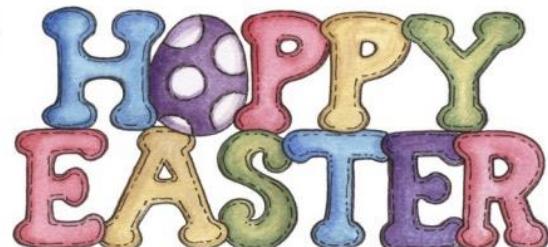
We are now part of the Presbytery of the North East and the Northern Isles. This is an amalgamation of six previous presbyteries, including Moray, and we're still finding our feet together.

The new larger presbytery brings a wider range of people, skills and experience together to support local congregations in God's mission. It also brings the capacity to have more paid staff support, though sadly our new full-time Presbytery Clerk is off sick, facing some months of treatment – please pray for Elspeth McKay.

The new Presbytery Planning and Deployment Committee benefits from the greater experience and knowledge of colleagues. For us, the Moray part of the Presbytery Mission Plan is still not approved by national bodies. A small panel of people appointed by the General Assembly is going to help work through the areas that are causing the difficulties – though there is no clear time-scale for that. However, the Lossiemouth Area is not one of the areas still being negotiated and the proposals for here are unlikely to change.

Easter 2023

As well as the **Maundy Thursday** communion and **Good Friday** reflective services, we are going to have Hopeman Kirk open on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. During those times we will offer some "**Soul space**" – reflective space and music with prayerful activities. Anyone can pop in and find rest and restoration for their souls – why not try it and see how God might speak to you? On Easter morning, we will celebrate from sunrise onwards. The churches in and around **Lossie** will gather on the East Beach for a sunrise service together. We'll have a service in the ruins of **St. Peter's Kirk**. Our regular Sunday worship will then celebrate Easter together.



You are invited to communion

We are invited to gather together for communion - the family meal of the church. In communion we are fed and nourished by Jesus for the journey ahead. A sacrament is a visible sign – in this case, visible, edible, tastable and touchable – of God's invisible grace. God loves us first and always, and the sacraments enable us to know that with our senses. Jesus invites us to come, take, eat – we are all invited. You are invited.

We will remember Jesus' last supper with his friends on the evening of Maundy Thursday (6 April). With friends from the Lossie area, we will share a celebration feast on Lossie East Beach on Easter morning at sunrise. We also continue to celebrate communion every four weeks.

Whenever we share communion, we do what we can to make it safe, inclusive and welcoming for everyone. To include everybody, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and bread that is free from gluten, wheat and milk.

Please join us if you can. And if you are unable to join us, please speak to your elder or contact me about home communion.

Rev Jenny

Millennium Youth Fund

Do you know of any young people who are doing interesting things and need some financial assistance? Perhaps the congregation's Millenium Youth Fund can help.

The aim of the Millennium Youth Fund is to assist pupils of secondary school age, residing in the parish of Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman, to participate in high quality and challenging activities (drama, sport, music, travel etc.) which they might otherwise have difficulty in attending due to financial constraints.

Please contact Ron Duncan duncanbegrow@gmail.com tel. 830238 for more information or to apply for funds.

Annual Stated Meeting and Congregational Board

Every year the congregation gathers for its Annual Stated Meeting. This year the ASM will take place on Sunday 7th May after worship in Hopeman Kirk. It is a chance to share information about the life of the congregation over the past year or so, including the 2022 accounts, and ask questions.

At the ASM, there is also an opportunity for members of the congregation to volunteer or be nominated to serve on the Congregational Board. The Board is responsible for the congregation's finance, property and social life, alongside the Kirk Session's leadership in spiritual matters.

Our Board has three subcommittees: property, finance and social. Those committees only meet when they have to, and can include anyone interested in those areas, whether members of the congregation or Board or not.

Members of the congregation can also be co-opted onto the Board at any time during the year, if the Board agrees. If you think you have skills, time and energy to share to assist with the congregation's finance, property or social gatherings, please consider serving on the Congregational Board or helping one of the committees.

Church Benevolent Fund

This Benevolent Fund is for anyone connected with the congregation who would benefit from financial help which cannot be provided from other social funding or agencies.

It is strictly confidential and administered by the minister and session clerk.

For more information, contact Rev Jenny

Church Calendar April - June 2023

March 2023

Sun 26 Mar All-age worship, Hopeman Kirk 10.30am
Mon 27 Mar Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm
Wed 29 Mar Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 30 Mar Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm

April 2023

Sun 2 Apr All-age worship, Duffus Kirk 10.30am
plus Moray Food Plus collection
Mon 3 Apr Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm
Thu 6 Apr Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm
Maundy Thursday communion service, Duffus Kirk 7pm
Fri 7 Apr Soul space drop-in, Hopeman Kirk 10am-12noon
Good Friday vigil, Lossie St. Gerardine's High, drop-in 12noon-3pm
Good Friday reflective service, Hopeman Kirk 7pm
Sat 8 Apr Soul space drop-in, Hopeman Kirk 10am-2pm
Lossie area officebearers gathering, Hopeman Kirk Hall 10am-12noon
Sun 9 Apr Easter sunrise communion, Lossie East Beach 6am
Easter early service, St. Peter's Kirk, Duffus 7.30am
All-age worship, Spynie Kirk 10.30am
Mon 10 Apr Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm
Thu 13 Apr Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm
Sun 16 Apr All-age worship, Hopeman Kirk 10.30am
Forest Church, meeting at Earthtime by Duffus House, 4-4.40pm

Mon 17 Apr Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm
Wed 19 Apr Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 20 Apr Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm
Sun 23 Apr All-age worship, Duffus Kirk 10.30am
Family ~~film~~ night, Hopeman Memorial Hall 4-6pm
Mon 24 Apr Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm
Congregational Board meeting, Hopeman Kirk Hall
7pm
Wed 26 Apr Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 27 Apr Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm
Sun 30 Apr All-age worship, Spynie Kirk 10.30am

May 2023

Mon 1 May Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm
Wed 3 May Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 4 May Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm
Sun 7 May All-age worship, Hopeman Kirk 10.30am
followed by congregation's Annual Stated Meeting
plus Moray Food Plus collection
Mon 8 May Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm
Wed 10 May Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 11 May Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm
Sat 13 May Lossie area officebearers, St. Gerardine's Church Hall
10am-12noon
Sun 14 May All-age worship, Duffus Kirk 10.30am
followed by simple lunch in aid of Christian Aid
Wee Sing, Duffus Kirk Hall 1pm
Forest Church, meeting at Hopeman East Beach, 4-4.40pm
14-20 May Christian Aid Week

Mon 15 May Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm
Kirk Session meeting, Hopeman Kirk Hall 7pm

Wed 17 May Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon

Thu 18 May Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm

Sun 21 May All-age worship, Spynie Kirk 10.30am

Mon 22 May Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm

Wed 24 May Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon

Thu 25 May Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm

Sun 28 May All-age worship, Hopeman Kirk 10.30am

Mon 29 May Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm

Wed 31 May Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon

June 2023

Thu 1 June Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm

Sun 4 June All-age worship, Duffus Kirk 10.30am
plus Moray Food Plus collection

Mon 5 June Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm

Wed 7 June Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon

Thu 8 June Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm

Sun 11 June All-age worship, Spynie Kirk 10.30am
Forest Church, meeting at Earthtime by Duffus House, 4-4.40pm

Mon 12 June Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm
Congregational Board meeting, Hopeman Kirk Hall 7pm

Wed 14 June Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon

Thu 15 June Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm

Sun 18 June All-age worship, Hopeman Kirk 10.30am

Mon 19 June Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm

Wed 21 June Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon

Thu 22 June Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm

Sun 25 June All-age worship, Duffus Kirk 10.30am

Mon 26 June Social hub, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2-4pm

Wed 28 June Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon

Thu 29 June Social hub, Spynie Kirk 10am-4pm

We know that attending Sunday morning worship is not possible for everyone. We hope you continue to find ways to encounter God and to share in reflection and prayer.

Here are some options:



Phone (01309) 484774, for “Call to Worship”, a 10-minute recorded reflection.



Find Duffus Spynie & Hopeman (or Jenny Adams) on Facebook, for the YouTube videos and livestreams, and other posts.



At youtube.com/@duffusspyniehopeman find a video reflection for each Sunday, including livestreams & videos of services in Duffus Kirk.



BBC Radio Scotland, BBC Scotland TV, BBC One TV on Sundays.

