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Dear friends,

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

The ten commandments include: “For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. … Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an out-stretched arm.”

Jesus says, “I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. … I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Psalm 23 declares: “The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. … you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.”

The risen Jesus says “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. … Receive the Holy Spirit.”

2 Corinthians proclaims: “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

Which of these words speaks to your heart and soul today? Are you drawn by rest, by peace, by freedom, or by abundance and overflowing? What can restore your soul?

It's the summer, with sabbath from church meetings and the hope of some different rhythms in life. The God who loves us knows what each of us needs to be more fully ourselves, with greater wholeness, peace and joy. So, may we all find space for God to restore our souls.

With love and prayers,

Jenny



From the Assistant Minister

Dear friends,

Having recently celebrated Pentecost, we are now journeying towards the summer months, enjoying lighter and warmer mornings and evenings, with thoughts perhaps turning to picnics and barbeques. The colours and vibrancy of spring and the approaching summer are flourishing and is a feast for the senses.



In amongst the vibrancy of spring and summer for me is the amusing prayerful plea for patience when I am woken at 4am by persistent chirping and singing from birds; a reminder that every season brings joys and some challenges!

The warmer days and birds chirping, soaring in the air remind me of the themes and symbols of the coming of the Holy Spirit, tongues of flames, blowing of wind and the dove.

I've often thought it a wonderful gift for the disciples to be able to speak in the various languages, but I also now realise the challenge that presented to them as well; 'amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "what does this mean?"'

Many of us will be taking time over the next few weeks and months to enjoy holidays, whether those are enjoying local areas or taking trips further afield. As we take time to enjoy, and at times be patient during the spring and summer months, I offer a thought for you to ponder, that you consider something that amazes you and something that you have or do find perplexing and share these with God in ways you find most helpful.

I wonder, if, in your contemplations and sharing, your amazement may deepen or if the perplexity may clear towards understanding?

I wish you all a peaceful and blessed summer, with some time to recharge and enjoy the season.

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

Christine

THE BROKEN SOUL, by M. A. Kelly

They thought that I was down and out
They thought that I was done
The more they kept me on the ground
The more I looked towards that sun
And as those rays of light shone down
To warm my aging face
I found my shoulders rise once more
As I stood in humble grace
No tears, no regrets, no shattered life
Will destroy my battered soul
Instead I'll fight and pursue each dream
As I move towards my goal
The ridicule, the words of harm
The insults and the pain
Endured by a man whose defiant spirit
Fights back to erase his shame

When a man is lost and feels all alone
He must look within himself
And rid his thoughts of any doubt
That his life is blessed with wealth
No gold, no silver to weigh him down
Only pennies small and few
But in his heart he carries the belief
That his life can be renewed
Blows and strikes may knock you over
In a life that's tough and hard
But a winner will find inside his mind
The strength to rebuild his guard

So look towards that sun my lad
When your battles near their end
And remember this as you rise again
That a broken soul can mend

*This poem was one of a selection sent to Rev Jenny by the poet, offering them for sharing in our church magazine. The poet is from Richmond in London, but with friends locally. They say, "Poetry came to me very late in life and I am still trying to comprehend why!"

Presbytery Mission Planning updates

I know people are anxious for more information about the situation with our congregation and church buildings, as they will be affected by the Presbytery Mission Plan. Unfortunately, there is still no finalised Moray plan, due to issues still awaiting resolution in other places. Here's an extract from an update from the Presbytery Planning and Deployment Committee of the Presbytery of the North East and the Northern Isles (NENI):

"The Presbytery Mission Plans of the former presbyteries form one combined Presbytery Mission Plan for NENI. Of those six plans, five are fully approved. The former Buchan area plan is approved subject to the result of an appeal from one Kirk Session. We do not know the timetable for this.

The former Moray area plan is with the Mission Review Panel, which is three people tasked with assisting conversations between presbytery, Faith Nurture Forum, and the General Trustees. The Panel has visited and listened to congregations where there were still issues to resolve. The aim is to allow us to complete a revised draft of the Moray part of the plan acceptable to all as soon as possible. We are awaiting a report from the Review Panel so that we can bring a revised Moray plan to presbytery. Meanwhile progress can be made in areas not related to that review process."

This means there is not a finalised Moray part of the Presbytery Mission Plan. However, there are no further discussions taking place about the Lossiemouth Area, as it was agreed by Moray Presbytery in November 2022. Therefore, the expected outcome includes:

- the eventual union of Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman congregation with the two Lossiemouth congregations, forming one new inclusive congregation with one set of officebearers and finances
- an eventual team ministry of 1 full-time Minister, one half-time pastoral assistant, one part-time Ordained Local Minister, and trained local leadership.the potential for Local Mission Churches in the Hopeman and Duffus areas, where local leadership can get on with worship, service and outreach with less administration.

-the retention of Duffus Kirk building (and Lossiemouth St. James' Church and hall)
the disposal (probably sale) of Hopeman and Spynie Kirk (and Lossiemouth St. Gerardine's High) buildings by August 2027
worship, service and outreach in all parts of the parish will continue, at times and in places that are available, accessible and make sense in each community

The two Lossiemouth Kirk Sessions have now agreed a Basis of Union (with congregational votes still to come), which will see the Lossiemouth congregations become one congregation (with one set of office-bearers and finances) on 1 January 2024. This is an interim step towards the larger union, which will hopefully make things simpler in Lossiemouth meantime. Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman had representatives at their discussions, keeping us involved and connected. The Boards and Sessions of Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman, St. Gerardine's High and St. James' have been gathering monthly since March. We are getting to know one another, and this gives people a chance to hear each other's questions, concerns and hopes for the future in an informal setting (with cake!).

The eventual Team Ministry of 1.5 paid posts cannot be formed while the two full-time Ministers (Geoff McKee and myself) are in our current posts, so the timescales for that are unclear and will depend on our discernment of God's call to this or other roles.

So far, the Board and Session of Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman have felt unable to discuss any practical matters relating to the future of our church buildings until the Presbytery Mission Plan is final and definite. There will be a considerable time of transition, which I hope will allow us to acknowledge the importance of these places of worship and the many stories associated with them. It will take time to find the best outcome for each building, particularly if external groups are involved. During that transition time, I would anticipate the buildings remaining in use, serving our congregation and communities.

These are very difficult times, with uncertainty and painful transitions for many of us. I hope we can continue to love one another, as Jesus loves us, no matter what. I hope we can also continue to hear Jesus' invitation to come, to love God, and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves – doing those things alongside others is what makes us church.

Rev Jenny

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

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....
jadams@churchofscotland.org.uk

Hello Again,

It's lovely to be writing this on a sunny, early summer day in my garden with the sound of bees and birds for company. A very noisy and boisterous family of sparrows have moved into one of my buddleia bushes and keep me entertained with their squabbles and chirpings, and frequent visits to the birdbath for a splash and preen.

It's hard to believe that three months have passed since I wrote a wee piece for the last church magazine – it's been a very busy time. School chaplaincy has been a highlight of my time with you, and this now draws to a close with the end of this school year approaching. The pupils and staff at Hopeman Primary School are always welcoming and I have very much enjoyed spending time there every month with the library group, and also the classroom visits which Jenny and I have made.

It has been a real privilege to be a part of such a vibrant school community. Visiting Lossiemouth High School for year-group assemblies has also been a wonderful experience, and the young people have made some very thoughtful contributions to what we bring. Working as part of a chaplaincy team has been a new experience for me and I have enjoyed it greatly. I've also enjoyed being part of the gatherings of office-bearers from Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman and Lossiemouth St. Gerardine's and Lossiemouth St. James' churches, looking at ways of working more closely together.

It is a difficult time for ourselves, and many other congregations across Scotland, and it is important to make, and use, these opportunities to consider what the future holds going forward. There has been much frank, heartfelt and very honest conversation at our meetings, as well as homebakes and cups of tea.

Soon I'll be away to my fourth and final probationer conference to Coatbridge for a long weekend of training and reflection. After that, July will see me spending a week at the Refuel Festival at Fochabers. You'll find some information about that elsewhere in the magazine. It would be lovely to see you there.

As always, I continue to be blessed by the support and prayers of members of the congregation as I continue my probation. It's always lovely to chat, so please do stop me to say hello when you see me.

Every blessing,
Anne-Marie



Refuel23 Summer Festival

The Refuel Festival will take place at Gordon Castle Fochabers from Monday 24th to Thursday 27th of July and is free to attend this year. It is an annual event attracting Christians from all over Britain, and beyond, and from many worshipping communities and denominational backgrounds.

In the past the former Presbytery of Moray provided a marquee as part of the event which involved folk from almost all of our Moray congregations and also people from other local faith traditions. Despite the presbytery restructuring there will still be a Moray Churches Together tent set up as a quiet space for reflection, with a series of prayer stations. There will be a place for solitude or an opportunity to chat. We will have a prayer tree and a spot for an outdoor quiet space. There will be prayers at the close each evening and a celebration of Holy Communion one afternoon, led by Rev. Sonia Palmer, one of the team.

Part of the fun of Refuel is the worship, led by a live band from the main stage and producing wonderful singing. There are also a number of guest speakers and various organisations also have tents and stands. Some of this year's partners include Forge, Sanctuary First, MAF, Barnabas Aid and Scripture Union amongst others. The main stage is busy from the first worship, throughout the morning and again in the evening. Indoors there are also displays from various charities, a cafe and a very well-stocked bookshop. The castle gardens are a joy in July and there will be outdoor food stalls.

This is an amazing opportunity for Christian fellowship right in the heart of our community. Please do consider coming along, although you will need to book a ticket online. If you'd like to volunteer to help us, if you need help with tickets or would like more information, please don't hesitate to be in touch.
Hope to see you there.

Anne-Marie

Report on The General Assembly 2023

The new moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is the Rt. Reverend Sally Foster-Fulton. From first impressions, she appears to be a very gracious woman, kind in her interactions with others, thoroughly relevant in her preaching and very thoughtful in her use of words. The worship she led was inspiring and her prayers very beautiful.

The theme for the week was “remember who you are”, and we explored this in terms of being part of Christ’s body, the Church. I would encourage you to watch each day’s opening worship on YouTube, if you can – the worship and various reports for each day are presented individually and can be easily accessed by simply typing in General Assembly 2023.

Our new moderator has chosen dark green vestments for her year in office, but on Thursday wears black in support of the Thursdays in Black movement to show solidarity with women who have faced violence and abuse.

The Ecumenical Relations Committee presented a very encouraging report, highlighting the “incredible amount of progress” being made in recent years from the Columba Declaration in 2016 with the Church of England, followed by The St. Andrews Declaration in 2021 with the Scottish Episcopal Church and the St. Margaret Declaration in 2022 between the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church. Growing community, relationship and unity were emphasised, despite historic pain. The liturgy from the St. Margaret Declaration has now been made available for use by congregations. There is a real sense of momentum in moving forward together. There was also debate around allowing the sacraments to be celebrated in our buildings by clergy from other denominations. An amendment has been adopted that widens the list of those eligible. It is accepted that we must build upon the goodwill and opportunities which already exist and there is a realisation that our work as disciples of Christ is to bring the gospel to all, regardless of denominational predominance in any area. That means that we shouldn’t be jealously counting the numbers attending any church and making comparisons.

The invitation to church leaders from other denominations and from overseas to address the Assembly and take part in debate was once again very welcome. The address by Rev. Lydia Neshangwe from the Presbyterian Church of South Africa was a highlight of the Assembly for many. She reminded us of how important it is to sample and experience worship from different faith traditions. In the words of an African proverb – “He who never visits thinks his mother is the best cook”. There is indeed much that we can learn from our sisters and brothers in Christ, wherever they are and however they worship.

The Assembly Trustees are reminding congregational treasures that there are webinars to help with understanding and implementing Going for Growth and the new Seeds for Growth initiative. The Giving to Grow congregational contributions will decrease from £47.7 m in 2020 to 38.9m in 2023. There is also a suggestion that we hold frank conversations with our members about legacy giving.

During his moderatorial year the retiring moderator, the Very Reverend Ian Greenshields stated that we need to institute a Decade of Evangelism. This is an upbeat and exciting vision for the future of Christianity in Scotland, and it was mentioned several times over the course of the week's business. We need to move forward with a sense of adventure.

The Faith Nurture forum report acknowledged that there are many “hurting and bewildered congregations” at the moment. However, there is a deep sense that the changes and reforms we are undergoing now will be beneficial. There is consideration being made of a ministry apprenticeship, which will include the diaconate. There are no firm proposals around this at the moment. An apprenticeship scheme for youth ministry is also being considered with funding coming from the Seeds for Growth fund. The Social Care Committee, that is Crossreach, report highlighted a number of vacancies care home which are difficult to fill. With pay levels being below those offered by the N.H.S. this underlies issues with staff recruitment and retention. The care on offer is of high quality and the charity has a strong income.

We should remember that their work goes beyond care homes to offenders and prison visiting, residential care for children, counselling, support for substance abuse recovery, mental health support and homelessness initiatives. We hold Crossreach in our prayers.

The Guild report was, again, very hopeful and reminds us of the amazing work undertaken by the Guild – which was described in the report as “Sunday School for Grannies” – it is so much more than that. Their theme at the moment is “wee seeds, big trees” which describes all their work, but in particular the Malawi Green Canopy scheme which is a response to the climate emergency. Three new Guild branches have been established this year and many continue to operate despite the closure of their home church, while others have united. There are now some cross-presbytery groups meeting. New ways of being Guild are being explored and there is a sense of excitement at new opportunities. One new initiative is the Young Adult Guild, for people between the ages of 18 and 30. The focus is worship, learning and mission and they may be found on Facebook and Instagram. We are being asked to spread the word about this.

The Guild Big Sing was enthusiastically attended on the Tuesday evening. The Guild ask for the continued prayer and support from congregations which is greatly appreciated.

The Legal Questions Committee have said they will consider a proposal for Youth Representatives to be allowed to vote at future assemblies. The Faith Impact Forum brought news of a Jewish-Christian Glossary showing the way certain words are used and understood by both faith groups. The Chief Rabbi, Sir Ephraim Mirvis addressed the Assembly. The aim is to eliminate either direct or implied beliefs or attitudes when using words associated with land. This document shows remarkable collaboration in its production and should help us to tackle division and provide care and respect when speaking. The Chief Rabbi emphasised that there are many differences of theology and political opinion, but also that by working together we might promote “understanding in our disagreement”. It will be released later in 2023 and congregations are being invited to use it.

The report also included sections on racial injustice, commending the recent report on 'The Church of Scotland and the Legacies of Slavery', encouraged the church to continue planning to meet the Net Zero target by 2030 in the 'Safeguarding the Integrity of Creation' report, and considered violence against women, the cost-of-living crisis and substance abuse.

There was much thoughtful and respectful debate regarding the church's stance on end-of-life choices regarding assisted dying and assisted suicide. This will continue to challenge us all as individuals and as a church into the future. Assembly voted to continue with the stance of supporting the current legal protections which prohibit these practices.

The safeguarding report reminded us of our moral and legal responsibilities when recruiting and asks us to seek advice if unsure. With regards to Trustee training – no specific figures are available but significant progress is being made. It was proposed that refresher training rather than complete re-training after five years be introduced. This has to be considered at a future date. Questions were raised about consistency of training sessions.

This was a very positive General Assembly, despite the serious issues, changes and challenges facing congregations and presbyteries. There is a real sense of change being for the better, and much positivity. Discussion was frank and heartfelt, but always respectful and considered.

Anne-Marie



Millennium Youth Fund

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

We continue to gather for **Forest Church** every month. We're alternating between Hopeman East Beach and the woods around Duffus House, the places most people have attended. I realise I've been too busy enjoying it to take photos to share – my apologies!

In April, we took a Emmaus-style walk around the woods, pausing every so often to listen to each other, to listen to the sounds around us, and to share stories. We ended up sharing a wee communion of oatcakes and grapes, recognising God with us in these simple things.

In May, Anne-Marie was inspired by Christian Aid Week to consider islands, so many of which are under threat from rising sea levels due to climate change. We gazed out from Hopeman Beach and we heard and sang about building on sand and rocks. We then had fun creating islands in the sand, with digging, water, stones, seaweed and other found items.

We generally gather with 8-12 people, aged approximately 2-90! Hopefully we give everyone space to encounter God in the big book of creation, while keeping things short for practical reasons. Why not join us some time?

Rev Jenny

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



These are the Church Funerals:

David Forbes of Westerfolds – funeral 29th March

Murray McKenzie of Hopeman – funeral 2nd June

We also remember others who have died in our communities and families.

*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.*

Weddings

Phoebe Beckett and Aidan Mitchell, Duffus Kirk 25th March 2023

Mandy Murray and Billy MacPherson, Spynie Kirk 20th May 2023

God is love; and those who dwell in love are dwelling in God, and God in them.

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

Livestreaming

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

Christian Aid Week Update

Christian Aid Week has come and gone for another year but it seems like every week could have the same title because of the many sad reports from around the world on a daily basis. Although we have had three Emergency Appeals throughout the last twelve months which you have responded to so generously, this particular Christian Aid week has had an amazing response.

The Quiz sheet has proved very popular even though a little frustrating. The sponsored litter pick in Duffus and district was very well supported, and the scones and pancakes at the Coffee Morning in Hopeman Church hall proved very popular. Added to these efforts are the Special Gift Aided envelopes still filtering into the weekly offering plates, so all in all, a fantastically generous response from you all.

However, the greatest individual effort has been made by Rev Jenny who has walked 200k during the month of May and been sponsored for her valiant efforts raising over £900.

So altogether, we will send over £2000 to Christian Aid once all the envelopes are returned

A huge thankyou to you all and you can be sure it will be used wisely .

Ron Duncan



Garden Project

Just to say to all the folk that have bought Marmalade and Jam /Chutney or Tablet from me/ my wee sales table at the back door over this last few months a big THANK YOU.

This year I have put the money raised ..so far to a Primary School that my Daughter works at in Clackmannanshire as they were trying to start a garden/ allotment for some of the children who need 'extra support and guidance' to help them get outdoors and become involved in something different.

the letters, cards and picture drawings I received from them were very rewarding and as it was you that bought the jams etc I thought I'd share with you the response's.

One I have included was from a P7 girl the drawing from a P5 (**Page 21**) but here are some of the other letter comments...

'thankyou for working hard and raising money for us and our garden' P5
I'm enjoying making the allotment because I like growing and planting things and I'm interested in learning how things grow under the ground'
P5

Thank you for raising the money for us to grow more things we appreciate it a lot because we can learn more about gardening' P5

'we will use the money for plants that help the bees, help pollinators' and make our school look nicer'

'we can buy more compost to enrich the soil and make our plants look better and bigger' P7

' I have enjoyed doing the garden and the allotment because I like being outside in nature' P5

'I like gardening because fresh air is good for your lungs' P6

I have enjoyed project liked nature I also like digging, I like litter picking because it is good for the environment' P6

'we can plant more now , we are very hard workers, I love seeing the bees' P7

'I enjoy doing the garden at school watching all the trees and planting the vegetables' P5

' I'm looking forward to growing potatoes and being ready because I want more chips' P5

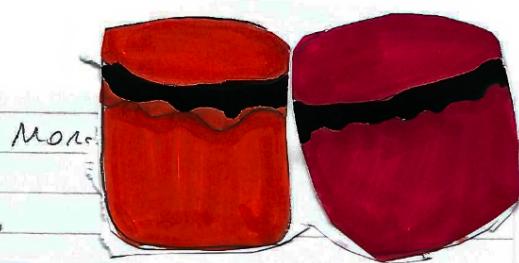
'I have enjoyed creating the allotment because I want to help the homeless people to have nice healthy food' P6

'I have enjoyed gardening as gardening is fun' P5 'I'm a hard worker and like digging' P5

' I enjoy gardening because I love gardening and to be honest, I just like being outside and feeling the sun on the back of my neck is the best feeling ever' P7

Christine Smith

Letter of thanks sent to Christine Smith from P7 girl in Clackmannanshire Primary School:



Dear Mrs Smith,

My name is _____ I am in Primary 7 and I go to the hub. I have enjoyed doing the Allotment because I like planting things like Potatoes and flowers. I like planting Potatoes because we can make crisps and chips with them. I like planting flowers because the bees can have pollen.

Thank you for raising £135 with your own time we really appreciate it.



Church Calendar July - September 2023

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:

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

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

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

June 2023

- 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

July 2023

- Sun 2 July All-age worship, Spynie Kirk 10.30am
plus Moray Food Plus collection
Thu 6 July Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 9 July All-age worship, Hopeman Kirk 10.30am – Communion
Forest Church, meeting at Hopeman East Beach 4-4.40pm
Thu 13 July Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 16 July All-age worship, Duffus Kirk 10.30am
Hopeman Gala Songs of Praise, Gala Marquee 2-3pm
Thu 20 July Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Fri 21 July Gala Coffee morning & open church, Hopeman 10.30am-12noon
Sun 23 July All-age worship, Spynie Kirk 10.30am

Mon 24-Fri 28 July – Children's Holiday Club, Lossiemouth
Mon 24-Thu 27 July – Refuel Christian Festival, Fochabers – refuelscotland.org.uk
Thu 27 July Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 30 July All-age worship, Hopeman Kirk 10.30am

August 2023

Thu 3 Aug Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 6 Aug All-age worship, Duffus Kirk 10.30am - Communion plus Moray Food Plus collection
Thu 10 Aug Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 13 Aug All-age worship, Spynie Kirk 10.30am
Forest Church, meeting at Earthtime by Duffus House, 4-4.40pm
Wed 16 Aug Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 17 Aug Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 20 Aug All-age worship, Hopeman Kirk 10.30am
Wed 23 Aug Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 24 Aug Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 27 Aug All-age worship, Duffus Kirk 10.30am
Wed 30 Aug Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 31 Aug Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm

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Sun 3 Sept All-age worship, Spynie Kirk 10.30am - Communion plus Moray Food Plus collection
Mon 4 Sept Kirk Session meeting, Hopeman Kirk Hall 7pm
Wed 6 Sept Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 7 Sept Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 10 Sept All-age worship, Hopeman Kirk 10.30am
Forest Church, meeting at Hopeman East Beach 4-4.40pm
Wed 13 Sept Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 14 Sept Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 17 Sept All-age worship, Duffus Kirk 10.30am
Mon 18 Sept Congregational Board meeting, Hopeman Kirk Hall 7pm

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- Thu 21 Sept Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm
Sun 24 Sept All-age worship, Spynie Kirk 10.30am
Wed 27 Sept Toddler group, Spynie Kirk 9.30am-12noon
Thu 28 Sept Social hub, Spynie Kirk 12noon-4pm

Hopeman Social Hub

Throughout the winter months, weekly sessions of the Social Hub were held each Monday afternoon in the Kirk Hall.

Those attending enjoyed a good blether over a cuppa and some light hearted activities.

A big thank you to all the willing helpers who assisted each week.

