

INTIMATIONS: Sunday 8th January 2017

We welcome you to our service this morning. You are reminded that when the Bible is brought into and carried out of Church we all stand. Any visitors worshipping with us are especially welcome and are invited to join us for tea or coffee in the hall afterwards.

SUNDAY:

There will be a **Traidcraft Stall** in the Main Hall following this morning's Service.

A Service will take place in **Deeside Care Home** this afternoon at 2.30pm. All members of the congregation are invited to join us.

MONDAY:

The **Maintenance Squad** are taking a break and meet again on **Monday 6th February** at 9.30m. Any queries please contact Willie Black. Tel. 01224 869362.

If you have not already done so, please collect your decorations from the table in the Main Hall. Many thanks.

Badminton will resume on **Monday 9th January 2017** at **7.15pm**. Any queries please contact **John Troup** Tel. 01224 732701

Monday Lunch Club are looking for more volunteers to help out from 12 - 2pm. Please contact **Jacky Hatchwell 01224 861736** for more information.

TUESDAY:

Cults '**Music To Remember**' meets at **Cults Kirk Centre** in Bennachie at 10.15-11.45 (including refreshments in Lochnagar). All welcome. For more information contact **Debbie Gordon 863472** or **Anne Meldrum 868053**.

The Guild will meet in **Scolty** at 2.00pm to hear an '**Inspiring Tale**' from **Andrew Reid** of **The Inspire Trust**. All welcome. Any queries please contact **Anne Meldrum 868053**.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY THURSDAY:

The Hub will be re-opening on **10th January 2017** from **10am till 3pm** serving up their wonderful fare of teas/ coffees, soup, sandwiches, baked potatoes, quiche and home baking.

WEDNESDAY:

The **050** will meet for lunch in **Lochnagar** at 12 noon followed by notices and a talk in **Bennachie** from **12.45pm**. The speaker today is **Rev. Ewen Gilchrist** whose topic is '**What the Hell is Joy?**'. For more information please contact **Liz Kilvington 01224 867103**.

THURSDAY:

Bible Study resumes after the Christmas break. We meet at 10.00am for coffee in **The Kirk Centre** followed by discussion in **Scolty**. This week we will be focussing on **Acts Ch9 vs36- Ch10 vs48**. Please join us. Any queries please contact **Peter Michie 868054**.

The Acts Group led by **Peter and Katie Cross** will meet in **Morven** from **7.30pm until 9.00pm**. Tea, coffee and home baking will be provided. Join us as we dive into the danger, intrigue, and mistakes of the early church and learn more about who we are and why we do the things we do. **Contact Peter for more info: 07734207203 or pmarlowecross@me.com**.

FRIDAY:

Friday Cafe will meet at the **Kirk Centre** from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. Table tennis, table football, air hockey, basketball etc. Cafe and tuck shop. Baking. Music. All in **S1-3** welcome.

The next Music in the Sanctuary Concert will be NEXT Sunday 15th January at 2.30pm in the Church when Anna Wiedemann (soprano) accompanied by Jeremy Coleman (piano) will perform. Please note this is a last minute change to the scheduled concert. Admission will be by donation with refreshments served afterwards in the Main Hall.

Thanks to **Betty Sainsbury** who kindly donated the flowers which decorate our Sanctuary today.

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

1. Our **Book Group** always enjoy a post-Christmas meal at the beginning of each new year. That takes place in the Bieldside Inn next Monday (Jan 16th) at 7pm. Please contact Pauline Varley at paukeiab@yahoo.co.uk to confirm your place.
2. The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is an opportunity for local churches to remember that we are part of a greater communion, much as we all have our favourite habits, rituals and locations! To mark WPCU, we have a "pulpit swop" next week. John Ferguson of Peterculter Kirk will be our guest, whilst I will share worship at St. Devenick's Episcopal Church.

Some folk in our congregation navigated their way through the wonderful, mysterious and sometimes exhausting season of Advent by reading a poem a day.

"Haphazard" by Starlight offered a quietly different way of exploring the heart of Incarnation and what it means when God "invades" earth, even in the form of a helpless child.

The final meeting of the group is next Friday (Jan 13th) at 10am in Morven.

There was a very generous response to our invitation to support two projects with our givings at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, as well as the Nativity Play and Gift Service.

*Consequently, we were able to send **£922** to the **Sunrise Partnership**, an Aberdeen-based charity providing support and counselling for youngsters dealing with issues of bereavement and loss; and **£1570** to the Kirk's "**Build A House**" project in Nepal, helping to re-home families made homeless by recent earthquakes.*

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