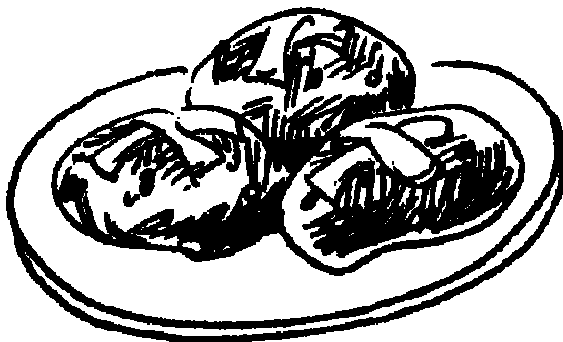


NEWMACHAR CHURCH



GRAPEVINE

Monthly Newsletter

MARCH 2007

Dear Members & Friends of Newmachar Church

Welcome to the March edition of Grapevine.

In this edition you will find details of services & events taking place in March at Newmachar Church. Copies of this edition will be available on a Sunday throughout the month. Feel free to take a copy to friends or family who may like to receive one.

As Easter is such an important time at Newmachar Church, the Easter edition of Grapevine will be distributed as before to all homes in the parish. Can we ask those people who have kindly volunteered to distribute previous editions to note that the Easter Grapevine will be available from Sunday 25th March. If you are not able to help us this time, please inform us as soon as possible so we can find a replacement to cover your area.

In order to have the publication ready for this date, we will be meeting on Friday 23rd at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall to fold, collate and staple the copies, continuing on Saturday morning if required. The more volunteers we have the less time it takes to complete the job. If you have an hour to spare and are available to help, please give your name to myself or Moira Lee as soon as possible.

Thank You
Christine MacLeod
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The Worship Team would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in reading the Bible lesson during Sunday morning worship and/or leading the congregation in prayer. If you feel you would like to take part in these activities or welcoming at the church door please contact Sandra Nicolson 862998 or Heather Gordon 862025. We look forward to hearing from you.

Update on Operation Christmas Child

I would like to thank everyone who filled shoeboxes for the annual Samaritan's Purse appeal in November. Approximately 50 boxes were delivered to the collection point in Aberdeen. I have received a letter of thanks from Simon Barrington, the Executive Director of the charity. Newmachar was one of 4000 churches in the UK which donated 1.24 million boxes for needy children across 12 countries throughout Eastern Europe and Africa. Thanks to YOU a child's life has been affected by a simple act of love wrapped in a shoebox. These tangible expressions of God's unconditional love have brought hope to children who live in poverty, have been orphaned or abandoned, or are sick with Aids or other life-threatening diseases. Most of them have never received a Christmas gift.

For more information visit
www.Samaritanspurse.uk.com

Empty Printer Cartridge Appeal

Just a reminder that instead of throwing away those empty cartridges they can be recycled to raise money for LEPRO, which is a medical development charity that works in some of the most impoverished regions on earth. LEPRO provides treatment, care, education and rehabilitation programmes to people suffering from a range of endemic diseases in the developing world. Please help raise money to restore health, hope and dignity to people affected by leprosy and other diseases of poverty. Empties please to Anne Ross or hand in to Dyce Library (next to Asda).

For more information visit
www.lepra.org.uk

Easter Prayer Event

To give thanks and to celebrate the opening of our newly refurbished church I will be organising a 24 hour prayer watch from 9am on Saturday 7th April to 9am on Sunday 8th April. I would like to involve as many people as possible, after all each one of us will benefit from the new facilities. This is a golden opportunity to pray for our church, our parish and our growing community. Let us build a house of prayer. If you are interested or would like to know more, please speak to Anne Ross or phone me on 862802.

Prayer and Praise March 2007

I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the Power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

1. Praise God for the Rev. Manson Merchant and family.
2. Pray with the world on this world day of prayer.
3. Pray for all at the Souled Out event
4. Do not be ashamed to testify about our lord- 2 Timothy 1:8
5. Pray for justice worldwide.
6. Pray for our young folk in the community.
7. Pray for the sick and worded that they might find peace.
8. Pray for peace of heart and peace all over the world.
9. Pray for the Newmachar Church book group.
10. Give thanks for our monthly coffee morning.
11. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Galatians 5:1
12. Pray for those facing decision and new challenges.
13. Pray for all church Officers-whose work is never done.
14. Pray for the Guild and the ongoing work it achieves.
15. Pray for the bereaved that they maybe comforted.
16. Praise God for the work on the church building.
17. Pray for the housebound that they receive aid.
18. Praise God for all mothers.
19. Pray for all volunteers who teach our young folk.
20. Pray for the work of Nazareth Hospital in the Holy Land.
21. Praise God for the Thursday club.

22. Praise God for the Book and Fairtrade stalls.
23. Praise god for the youth work in our community.
24. Give thanks for the promise of summer and set your clocks.
25. Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. John 2:6
26. Pray for the hungry, homeless and the refugee.
27. Pray for our country Leaders that their vision is likened to God.
28. Pray for those who are faced with temptation, may they be saved.
29. Pray for the work of the Scottish Bible Society.
30. Give thanks for holidays as the schools come to the end of term.
31. Pray for your family your neighbours and your friends

While at the recycling bins in the Village Hall car park my eyes turned towards our church causing my spirits to lift. I remember being in the same spot in August 1999 having just moved to Newmachar when I was approached by an old friend, former work colleague, member of the building project team and church elder informing me for the first time on the building improvement plans. On hearing this I said to myself, **“I am glad to have moved to Newmachar”**.

Though not completed at the time of writing this, one can see the great opportunity we have been given by the dedicated hard work and Christian commitment of all those involved.

Thank You

Dave Lee

Walkie Talkies



Our next walk will be to CRUDEN BAY AND THE BULLERS OF BUCHAN. This will be on Saturday the 31st of March. It is only 5 miles in length along cliff top paths and passing the ruins of Slains castle on the way. We will meet at 9.30am at the village hall. The walk itself should take no longer than 2 ½ hours.

If anyone would like to suggest a walk for the walkie talkies to try please do so.

You don't have to be super fit to join us. We are definitely not! But we are definitely very welcoming to all.

For more information contact Moira Lee on 869017 or email outreach@newmacharchurch.org



ABERDEEN CHARITY CEILIDH

ALL PROCEEDS TO OXFAM, THE ZOE LEE
FOUNDATION AND DICED CAP

(Registered charity nos- 202918, SC037353, SC017901 respectively)

Hilton Treetops Hotel, 7th of April, 7:30pm
Tickets £20 includes, stovies, ceilidh, disco and more!

Please contact Emma Mathieson
on 07970434107 for more details.





FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 7.00 p.m.
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
Summerhill House

WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH 8.00 p.m.
Speaker: ERICA HOLLIS
“Medical Herbalism”

Souled Out

Friday 2nd March – SHOCKWAVE

An event purely for Teens and Twenties.

Speaker: Eddie Lyle.

Doors open at 7:00pm. (AECC)

Main event: 7:30pm – 9:30pm.

Late night (over 16s only): 9.45pm till late!

Saturday 3rd March – Souled Out

All ages welcome.

Speaker: Daniel Kim

Doors open 7pm. Event runs: 7:30 – 9:30pm (AECC)

Useful Contact Numbers

Minister	Manson Merchant	862278
Session Clerk	Bill Campbell	862816
Treasurer	Ian Urquhart	862428
Building Project	Glenda Gray	862665
Church Officer	Yvonne Cowieson	869292
Grapevine	Christine MacLeod	862635
Cool Club	Sheena Merchant	862278

**Sunday Services will be held in Newmachar
Village Hall until further notice**

- 4 March Sunday Communion Service, 11 a.m.
- 11 March Sunday Service, 11 a.m.
- 18 March Sunday Service, 11 a.m.
Summerhill House, 6 p.m.
- 25 March Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

Crèche facilities are available at all morning services

More information can be found on our website
www.newmacharchurch.org
E-mail info@newmacharchurch.org

What's On in March

- 2nd - World Day of Prayer Service, Summerhill House, 7 p.m.
- 2nd & 3rd - Souled Out, AECC
- 9th - Newmachar Church Book Club, 7.30 p.m.
- 10th - Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 9.45 - 11.30 a.m.
- 14th - Guild , Village Hall, 8 p.m.
- 16th - Deadline for Easter grapevine articles
- 23rd - Grapevine folding etc, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.