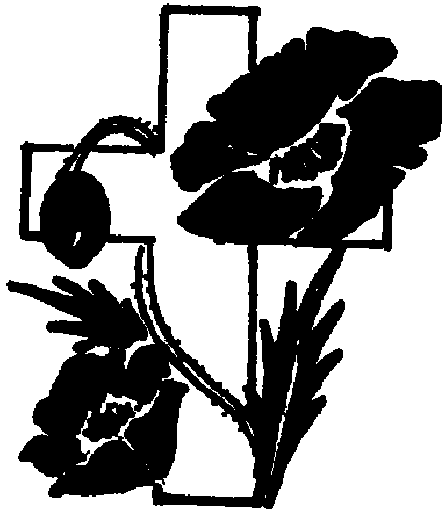


# NEWMACHAR CHURCH



## GRAPEVINE

Monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2007

## Dear Members & Friends of Newmachar Church

Welcome to the November edition of Grapevine.

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

As December is such an important time at Newmachar Church, the Christmas edition of Grapevine will be distributed as before to all homes in the parish., We now produce 1600 copies and to make it ready for delivery we need a whole army of people to collate and staple it together. The more people there are the quicker and easier it is done. We also have lots of fun and chat while doing it. Refreshments will be provided to help us along! We will be meeting on Friday 23rd November at 7.30 p.m. in the Church continuing on Saturday morning if required.

If you feel you can help with this worthwhile activity please add your name to the sheet in the fellowship area or see Moira or Christine

Can we ask those people who have kindly volunteered to distribute previous editions to note that the Christmas Grapevine will be available from Sunday 25th November. 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.

All items for inclusion in the Christmas edition should be sent to Christine MacLeod by Sunday 18th November and should include events planned for January 2008.

Thank You

Christine MacLeod

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### **ALPHA COURSE**

Thought about ALPHA yet?

Our next course starts on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Open to all who want to know more about the Christian faith and have questions to ask.

See the notice board for the poster and a leaflet or speak to Manson or Moira Lee.

Website [uk.alpha.org](http://uk.alpha.org).

## HOPE IN A SHOEBOX: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Just a reminder that we are collecting gift-filled shoeboxes to bring joy to suffering children in Africa and Eastern Europe. Brightly wrapped boxes full of goodies have started arriving in the Fellowship Area. Last date for handing in your box is Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> (Remembrance Sunday). Leaflets also available in church or from myself. I am happy to collect boxes from your home if you are unable to make it to church

Thank you for you generosity.

Anne Ross tel. 862802

### Life and Work Magazine

‘Life and Work’ is the magazine of the Church of Scotland. Established 128 years ago, it covers a broad range of subjects from international affairs and social issues, to science, ethics and the arts. If you might be interested in subscribing to this monthly magazine, please ask me for a sample copy or view it online at

[www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)

Anne Ross tel. 862802

### Open Sanctuary

Each Thursday the church will be open between 6 and 8pm. You are invited to drop in at any time, for as long as you wish either to pray or meditate or simply to enjoy the quiet. The atmosphere is very peaceful with candlelight and soft background music and most people find the experience calming and refreshing. There is no obligation and you will not be asked to do anything other than simply BE.

### Advent Supper 07

‘Just God simply Christmas.’ If you long for a simpler celebration, wonder where God is amongst the tinsel and the wrappings, and feel uncomfortable with the gap between rich and poor in the world at this time, then why not come along to our Advent Supper on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**. We will share fellowship over a meal which will combine celebration and reflection and rediscover the power and the meaning of the Incarnation. All are welcome, sign-up sheet on notice board, or contact Anne Ross tel. 862802

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

Show me where to walk,  
for I have come to you in prayer.  
(Psalm 143:8)

- 1.. Pray for our Minister Manson, support and encourage him with prayer.
- 2.. Give praise for answered prayer.
- 3.. Pray for the Cool Club children and their Leaders.
- 4.. Give praise to all involved with the Stewardship Campaign.
- 5.. Pray for all medical staff as they strive to keep us well.
- 6.. Give praise for the freedom we have to worship our Lord and Saviour.
- 7.. Pray for all Session members and the work they do.
- 8.. Give praise for all volunteers who give freely of their time.
- 9.. Pray for all members of the over 50s Club.
- 10.. Give praise for the Coffee Morning Volunteers and all who support it.
- 11.. Pray that many people respond to the shoe box appeal.
- 12.. Give praise for mothers and their everlasting love.
- 13.. Pray for all who are recovering from an operation or ill-health.
- 14.. Pray for all Guild members.
- 15.. Give praise for the Seasons, and the glorious colours of Autumn.
- 16.. Pray for those with no home or shelter.
- 17.. Give praise for the Saturday Craft group and the joy of crafting.
- 18.. Pray for the lonely – Lord, let them know they are never alone.
- 19.. Give praise for the joy of music.
- 20.. Pray for those whose faith has lost meaning.
- 21.. Give praise to all who give of their time and talents.
- 22.. Pray for the prodigals.
- 23.. Give praise for the choir and the gift of singing.
- 24.. Pray for a successful Guild Fayre.
- 25.. Give praise for everyone on the Crèche Rota.
- 26.. Pray for those moving house and all the changes that they incur.
- 27.. Give praise for family and friends.

- 28.. Pray for all who are in need of clean water.
- 29.. Give praise for the fellowship within our Church.
- 30.. Pray to our Lord and thank Him for our many blessings.

God is our refuge and strength,  
Always ready to help in times of trouble.  
(Psalm 46:1)

### **Crafts at the Kirk presents**

*- - The Kirk Christmas Crafts Workshops - -*

**Saturday, 10th and 17th November, 10am - 4pm**

In anticipation of Christmas, we invite you to attend the  
“Kirk Christmas Crafts Workshops!”

The Workshops will be organized in two-hour time  
periods so we can accomplish a wide array for crafts  
within the two workshops.

Christmas cards, tree decorations, table centrepieces,  
wreaths, gingerbread houses and unique items for  
gift giving are just a few of the projects scheduled. A complete  
schedule will be posted on the website in advance of the workshops.

To maximize our time in the workshops, some projects may be started  
at home and assembled or embellished in the class. These projects will  
be available as kits beginning Sunday, November 4th. All the materials  
and complete instructions will be available in the kit so you can come  
to class prepared to add the “dazzle” to complete the project.

## ECO-CONGREGATION NEWS

Do you recycle your printer ink cartridges?

Anne Ross collects used ink cartridges and sends them to LEPRRA to help raise funds for their work.

Unfortunately not all types can be recycled. Please see the list inside the ECO-C folder to see if your type is on the list and then just leave it in the box provided. All other ideas for recycling products and using the Church as a convenient collection point are very welcome.

Small batteries can be left if you do not already have a bag for collection from the council.

There is a box in the hallway for collection of cans, glass, plastic bottles and cartons used within the Church and another for paper products to aid recycling of these items.

Can you make some time after the service to wash up the tea cups?

A rota is available in the fellowship area to add your name if you would like to help.

It is not expected of those manning the tea table to also wash

up unless they wish to offer! It is a busy time and they also need time to enjoy a cuppa with friends.

We are endeavouring to use only fairly traded tea, coffee and other items bought from our Traidcraft stall for our Church supplies. This also means that we only need one supply of tea, coffee, etc. for all our church groups to use. This is to demonstrate our commitment to others less fortunate than us by providing them with a guaranteed income through our Traidcraft stall.

A donation of any product with the fair trade logo is as always very welcome.

Please feel free to have a look at the folder on what being an eco-congregation is about in the fellowship area or log onto [www.ecocongregation.org/scotland](http://www.ecocongregation.org/scotland)

**Small actions add up to big results.**

Thank you  
Moira Lee



**Holiday Club Advent Party**  
**Saturday 1st December**  
**2 - 4 p.m.**  
**The Upper Room**  
**Newmachar Church**



## **CRAFTY CAROLLERS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our now annual Crafty Carollers Christmas Party will take place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Save the date for a great evening of carol singing in the streets of our village and then to the scout and guide hall for more singing, food and wonderful Christmas crafts to make for all ages. Everyone who helped last year had a great time and we need loads of helpers again to make a difference at Christmas.

Newmachar Guild  
**Christmas Fayre**  
Saturday 25th November  
10 a.m - 12 noon  
Village Hall  
Everyone Welcome

First Responders  
**Santa's Grotto**  
Saturday 1st December  
10 a.m - 1 p.m.  
Village Hall  
Everyone Welcome

**Newmachar Church Diaries 2008 are now available in the Fellowship area for a small donation. Please help yourself.**

### **Useful Contact Numbers**

<b>Minister</b>	Manson Merchant	862278
<b>Session Clerk</b>	Bill Campbell	862816
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ian Urquhart	862428
<b>Church Officer</b>	Yvonne Cowieson	869292
<b>Grapevine</b>	Christine MacLeod	862635
<b>Cool Club</b>	Sheena Merchant	862278

## **Sunday Services**

4 Nov Sunday Communion Service, 11 a.m.

11 Nov Remembrance Sunday Service, 10.50 a.m.

18 Nov Sunday Service, 11 a.m.  
Summerhill House, 6 p.m.

25 Nov Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

Crèche facilities are available at all morning services

More information can be found on our website  
[www.newmacharchurch.org](http://www.newmacharchurch.org)  
E-mail [info@newmacharchurch.org](mailto:info@newmacharchurch.org)

### **What's On in November**

10th - Coffee Morning, 9.45 - 11.30 a.m.  
Christmas craft workshop, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

14th - Guild, 7.30 p.m

17th - Christmas craft workshop, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

18th - Deadline for grapevine articles

24th - Guild Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 10 - 12 noon

1st Dec - Santa's Grotto, Village Hall, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.