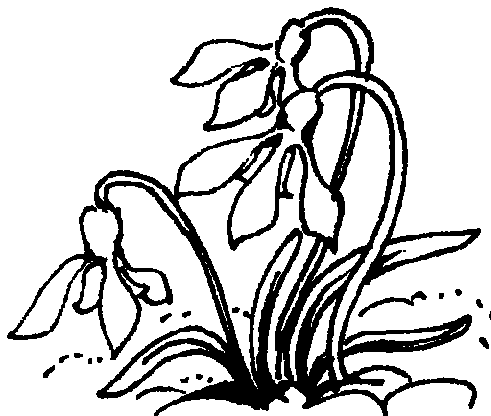


# NEWMACHAR CHURCH



## GRAPEVINE

Monthly Newsletter

February 2009

## **Dear Members & Friends of Newmachar Church**

Welcome to the February edition of Grapevine.

In this edition you will find details of services & events taking place in February 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.

All articles and notices for the March edition to be handed in or emailed by 22nd February.

Thank You  
Christine MacLeod  
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### **“Newmachar Church Away Day” Personal Memories**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2008 I was one of many who accepted the invitation to attend our “Church Away Day” held in the lovely Acorn Centre in Inverurie West Church. To be honest I did have a touch of cynicism before hand but after just a couple of minutes this quickly changed to a positive glad to be there feeling.

It was great witnessing and feeling the positive fellowship of sharing, discussing and praying in an informal atmosphere with others from Newmachar Church. The discussion groups with feedback I particularly enjoyed.

This was my first time in The Acorn Centre being impressed from the moment I entered, with the excellent facilities and the very friendly welcome from those who were working there that morning.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Dave Lee

## Obituary



It is with sadness we report the death of Dr. John Clark Love Gibson, who died on 17th November 2008, in Edinburgh aged 78. He was minister of Newmachar Church from 1959 - 1962, which was his first and only Charge. He was appointed Lecturer in Hebrew and semitic languages at New College on the Mound, Edinburgh. He remained at the University of Edinburgh from 1962 until his retirement in 1994, was promoted Reader (1973) and then Professor in 1987.

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The Alternative Christmas Card  
raised £65

The retiring offerings' for 2008  
amounted to 375.80p

This has all been sent to World  
Vision which is a Christian relief,  
development and advocacy  
organization dedicated to working  
with children, families and  
communities to overcome poverty  
and injustice.

Thank you to all who contributed

**Prayer group** meets on Tuesdays  
7-8pm in Church crèche or  
fellowship area. Anyone can  
attend and will be very  
welcome. Anyone requiring a lift  
please call 07999 700008

Would anyone like to become a  
prayer partner? meeting up once a  
month to pray together? please get  
in touch if this is of interest.

Katie Robertson 07999 700008

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### Alpha training

We are presently building a team of people who can deliver the Alpha course together. To do this we have arranged two training sessions with our local Alpha advisor Allan Jack. This will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February. We hope that the team will include people who are happy to just help set up for the Alpha, prepare food etc. If you would like to help in any way then please speak with Moira Lee.

## Prayer and Praise - February 2009

The Kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17.21)

- 1st Pray for the members of the Nominating Committee
- 2nd Give praise for our Church and all who attend.
- 3rd Pray for the Tuesday night Prayer Group.
- 4th Give praise for all volunteers who give freely of their time.
- 5th Pray for all Guild members and their speakers.
- 6th Pray for a successful 'sleep-out experience' to raise as much money as possible for Aberdeen Cyrenians.
- 7th Give praise for those working in the caring professions.
- 8th Pray for 'Breathe' - an interactive worship event for young people to be held in Oldmeldrum.
- 9th Pray for Mr. Norman McIvor, Locum Minister during our vacancy.
- 10th Pray for the Souled Out event - Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee  
(2 Timothy 1:6)
- 11th Pray for the Alpha Team Training.
- 12th Pray for all those attending the New Members Class.
- 13th Give praise and thanks for answered prayer.
- 14th Pray for the Coffee Morning volunteers and all who support it.
- 15th Give praise for the work of the First Responders.
- 16th Pray for all children.
- 17th Give praise and thanks for God's abundant love.
- 18th Pray for all mission workers - working in war torn areas of the world.
- 19th Give praise for the Church Teams and their Leaders.
- 20th Pray for all suffering ill-health.
- 21st Give praise for the continued commitment to God's work by Session.
- 22nd Pray for the members and volunteers of the Thursday Club.
- 23rd Give praise for family and friends.
- 24th Pray that everyone will receive 'The peace of God.....'

(Philippians 4:7-9)

- 25th Lent - Pray for direction in your faith journey during Lent.  
26th Pray for Care for the Family, Scotland - event at Aberdeen Exhibition Centre 'Teenagers!', what every parent has to know.'  
27th Pray for anyone facing redundancy at this time.  
28th Give praise for those who listen, but do not judge.

Lord, show me now Thy way (Exodus 33.13)

### **Crafty Carollers Christmas Party**

Though it is now several weeks ago a huge thank you to everyone who braved the winds to come carol singing on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. The hall for the crafts was considerably warmer and everyone who came along had a great time.

During the evening donations were accepted towards the fundraising for the Special Olympics this year in Leicester in July, where local lad Ewan Dundas will be competing in some of the swimming events. The total amount raised was £200.00.

Well done and thanks!

Moira Lee and Christine MacLeod

### **New Members Class**

A New Members class will begin on Thursday 12th February, led by Rev Hugh O'Brien. Anyone interested in attending should come along on the night. The classes will run for 4 weeks.

### **NEWMACHAR GUILD**

WEDNESDAY  
11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009  
7.30 p.m.

SPEAKER:  
MRS ELSPETH MacLEAN  
EXPERIENCES IN TAIZI  
AND SHETLAND

## **SATURDAY COFFEE & CRAFTS MORNING**

Fellowship Area, 9.45am - 11.30am  
Come one and come all to the fastest  
growing place to be on Saturday  
morning.

The Saturday Coffee Mornings at the  
Kirk not only offer the best in fresh,  
home baked goodies, you'll find  
friends and neighbours sharing in the  
relaxed atmosphere at the heart of  
the community. Fair Trade products  
are also for sale, plus an array of  
quality items for your pleasure or gift  
giving.

After a nosh and a chat, join us  
upstairs for **CRAFTS AT THE  
KIRK!** Always something new and  
exciting to bring out your creative  
side. The project for the day will be  
announced prior to the date and  
details will be available on the **crafts**  
webpage on the church website. No  
materials, experience or special  
talent necessary! Join us!



### **Souled Out**

**Tuesday 10th February**  
**'Souled Out' event, 7.30 pm, in**  
Aberdeen Music Hall, with Christian  
communicator J. John of the  
Philo Trust  
More info on  
[www.souledout.org.uk](http://www.souledout.org.uk)

**Teenagers! What every parent has  
to know, 7.30–10 pm, AECC, 24th  
Feb.** An event organised by Care for  
the Family for everyone who cares  
about teenagers: parents,  
grandparents, carers, teachers and  
youth workers. Contact, tickets (£6)  
from Care for the Family Scotland,  
01506 846476,

[David.Wilson@cff.org.uk](mailto:David.Wilson@cff.org.uk),  
[www.careforthefamily.org.uk/  
scotland/](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/scotland/)



**Brian Houston in concert**, Dyce  
Church, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7.30  
pm (doors open at 7) Tickets  
£10 from Gregor Howitt, tel  
07860 889369



**'Daily Bible Verse UK' from the  
'Christian chat' website** - they offer  
an SMS Bible verse (text message)  
which will send you words of  
encouragement from the word of  
God each day to your mobile phone.  
Using the service is simple, just text  
the word **BIBLE** to **89892**

The system will then automatically  
send you a Bible verse to your  
phone. Each message costs just 25  
pence. To stop receiving this  
service simply text **BIBLE STOP**  
to 89892



### **Ian Whyte Concert**

21st February at 7.15 pm  
Woodside Church  
Contact 01224 482503 for tickets

*Dyce Parish Church Environmental Group:*

**Earth Keepers**

are hosting a talk by

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on Climate Change and Conservation.

**Dyce Parish Church**

**Wednesday 25 February 2009**

**7.30 pm Admission free**

**Teas and coffee available.**

As part of the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire network of the Eco-Congregation Project we welcome everyone to this meeting which will explore what the RSPB are doing to tackle climate change and help species adapt to the changes.

**Breathe**, the multimedia worship and outreach event for 11-14s, is coming to Oldmeldrum Church Hall on Sunday **8th February** from 7-9pm. The night is a combination of worship music led by a band, wacky games and a short Christian message. The last half hour is the Exhale tuck shop, a chance to chill out and wind down after the event. Admission is free (an offering is uplifted).

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

**Useful Contact Numbers**

<b>Interim Moderator</b>	Rev Hugh O'Brien	872250
<b>Session Clerk</b>	Bill Campbell	862816
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ian Urquhart	862428
<b>Church Officer</b>	Francie Littlejohn	862176
<b>Grapevine</b>	Christine MacLeod	862635
<b>Cool Club</b>	May Anne Taylor	862882
<b>Church Office</b>		869375

## **Sunday Services**

- 1 Feb            Sunday Communion Service, 10.30a.m.
- 8 Feb            Sunday Service, 10.30 a.m.
- 15 Feb          Sunday Service, 10.30 a.m.  
                    Summerhill House, 6 p.m.
- 22 Feb          Sunday Service, 10.30 a.m.
- 1 March         Sunday Communion Service, 10.30 a.m.

Crèche facilities are available at all morning services

More information can be found on our website  
[www.newmacharchurch.net](http://www.newmacharchurch.net)

Outreach: [outreach-newmacharchurch@btconnect.com](mailto:outreach-newmacharchurch@btconnect.com)  
Church office: [g.cooper-newmacharchurch@btconnect.com](mailto:g.cooper-newmacharchurch@btconnect.com)

### **What's On in February**

- 8th - Breathe, Oldmeldrum Church, 7 - 9 pm
- 10th - Souled Out, Music Hall, Aberdeen, 7.30 p.m.
- 11th - Guild, Fellowship Area, 7.30 p.m.
- 12th - New Members Class begins, 7.30 p.m.
- 14th - Coffee Morning, & Crafts, 9.45 - 11.30 a.m.
- 21st - Ian Whyte concert, 7.30 pm, Woodside Church
- 22nd - Deadline for March Grapevine articles