

NEWMACHAR CHURCH



GRAPEVINE

Monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2008

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. Can we ask those people who have kindly volunteered to distribute previous editions to note that the Christmas Grapevine will be available from Sunday 23rd 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

In order to have the publication ready for this date, we will be meeting on Friday 21st at 7 pm in the church to fold and collate the copies. The more volunteers we have the less time it takes to complete the job. If you have an hour to spare, please join us. Refreshments will be provided!

All items for inclusion in the Christmas edition should be sent to Christine MacLeod by Sunday 16th November and should include events planned for January 2009.

Thank You

Christine MacLeod

outreach@newmacharchurch.org.uk

CRAFTY CAROLLERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our now annual Crafty Carollers Christmas Party will take place on **Friday 19th 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.

If you would like to help with the planning of this very popular event please see Moira or Christine.

Advent Supper 08

‘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 6th 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

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 (£19.20 per annum), please ask me for a sample copy or view it online at 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.

THANK YOU

The Sponsored walk on October 5th raised almost £600 in aid of the community of Kitwe in Zambia. We would like to thank all those who took part and also the many generous sponsors. Special mention must go to the leaders and young people of the uniformed organisations who inspired us with their enthusiasm. Elspeth Maclean is hoping to take a small group to Zambia next summer and we will keep you up to date on how your money might be spent. Visit our website to read the newsletter from Zambia.

PRAYER AND PRAISE – NOVEMBER 2008

Devote ourselves to prayer with an alert mind and thankful heart.
(Colossians 4:2).

1. Praise our Minister, Manson for his total commitment to our Lord and our church.
2. Pray for our Church.
3. Pray for the Elders of our Church that they will continue with their good work.
4. Pray for our Congregation and those who visit our Church.
5. Pray for those in our community and the wider world who are facing uncertain times.
6. Pray for those who are terminally ill and for those who look after and care for them.
7. Praise the friendship of those whom we meet on our journey through life.
8. Pray for the continued success of our Church's monthly coffee morning.
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10. Praise the fellowship of our Church and pray that more of the community will join us.
11. Pray for the young in our Church and our community.
12. Pray for the Church Guild's meeting and the guest speaker from the Leprosy Mission.
13. Give praise for all works done in God's name.
14. Pray for youth groups and for those who give of their time to help our young.
15. Praise those who have given of their time selflessly to help others both at home and abroad.
16. Pray for the strength to dispel our fears.
17. Praise our Lord for always being with us.
18. Pray for those who have recently lost a loved one that they find comfort in the Lord.
19. Pray for our families and friends, particularly for those who are going through difficult times.
20. Pray for peace in our world of turmoil.
21. Pray for those who teach in our schools and colleges.
22. Pray for those who are homeless as we approach the winter.

23. Praise those who take the time to listen to our troubles.
 24. Pray for the new challenges we and others embark on each and every day.
 25. Pray for all those who have lost their spiritual way in life.
 26. Pray for our armies who are away from their homes and loved ones that may be kept safe as they go about their peace keeping duties.
 27. Pray for the lonely that they may find comfort in the Lord's presence.
 28. Praise God for the wonders of nature, let us take some time to enjoy them.
 29. Pray for the newborn, as they are our future.
- Praise God for the dawning of each day.

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keeping praying. (Romans 12:12)

Area Team Ministry

The Area Team Ministry Project is a whole-church initiative where congregations work together in groups of parishes in a positive, mission-based, response to ministry that recognises the benefits and opportunities that come from congregations sharing some aspects of ministry. Area team ministry is the term used to describe congregations who work together in groups of parishes.

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Newmachar church's area team is Meldrum & Bourtie, Barthol Chapel, Tarves, Methlick, Udney & Pitmedden and Newmachar.

Recently four elders, Marlene, Wilma, Sandy and Moira met with members of the other churches to share ideas and visions. This will be discussed further at the next session meeting and ideas from there shared with you all.

Fairtrade

Newmachar church supports fair trade and has a sales table of 'Traidcraft' food items and beautiful gifts most Sundays.

Fairly traded goods;

Overcomes poverty

Brings justice

Transforms lives.

From Thursday 6th to Sunday the 9th of November you can visit Anne Aspens home, at Bonnyton farmhouse in Pitmedden (Bonnyton road) to view a large selection of fairly traded goods and do your Christmas gift shopping.

Open between 10.am and 10pm

All are welcome to browse, chat and enjoy. Refreshments provided or if it is lunch time a bowl of soup as well.

Traidcraft gift catalogue is also available on the sales table each Sunday

www.traidcraft.co.uk

This year our church will once again provide a World Vision alternative Christmas card for all in our church family to send Christmas Greetings to each other while donating what you would have spent on individual cards to

World Vision for their life saving work

amongst the world's poorest people.

Why not consider also giving a gift to people that can change lives by looking at their Alternative Gifts catalogue.

www.worldvision.org.uk

Alternative gifts can also be found on the Christian aid website

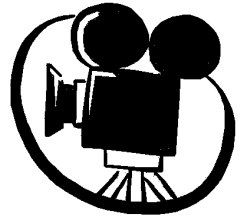
www.presentaid.org

Christian Aid

Have you considered being our Christian Aid representative in our church? If you would like to find out more then speak to Sylvia Aitken any Sunday or Tel: 862206

Holiday Club Movie Afternoon

PRINCE CASPIAN
from the Chronicles of Narnia



Saturday 29th November
1.30 - 5 p.m.
The Upper Room
Newmachar Church

The afternoon will also include snacks and games

For more information contact us

Kid's just wanna have Fun!

Join us for an evening of fun & laughter at our

Wii Evening

Friday 14th November
p1 - p5 6.30 to 8.00 pm
p5's and over 8.00 to 9.30 pm



Parents also welcome!

Come along and show off your skills, beginners welcome.
Prizes given for high scorers!

Refreshments will be served
For more details contact Christine (862635) & Moira (869017)

NEWMACHAR PARISH CHURCH
EUROPEAN RULING

Our Kirk has been modernised to everyone's delight.
With committee room and Sunday school, toilets and the like.
There's a wheelchair ramp for access, and steps for those more able.
So good citizens of Newmachar parish
You have no option, but to come
To the Kirk table

By F.G Stickley

Don't think that I will go to church today
The ministers not here.
I'll put something in my envelope
And sit back in my chair.

Don't think I will go to church today
It looks like it might rain
I'll put something in my envelope
And sit back down again.

Don't think I'll go to church today
It's such a sunny day
The garden needs a lot of work
I don't have time to pray.

The family is coming round today
I'll give the church a miss
I'll need to cook and clean a lot
I'll just get in a tizz.

I'd like to go to church today
It's some time since I was there
But I'll be such a stranger
Maybe everyone will stare.

I did go back to church today
I was greeted with a smile
And God was waiting there for me
Even though it has been a while.

So, if you have been away to long
Come back and join us again
From the opening hymns and readings
To the triple sung 'Amen'

God wants us to unite in faith
In fellowship and prayer
He waits for us with patience
And is with us everywhere.

Donated by Marlene Arthur.

Sound System Training

Anyone wishing to be part of a team to operate the
sound/projection system in the church please speak to
Ian Urquhart.

Training will take place in an evening and will last
approximately two hours.

All those who previously expressed an interest will be
contacted shortly.

Jesus accepts you the way you are, but loves you too
much to leave you that way.--Lee Venden

Come along to the new prayer group
"The Church on it's Knees" held in
church on Tuesdays 8-9pm
no special skills required

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

Saturday 15th November

All ages welcome.

Speaker: Martin Clarke

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

City praise

Sunday 16th November

Speaker: John Merson

Doors open 6pm. Event runs:
6:30 – 8:30pm (AECC)

More info on

www.souledout.org.uk

Who is who in our church?

To help new people to get to know
who is who within our church
family it was agreed at session to
prepare a picture board of everyone
who has a role within the church.

We will do this over several
Sundays and will let you know when
as soon as we can to let you come
prepared to have your photograph
taken!



Newmachar Church Guild

WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2008 7.30 p.m.
SPEAKER: MR JIM CLARK, SCOTLAND NORTH CO-
ORDINATOR THE LEPROSY MISSION

Sales Table

WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2008 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS MEAL

Trust Him when doubts seem much stronger,

Trust Him when strength be small,

Trust Him when simply to trust Him may be the hardest of all.

Useful Contact Numbers

Minister	Manson Merchant	862278
Session Clerk	Bill Campbell	862816
Treasurer	Ian Urquhart	862428
Church Officer	Francie Littlejohn	862176
Grapevine	Christine MacLeod	862635
Cool Club	Sheena Merchant	862278
Church Office		869375

Sunday Services

2 Nov Sunday Communion Service, 11 a.m.

9 Nov Remembrance Sunday Service, 10.50 a.m.

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

23 Nov Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

30 Nov Advent Sunday Service 11 a.m.

Crèche facilities are available at all morning services

More information can be found on our website
www.newmacharchurch.net

What's On in November

1st- Congregational Conference, Inverurie, 10 am
Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 10 a.m.

8th - Coffee Morning, 9.45 - 11.30 a.m.

12th - Guild, 7.30 p.m

14th - Wii Evening 6.30 - 9.30 p.m.

16th - Deadline for grapevine articles

29th - Holiday Club Movie Afternoon 1.30 - 5 p.m.

30th - Santa's Grotto, Village Hall, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.