

# NEWMACHAR CHURCH



*Grapevine*

*Spring/Summer 2011*

# Worship

**Sunday Service** - 10.30 a.m weekly.

Communion Service 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month except July & August  
Monthly Informal Evening Service, 1st Sunday of each month 6.30pm

**Summerhill House Service** 6 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Cool Club** - meets in the Upper Room at 10.25 a.m and joins in the service, leaving after the Children's Address.

**The Cooler Stuff**..... the group for ages 11 / S1 and above runs term-time on Sundays during the service. They meet in church before the service and will leave part way through the service.

**Crèche** facilities are available during all morning services.

Refreshments are served in the fellowship area of the church at the close of worship.

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The church is open every Tuesday evening from 6pm - 7.30pm for quiet prayer and meditation.

There is a prayer meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. in the Crèche or Fellowship Area. All welcome

The **Guild** meets in the Upper Room at 7.30 p.m. every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from September to May. (see pg 12)

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For pastoral needs or questions regarding baptisms or marriage, or for more information on our church, Rev Douglas McNab can be contacted on  
01651 862278

Email: [minister-newmacharchurch@btconnect.com](mailto:minister-newmacharchurch@btconnect.com)

A full list of Church contacts can be found on page 24

More details on these events and more  
can be found on our website  
[www.newmacharchurch.net](http://www.newmacharchurch.net)

**March**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Summerhill House Service, 6pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Games Night, 6.30 - 9.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Men of All Ages Breakfast, 9am, in the church

**April**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sacrament of Holy Communion, 10.30 am
- Evening Service, 6.30 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning, 9.45 am
- 16<sup>th</sup> Spring Clean, 10am (see page 15)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Service, 10.30 am
- Summerhill House Service, 6 pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday Supper, Upper Room
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Eggstravaganza, Scout Hall, 10 - 4 pm
- Good Friday Service, 7 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Easter Quiet Day, 11am - 6 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Family Service, 10.30 am

**May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sacrament of Holy Communion, 10.30 am
- Evening Service, 6.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Guide coffee morning, Scout & Guide Hall, 10 am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Church Planning Meeting, 10am - 2pm (See page 8)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Lunch after service
- Summerhill House Service, 6pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Christian Aid Week
- 27<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Children's Games Night

**June**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Service, Sacrament of Holy Communion, 10.30 am
- Evening Service, 6.30 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Summerhill House Service
- 26<sup>th</sup> Cradle Roll/Cool Club/Cooler Stuff Book Presentation

**\*Coming Soon\***

"Mission Rescue" Summer Holiday Club  
8th - 12th August, Scout & Guide Hall, 10am - 12 noon



The New Manse,  
Newmachar.

March 2011

Dear All,

### The Message of Easter

In his first letter John declares:

**‘This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.’** [1 John 3:16]

At the heart of Easter is God’s love for the world. A love that Jesus Christ summed up in these words:

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** [John 3:16]

God loves you and he desires to have a living relationship with you: a relationship in which you are his child. To achieve this he came in Jesus Christ to die for you so that the penalty for your sin, and all the sins of the world, would be paid for. Thus you, and every human being who wishes, can have the opportunity to receive the gift of eternal life with God if, and only if, you come to him through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord.

There was no other way by which God could achieve this, and there is no way in which you can achieve this for yourself. Let the wonder of this fact – the fact that God loves you so much that in Jesus Christ he died for you – let this fact sink into your deepest being this Easter time. AND then let this fact motivate you to serve others. Serve them by showing them the love of God that you have been given. Serve them in practical, material ways. BUT ABOVE ALL serve them by telling them the glorious truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

John wrote in his introduction to his first letter:

**‘The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.’** [1 John 1: 2 – 3]

This Easter it is your turn to proclaim what you have seen and heard. It is your turn to proclaim the Gospel so that others may have fellowship with you in the kingdom of God. It is your turn to point others to the opportunity of having fellowship with the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

May God bless you as you savour what he has done for you, and as you share that joy with others.

Happy Easter.  
Yours in Christ,

Douglas G. McNab

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## **Evening Services**

Our monthly Evening Services have got off to a good start. They are being held on the first Sunday of the month, starting at 6.30 pm.

In February we were led by Douglas who spoke on the theme ‘Loving’. In March it was the turn of the Worship Team and Praise Band. Their theme was ‘Creation’. We were treated to a reading from Genesis, accompanied by Linda Urquhart on the clarinet playing ‘What a wonderful world’; a prayer based on the theme; a hilarious skit about Dr. Planet and Mother Earth; a short talk; and some wonderful praise led by the band.

On **03 April** the Evening Service will be taken by the ladies in our congregation who attended the recent **‘Women Walking with God’** conference in Edinburgh.

It is our intention to invite some speakers from other Christian agencies to lead us in our Evening Services so that we can learn more about the work of the wider church. There will also be opportunities for various groups within our congregation either to take the whole service or play significant parts in the service.

Please come along to these services and find out more!

# THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

## MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2011

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offering. It is important that you know what happens to this money. This letter tells you about your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution - the money your Congregational Treasurer sends to the Church Offices in Edinburgh. How does it enable the worship, mission and service of the Church?

The information below shows how your congregations contribution is used to support Parish Ministries, Mission and Renewal, and general support and services provided for congregations and the councils of the General Assembly.

Please note that the cost of your minister is not what he/she is paid. This cost is the total for stipend and employer's national insurance and pension contributions, and is based on a minister with ten years' service.

<b>Congregation:</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
<b>NEW MACHAR</b>	<b>£43,361</b>

<b>Parish Ministries (86%)</b>	<b>£37,290</b>
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The cost of ministry in your parish is:	£39,600
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The support you receive from other congregations towards the cost of your minister is:	£2,310
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<b>Mission and Renewal (6%)</b>	<b>£2,602</b>
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This supports the Church's work in resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach, in caring for the vulnerable in society, in partnership with Churches in some of the poorest parts of the world, and in providing a Christian perspective on the issues of today.

<b>Support and Services for Councils and Congregations (8%)</b>	<b>£3,469</b>
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This provides financial, legal, safeguarding and other services, and meets the cost of the General Assembly and the Moderator.

**Please note that Ministries and Mission Contributions only provide part of the total funding required for the work of the Church listed above. A fuller picture is given in the leaflet 2011 Ministries and Mission, which is available free to all congregations.**

I hope that this helps you to understand Ministries and Mission Contributions and shows you are enabling the sharing of the gospel through the money your congregation sends through the Church Offices to all parts of Scotland and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Gordon D Jamieson

Head of Stewardship

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### **Expenditure on Fabric Work**

As you will know part of the Glebe was sold a few years ago. The money from this sale is held for New Machar Congregation by Church of Scotland central office in Edinburgh for use on agreed fabric work. These funds have been drawn on so that the urgent re-slatting of the Church roof could proceed over the winter.

Another priority piece of work, namely the repair of a retaining wall in danger of collapse at the Manse, has also been carried out using locally held funds.

By the time the Grapevine is with you, the Fabric Committee will have met with the Church of Scotland's recommended expert for advice on how to improve the heating in the Church and options for reducing heat loss. Estimates are also being sought for work to replace doors and windows at the Manse, where heat loss is also a problem. Applications will be made to have our centrally held funds released for both these pieces of work in due course.

Sheena Taylor, Treasurer.

# Church Planning Day

You will be aware that we have been re-launching our 5 Teams:

**Worship; Discipleship; Outreach; Fellowship and Ministry.**

As part of that process the Kirk Session has decided to hold a Church Planning Day to establish our aims and objectives, as a church, over the next few years.

This planning day will be held on Saturday 14 May in our own premises.

The day will start at 10.00 am. and finish at 2.00 pm.

There will be a fly cup and fine pieces from about 9.30 am. until 10.00 am., and there will be a light lunch provided.

This planning day is for the whole congregation: every contribution will be welcomed. Please mark this date in your diary and watch out for more details over the next few weeks.

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## The People's Bible

When King James VI/I held the first printed copy of the Bible he commissioned in his hands in 1611, he could never have foreseen the impact it would have around the world.

The Scottish Bible Society is marking the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the KJV by launching The People's Bible Project with their colleagues in England and Wales. It will travel Great Britain offering people of all faiths and none the opportunity to handwrite two verses of Scripture and at the same time logging that work as a digital copy which they can view on the web.

They want people to engage with the Scriptures in a new way, maybe for the first time. Some may participate purely for the historical significance of doing so. Others may get involved because they know the Bible but have turned away from the faith they once had. Whatever the reason, 2011, the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the KJV, is a perfect opportunity to promote the Bible in our own country like never before.

Look out for the people's bible coming to Aberdeen sometime between the start of its journey in Edinburgh in June and its journeys end in London in November and make your mark in history.



**NEWMACHAR COOL CLUB**

***Calling all Primary Aged  
Kids in Newmachar***

***Do you enjoy holiday club and  
Games Nights ?***

***Nothing to do on a Sunday  
morning ?***

***Then come to Cool Club !***

At Cool Club you will learn stories from the bible, enjoy crafts and games, sing songs and generally have a good time, it's like a mini games night.

We meet every Sunday in the Upper Room of the Church and join in at the beginning of the service before heading upstairs.

If you want to join us come along any Sunday.

Thanks as ever to all our leaders and helpers, without whom Cool Club just wouldn't be the same. We welcome onboard Debbie Wood and Fiona MacDonald as leaders who are doing a great job so far. We are so grateful to you all for your help throughout the year.

For more info please contact: Karen Creswell 862477 or Karen Rodgers 862771

Or visit our website [www.newmacharchurch.net](http://www.newmacharchurch.net)



# Newmachar Church



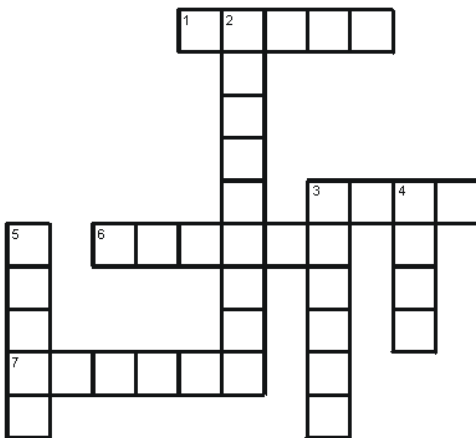
**Easter Holiday Club  
"EGGstravaganza"  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011  
10am – 4pm**

**Newmachar Scout & Guide Hall  
(Games, Craft, Songs, Scavenger Hunt)  
Come and join the fun!**

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## The Resurrection of Christ



### Across

1. Who told the women that Christ had risen. Matt. 28:2
3. Where Jesus was buried. John 19:41
6. The man who gave his own tomb for Jesus. John 19:38
7. Village the disciples that met Jesus were headed toward. Luke 24:13

### Down

2. This man helped Joseph bury Jesus. John 19:39
3. Jesus showed this disciple his wounds. John 20:24
4. One of the first women to see the tomb and Jesus. Last name Magdalene. Matt. 28:1
5. The first disciple to enter the tomb and see the graveclothes. Luke 24:12

# NEWMACHAR CHURCH

# Games Night

Newmachar Games Night started in the summer of last year and has been going from strength to strength, at the last games night there were a total of 74 kids !

The idea is that we open the church on the last Friday evening of each month for the young people of the village.

The kids have had great fun at the games night, they come along and enjoy pool tables, air hockey, table football, Wii games, board games and crafts.

We also have turned one of our rooms into a Cinema and we show the latest movies and they have popcorn too.

We also have a tuck shop with juice, crisps and sweets available for a small charge.  
Entry is only £1.

Due to the overwhelming number of children we have decided to change the session times:

The new session times from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April will be as follows:

6.30pm	-	7.45pm	P1 – P5
7.30pm	-	9.00pm	P6 - upwards

Why not come along to the next session and bring a friend !

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## The Cooler Stuff (T.C.S) by Katie Robertson

Well, if you had told me 3 years ago when we moved here I would find myself writing a church article about a group of teenagers (& a couple under 13) I wouldn't have believed you and might even have laughed at the suggestion but the lyrics of a song came to mind - a song which has become an anthem of The Cooler Stuff by Hillsongs 'Mighty To Save' '.....He can move the mountains' soooo if He can move mountains He can certainly help me connect with teenagers.

So having now been running T.C.S with Elizabeth for over a year now I can honestly say I feel truly privileged to be studying the bible with them week in week out. Regulars Annie, Andrew, Beth, Chloe, Declan, Ellie, Holly & Shannon are people we are proud to have in our church. They have so much to offer, they are so talented, creative, whitty and they inspire me.

Our session opens with prayer, then there is a themed 'scene setter' i.e a drama/a reading/film clip/game, next a bible-study in various styles and then closing prayer and obligatory cake!! (Oh The 'cake' thing explained: When T.C.S began there were various birthday's so it became a bit of a habit to celebrate by having cake, a very tasty habit. We missed the excuse to eat cake when the birthdays had been and gone, so it has become a Cooler Stuff tradition to eat cake at the end of a session, the bible shows people celebrating God with food and meals and so in a small way we are celebrating our time with God on a Sunday We're hoping that the group expands and we don't mind too much if our waistbands do also)

We have been using Scripture Union Material called 'The Grid' to teach from. Socially we meet up too as a group, we've been to the cinema, out for pizza and we're hoping to get a fun football match organised and also a talent show or quiz night to raise money to sponsor a child for a year. We've talked about a Christian festival in Inverness called Alive that we're looking into because we all enjoyed Frenzy so much last year.

We asked the group to tell us what they like about coming to church, and how they would describe it etc. Here is what they wrote.

### **The Cooler Stuff is.....**

*"A group that meets every Sunday and we learn about the bible in fun and exciting ways like through plays, games and activities"*  
*"something to look forward to each week"*

### **The Cooler Stuff is not.....**

*"Uncool"*  
*"all serious and boring. We don't always have to stick to the rules, we do have fun"*  
*"All reading the bible and praying"*

**This is what we'd like to do.....**

*"Go on more outings and raise money to do them"*

*"sponsor a child"*

*"Sleep over in church"*

*"Raise loads and loads and loads of money for the victims of the earthquake and Tsunami in Japan"*

**It would be great.....**

*"to have our own space"*

*"To have more people here and to have a bigger space to learn in"*

*"To have our own space in the church"*

**My Favourite bible verse.....**

*An honest answer is as pleasing as a kiss on the lips Pr 24:26*

Temptations and trials are interlinked, it's our trials that often bring about temptation. In this day and age there are many situations or trials that our youth face on a daily basis and they have a world tempting them to do anything other than come to church. With this in mind can we ask you to please pray regularly for The Cooler Stuff? Giving thanks for each one of them. Pray that they continue to inspire us, that God can be a lamp to their feet and pray for their protection, wisdom and guidance to remain strong in Christ.

We'd love to hear from you if you would like to bake a cake for us too, there's a cake/traybake etc. rota on our pinboard in the fellowship area if you would like to sign up. Even once every 2 months would be fantastic. Finally if you think you know somebody who is in S1 or above and might enjoy coming please invite them along and we'll give them a warm welcome..... and rota permitting some cake :-)

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## **World Vision Child Sponsorship**

World Vision's child sponsorship programme supports children in nearly 100 countries, working to help communities sustain themselves.

When you sponsor a child with World Vision your regular ongoing gift will help provide a child with life's basics, such as enough food to eat, clean water to drink, healthcare and the chance to go to school. Their community will also benefit in lasting ways through building of wells and schools, and training in farming and healthcare.

New Machar Church has decided to sponsor a child through World Vision and would like your support, through retiring offerings or by direct donations.

## **Open Sanctuary**

The church is open to all every Tuesday evening from 6pm till 7.30pm. This is your time for silent prayer or quiet meditation. There is always someone on duty but you will not be disturbed unless you need a listening ear. The Prayer Meeting takes place at 7.30pm in the creche and you are most welcome to join with us but you are under no obligation to speak if you don't want to. If you have a prayer request please fill in the card at the end of the pews and place it in the box near the front door.

This is also an opportunity to browse our small library and DVD collection. Watch out for our new book review slot coming soon to highlight some of the titles well worth a read.

## **Prayer Points**

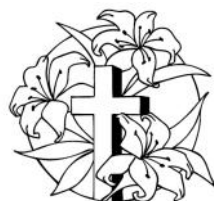
Pray for all those suffering from the disastrous effects of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Pray for the rescue and cleanup teams as an entire nation comes to terms with the enormity of the devastation. Pray for healing and hope and strength to rebuild a future.

Pray for David and Rebecca Morton, our Presbytery mission partners in Malawi and their tireless work against all odds at Nkhoma Hospital. Pray that they will not be overwhelmed by constant staff shortages and lack of funds. Be thankful for our own many blessings.

Pray for all the commissioners of the General Assembly gathering in Edinburgh from May 21<sup>st</sup>. Grant them wisdom and graciousness as they deliberate the challenges facing the Church of Scotland today.

## **Easter Quiet Day**

Instead of our usual 24 hour vigil, the church will be open on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 11am till 6pm for a Quiet Day of music, readings and reflections. All are welcome to drop in at any time, teas and coffees will be served throughout. This is a time to wait in anticipation for the joy of the Easter celebration. Come and prepare.



For God so loved  
the world that he gave  
his one and only Son.

John 3:16

## GRACE FOR NATURE AND NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

We take to the streets of the village again on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April and we need your help. Come along to the church at 10.00am to pick up your litter picker and choose which part of the village you want to clear of litter. We aim to tidy Oldmeldrum Drive, the play park, Kingseat Road, Charlie Gordon Park, the war memorial and the road between them. We will also be working with Wildlife in Newmachar to tidy up Ingram's Neuk and head up to the railway line from there.

Rona from WIN [www.wildlife-in-newmachar.org.uk](http://www.wildlife-in-newmachar.org.uk) has organised an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at Ingram's Neuk.

All children must be accompanied by adults whether in a family group or with an organisation and stay with their group at all times.

After the clean up there will be soup, sandwiches and biscuits from Gregg's the bakers available for all back in the church at 12 noon.

Please dress for the weather as I cannot control that! Wear sensible footwear and gloves. Yellow tabards are provided and safety is paramount.



Spring Clean 2010

If you can let me know if you plan to participate I would appreciate that for catering and planning; however please feel free to just turn up on the day.

All are very welcome

Thank you all in anticipation of a sunny spring day!

Moir Lee

### Disabled parking bays.

A gentle reminder that the disabled parking bays outside the church can only be used when displaying a valid 'blue badge'.

Please can this be respected at all times.

### Giving Grapevine to friends and neighbours

The grapevine is delivered by the Elders to all members and adherents of the church in their districts.

If anyone wants more grapevines to give to friends or neighbours there are extra printed for this purpose or just let your Elder know.



## Alpha in Newmachar Church

Our recent Alpha course has come to end; however if anyone is interested in joining us for another course, please speak with either Douglas or Moira Lee.

What is Alpha? Log on to [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org) to check it out.

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## WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

*Edinburgh exhibition centre*

*What was it all about?*

Well; 10 ladies set off in high spirits for Edinburgh on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March and had a fantastic weekend together. The conference started on Friday evening and throughout Saturday up to 10.00pm and not like your usual conference! We joined in worship songs with 1,190 other women, had inspirational teaching from Amy Orr-Ewing as well as seminars, an amazing prayer space and theatre with the Saltmine theatre company who took us through Genesis!

I am not going to tell you more just now as the group of ladies will be leading worship in the evening service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April and want to share the weekend with you then.

Please join us to hear more; men and women.

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### Reducing, Reusing and Recycling in Church.

Please remember to make use of the recycling points in church for all glass items, plastic bottles, juice cartons, paper, printer ink cartridges' and aluminium foil.

Mobile phones, old spectacles and stamps can be left at recycling point also. Thank you to the worship team for their Sunday evening service on creation and to all others who are embracing *Grace For Nature*.

For all those who had a go at the word search last year and left a donation I have now passed on £15 to Rona at WIN and have received a thank you to the church from Rona.

We now use some biodegradable cups within the church, especially if there is a large number required. The cups can be washed and reused which is even better for the environment when this is possible

I do now plan to apply for an award from Eco-congregation Scotland because of the efforts of all the teams and congregation.

Thank you  
Moira Lee



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Traidcraft products are available from the table in the Fellowship Area on Sunday morning. Items are also available to order from the Traidcraft catalogue. For more information please see Sylvia Aitken our representative.

**E100**  
BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Your journey through the Bible

Are you up for the challenge?

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It could change your world!

Any of those quotes sound like you?  
Then the E100 Bible Reading Challenge is for you!  
The challenge is to read 100 carefully selected, essential, Bible passages – 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament. The passages are usually one to two chapters in length and can easily be read in 10 minutes or less.

I've read lots of the Bible but I don't really know how they all fit together!

I've never read the Bible much but I'm interested in finding out more of what's in it!

I love the Bible. I'd like some help to understand it better and how it applies to my life today.

This is a guide to take you through 100 readings from the Old and New Testaments in a refreshing and engaging way, making it less daunting and easier to understand. Coming to and growing in faith can only happen if we study God's Word and enjoy a relationship with Him. This book is free and you can go at your own pace. Pick up a copy in the Fellowship area.

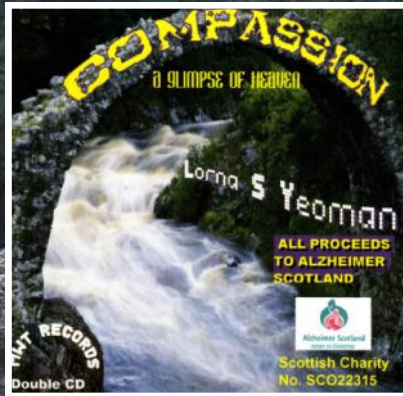
## Zambia Update

Our fund raising sale in November along with a retiring offering from the Church realised the sum of over £1,000, a fantastic amount, bringing the total raised, since the walk in 2008, to almost £6,000. This has enabled Jenny Featherstone, Mindolo Mission partner, to make such a difference in the poorer areas of Kitwe, including building a chicken house for the "Orphan" farm, a shelter for the "AIDS" ladies at Ipusukilo and the purchase of land to build a "Play 4 All" playground at Kamatipa, one of the poorest areas where children will benefit so much. The recruitment and training of volunteers to run the project has been started, a positive step towards the opening. You may remember the story of Samuel whom we met on our visit to Mindolo. An orphan at 7 he was a street child until an orphanage, where he stayed until the age of 17, picked him up. He, thanks be to God, was fortunate to meet someone who sponsored him as he searched for work etc. He is now 22 years old and has gone to Bible College to study for a one-year diploma course, to then enter full time ministry. Praise The Lord.

Jenny and Sheila (Newmachar Church) kindly donated a full football team strip which we managed to get to Zambia via Adrian Hendy, chaplain at Mindolo who was home on leave in Cornwall and transported them with a crank shaft for Jenny's backie (pick up truck) wrapped inside. Anne Ross has requested that Jenny use some of the money raised to buy football boots for the team as they usually just play in bare feet, The boots cost £20 a pair in Zambia, (a fortune there). Please continue to pray for Jenny and her projects, for Samuel that he may realise his dream and for all those wonderful people we had the privilege to meet on our trip. Thank you all for your continued support.



Isobel Wood



Thanks to the kindness and giving of so many, in terms of their time, talents and willingness to help, sales of our “No more tears” and “Compassion” CD’s have so far reached over £4,200.

We look forward to handing over our 3rd and final cheque after Easter. In the meantime, copies may still be purchased at the outlets below. We will advise the total money raised, in the next Grapevine issue.

Your support is very much appreciated.  
Lorna S. Yeoman.(organist)

COMPASSION [2-disc] £5 still available from

Bruce Millers - Union St  
C.L.C. - John St  
Gateway@Credo - John St  
The Art Gallery - Schoolhill

E.E.Shop - Union St  
Newmachar Church Office  
The Millers Retail Centre  
Sterling (Bridge of Don)

One Up Records - Belmont Street

or by post from [lornayeoman@btinternet.com](mailto:lornayeoman@btinternet.com)

## **TRANSPORT TO CHURCH**

If you would like transport to church on a Sunday morning we have several volunteer drivers who would pick you up, and take you home again after the service. More volunteer drivers would also be very welcome.

Please contact Sylvia Aitken to arrange for transport  
Tel 862206.

## **HOSPITAL VISITING**

Please continue to let us know if anyone is ill at home or in hospital, so that one of our visitors could visit them, or just to let them know we are thinking and praying for them.

Sylvia Aitken 862206

May Anne Taylor 862882

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

The church office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30 - 12.30 pm, and our church administrator Christine is available to answer any queries you may have. You can also contact the office on 01651 869375 during the above hours.

## **ABERDEEN CHRISTIAN DIARY**

For more information on events in and around the Aberdeen area check out their website

[www.the-abcd.org.uk](http://www.the-abcd.org.uk)

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The next time you notice a minor error in the NewMachar Church website, keep in mind that it could always be worse! These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: *“Jesus Walks on the Water”*. The sermon tonight: *“Searching for Jesus”*.

Ladies don’t forget the jumble sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don’t let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang *“I will not pass this way again”*, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



# **NEWMACHAR L.A.F.F.**

*(Ladies of all Ages Friendly Fellowship)*

Hello Ladies,

The LAFF Ladies have been going for over a year now and what a lota LAFF's we've had !

We are a group of ladies from the village who get together on a monthly basis for some fun and fellowship. This year we have already had a Pot Luck Supper which was held in the Church.

At the end of March we are going to "His Majesty's Theatre" to see the lovely "Marti Pellow" in "Jekyll & Hyde".

In July we plan to take part in the "Race for Life" at Aberdeen beach to raise funds for Cancer Research. We are praying for dry weather now.

Future events are going to include: Ten-pin bowling, Flower demonstration, A day at Perth Races.

If you feel like coming along please give us a call.

Go on you'll have a LAFF.

Look out on the church website on the LAFF webpage for more events in 2011.

For more info please contact: Karen Creswell 862477 or Karen Rodgers 862771

Or visit our website [www.newmacharchurch.net](http://www.newmacharchurch.net)



## **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!

## **Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals**

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### **Baptisms**

Katie Elisha Robb  
Logan George Cooper  
Evan Craig Buchan  
Freya Mae Murray  
Rhudi Scott Smith

### **Weddings**

Fiona Walker & Michael Donald

### **Funerals**

George Lovie  
Gladys Dick  
Stuart Birnie  
Stanley Brodie  
Bernard Porter  
George Cowieson  
Jessie Thom

## **Life & Work**

The official magazine of the Church of Scotland offers good value at £1.80 per month. It is full of interesting articles, debates and book reviews as well as news from around the world. If you would like to subscribe or try a free sample please see Anne Ross.

## Book Review of "Amy Inspired" by Bethany Pierce

This book tells the story of Amy Gallagher, an inspiring writer and Christian, who works as a lecturer to pay the bills. The book deals lightly with her spiritual growth and struggles, as she deals with issues such as being ditched by her boyfriend, jealousy as her flatmate seems to be having more success at getting work published and then how to support her flatmate as she copes with her mother dying of cancer. It also follows her entangled love-life. The bit I found most poignant was when she describes the sermon at a service she attends. The minister refers to Ecclesiastes 3:11: "God has set eternity in the hearts of men". She realises that even when things are going well, there is still an aching in her heart that only God can fill and when things are troubling her, keeping an eternal perspective helps her to find peace. I bought the book with my 21 year old niece in mind as I thought it would be a good introduction to Christianity for a twenty-something female or older teenager. There is much that they would be able to relate to in the very human Amy as she struggles to find herself and her place in the world while trying to stick to her Christian faith. It is in the Christian fiction genre but I would say that it is a young romance novel which gently looks at things from a Christian perspective. A sweet and easy read.

Fiona McDonald



## Christian Aid Week

Last year Newmachar raised an amazing £1011.40 going from house to house with a sealed collecting tin. This year we would love to do this again and we need volunteers to go round the village. Please consider this and together we will make a difference and improve a lot of peoples lives that are very different from our own. If you are worried about rejection on the doorstep, don't the yes's outnumber the no's. May Anne needs your help - tel 862882

Christian Aid Lunch immediately after the service 15th May  
Christian Aid Whist Drive & Games Evening 8th April, 7.30pm  
Christian Aid Children's Games Night 27th May



## Useful Contact Numbers

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Douglas McNab	862278
<b>Session Clerk</b>	Bill Campbell	862816
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sheena Taylor	862234
<b>Church Officer</b>	Francie Littlejohn	862176
<b>Grapevine</b>	Christine MacLeod	862635
<b>Cool Club</b>	Karen Creswell	862477
<b>Cooler Stuff</b>	Katie Robertson	882795
<b>Crèche</b>	Linda Rendall	862757
<b>Guild</b>	Heather Gordon	862025
<b>Gift Aid/Freewill Offering</b>	Bill Fraser	862501
<b>Fabric Convenor</b>	Sandy Cran	862259
<b>Safeguarding Contact</b>	Anne Stephen	01224 791018
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Graeme Shewan	863041
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Babs Littlejohn	862176
<b>Crafts &amp; Website</b>	Judy Newton-Harzer	01358 742303
<b>Church Office</b>		869375

**Our Who's Who picture board is now in position in the foyer of the church**

Articles for inclusion in the Autumn/Winter edition of grapevine should be sent to Christine MacLeod by 25th August  
admin-newmacharchurch@btconnect.com

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