

# ***Newsletter***

## ***Crown Church, Inverness***

**June 2019: No. 750**

**Interim Moderator: Rev Duncan MacPherson**



### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**All people, of any age, are warmly invited to participate at all of our services**  
We have “Treasure Seekers”, age-related fun and learning activity for children every Sunday at 11  
also Cloud 10 for secondary aged young people every Sunday at 11.

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| <b>Sunday 2nd June</b>  | <b>The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at 9.30am with Rev Morven Archer and at 11am and 3pm with Rev Doug McRoberts<br/>Thanksgiving Service at 6.30 with Rev Morven Archer followed by special prayers</b> |
| <b>Sunday 9th June</b>  | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30am with Rev Morven Archer<br/>Morning Worship at 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 16th June</b> | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30am with Rev Morven Archer<br/>Morning Worship at 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 23rd June</b> | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30 am with Rev Morven Archer<br/>Morning Worship at 11 am with Rev Morven Archer</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 30th June</b> | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30am with Rev Morven Archer<br/>Morning Worship at 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 7th July</b>  | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30am with Rev Morven Archer<br/>Morning Worship at 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts<br/>Followed by special prayers</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 14th July</b> | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30am with Rev Morven Archer<br/>Morning Worship at 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts</b>   |

Also, every Friday at 12 noon, prayers – at which people may be remembered by name  
Please make any requests known.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42)

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Inverness Boys' Brigade Company News

The Boys' Brigade session finished on the 17<sup>th</sup> May with our Annual Parents Night; our Chief Guests for the evening were Roddy and Lynn Riddle.

It was great to see more than 50 boys in attendance on the night and a hall full of parents and friends.

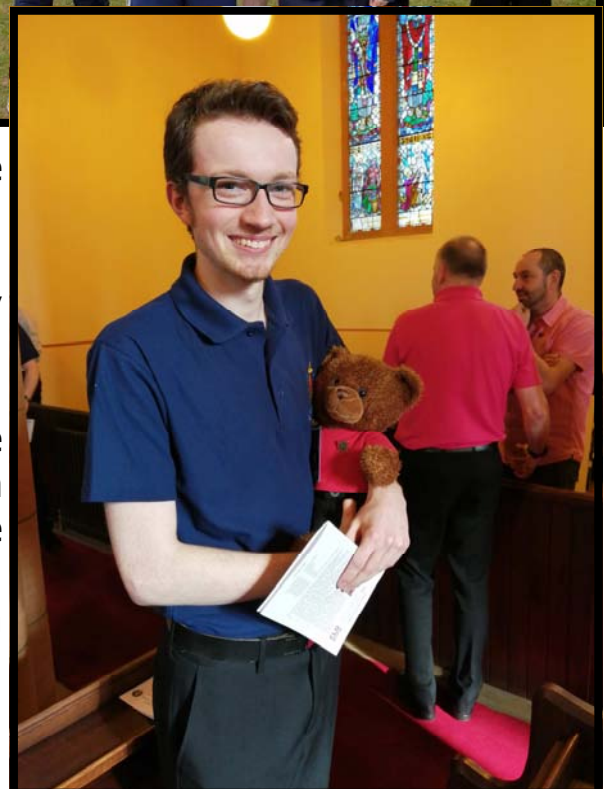
The highlight of the evening was the presentation of 4 Queen's Badges (Joshua, Daniel, Gary and Calum) and 3 President's Badges (Juel, Andrew and Finlay).



Duncan MacKnight successfully completed his KGVI Officer Training Course and received his certificate at the Graduation Ceremony in March.

It's been a busy few weeks for the Company sports teams:-

The Anchor Boys and Junior Section won the Battalion Sports trophies; the Junior Section boys took part in the North Scottish 7-a-side football tournament at Lossiemouth, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Company Section boys competed in the 5-a-sides at Buckie, also finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.





The Company Section badminton team made it to the National Finals in Ireland at the end of April. Conor, Dean, Callum and Alistair represented the Company at the competition in Lisburn. The boys did really well finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall narrowly losing to 25<sup>th</sup> Stirling (Dunblane) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> place play-off. A great experience for the boys, a young team with a few years to go yet so who knows we could be back in the finals again soon!!

That's us finished for a well-earned break – starting back up again with camp in August.

**Gary McAra.**



# Young Crown update

You may remember me mentioning the BIG Footprint event in last month's newsletter. Well, the results are in and...

Actually, let me explain the event first. It was an event designed to celebrate the church's place in the local community – developed by the Guild, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade in partnership with the (then) Moderator of the General Assembly. From the Church of Scotland website: "The Big Footprint event... is a chance for the Church of Scotland to show itself as a visible and active presence within local communities by walking together.

There are no rules on how long your community walk or journey should be – it could be a mile, or it might be longer. What is important is the act of coming together, going out in to a community and inviting others to join you on the journey." The organisations mentioned had arranged for larger "Main events" in Glasgow, Dundee, Edinburgh and Aberdeen; but also wished for local churches to organise their own events too.

So, as I said, the results are in and...

According to my source on the BB national executive, our event here at Crown was the best attended in the country. Even including the "main events", we still managed to run the biggest of all such in Scotland. More people gathered for our celebration of the church's place within the community here than anywhere else!

I'm not just saying this for some back-slapping or bragging, but to share with you some of the joy of real connection we're making with our community through the work of Young Crown. We can, I think rightly, be proud of the real difference Young Crown is making in connecting the church up with the community. We should celebrate that events like the BIG Footprint have offered a new point of connection

for many people who are linking into the church by our youth, schools, toddlers work as well as uniformed organisations too.

We should be especially pleased that a national initiative to celebrate churches doing this sort of work has highlighted just how positive the work of Young Crown continues to be!



Whilst it's a great achievement to be able to celebrate, there's always more we can do. We need to use where we are now as a springboard to what's next – to keep growing and connecting with the community.

With more people involved we could improve and grow our midweek toddler group provision; potentially add an SU group at Crown Primary School; grow our Friday Drop In; increase our chaplaincy presence at Millburn Academy and build our other aspirations for summer clubs. All of these are on the Young Crown radar, but can only happen with more people involved.

It's time to get to the next level, but we need you to do it! Will you join in?



## Struan



Thanks to Michael MacAulay for the above picture of the River Ness taken at the BIG Footprint



**Young**  
**CROWN**

**NEEDS YOU!**

We are 3½ years through Struan's 5-year contract with Young Crown and we are asking for some assistance with funding...

We fully understand that there a large number of projects in the Church looking for funding at the moment but:-

If you have donated before and would like to do so again then please let us know;  
If you've donated by Direct Debit before and it's finished and you'd like to donate again then please let us know;  
If you've never donated before but would like to start then please let us know.

For more information please contact the office or any of the Trustees (Alan Nelson, Judith Macleod, Jude Madeleine, Mairi Fraser or Gary McAra)

**Gary McAra**

# Malawi Trust Strawberry Tea

The sun did not shine but it didn't keep approximately 80 people from attending the annual Strawberry Tea in aid of Highland Malawi Trust .

As usual a fabulous array of baking and an incredible raffle but something slightly different and exciting this year - a live Whatsapp chat with Mr Lupia from Malawi.

Everyone present at the time got to say "Hello " and he was absolutely overwhelmed by it all. As before, people gave generously and the sum raised was £1,880 The Trustees really have no words to express their gratitude for the support shown to them not only on the day but also over the past ten years .

God bless you all  
Chrisanne, Reay , Brian and Doug



# Prayer Diary

## June 2019

This prayer diary has been prepared by the Discipleship Team. We hope that you will find it useful. You may like to detach it from the newsletter and use it to pray for our church and community.

If you have particular prayer requests for the next month (June 2019) please do send them to our **church secretary**, Gloria who will pass them on, or e-mail Jude Madeleine; [judedmond@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judedmond@yahoo.co.uk)

### June 3-9

As we celebrate Pentecost, pray and thank God for sending the Holy Spirit; for lifting, guiding and leading us in all the work of the Church; that the Holy Spirit will continue to move among us and renew us with a burning desire to grow in God's work, just as it happened for the apostles on that first Pentecost Day.

Give thanks for all who dedicate time and resources towards the work of the Church. Pray that more volunteers will come forward to offer their gifts and talents for supporting God's work and His people.

Remember and pray for all fellow Christians throughout our world, who are being persecuted for their faith and beliefs in Christ; Pray that God's power be upon them in the midst of their trouble moments; that the power of hope in the cross prevails over all persecutions.

Pray for the work on the restoration of the MacGilp Windows which has recently started. Give thanks for the donations being made, and pray for on-going support that will ensure successful completion of the project.

### June 10-16

Pray for those who are grieving, those whose lives have changed through loss, that they will know the peace of God that passes all understanding. May they know that they are helped in the palm of God's hand.

Pray for our neighbours, for people who live alone, for people who are struggling with illness and for God's peace to fall on them. Pray for protection and safety over our neighbours' homes and families, and ask God to give us opportunities and courage to share His love with those around us.

Pray for those who are suffering from addictions; pray for their families and love ones who are affected; that they be blessed with healing and support.

Pray for MERCY SHIPS which brings much needed surgical treatment to many disadvantaged people throughout the world; Give thanks for all the donors and volunteers, and in particular remember the MERCY SHIPS as they prepare to depart for Guinea this month.



## **June 17-23**

Praise God for sending Jesus! Praise Jesus for the hope we have because of His sacrifice, for the joy we have in knowing that we are free to live life to the full because we have the security of eternity.

Pray for God's blessing's on the Pastoral Care Team and its Convenor; Pray that God will guide and lead them in their work in serving and supporting others.

Pray for all who are in care or nursing homes and for their families, friends and relatives. Give thanks for the staff who work hard together to ensure the well-being of all people in those homes. Give thanks for the Counting Team and the offering that comes from the congregations; Pray for our church Accountant, Donald Mackenzie, for all his time and dedication towards supporting the management of the church finances.

## **June 24-30**

Pray for all the children and young adults you know. Pray that they would know that they are loved by God, and that they would have an awareness of their value in Christ. Pray for opportunities to support and love the young people in your life.

Continue to pray for YC Inc, the new weekly youth club recently launched for primary 4 to 7 children, which has started out as a great success. Give thanks for Struan McRoberts, for all the work he has been doing together with other young leaders, to inspire young people in their journey to know and follow Christ.

Give thanks for the Street Pastors and pray for spiritual guidance and strength for the work they do in helping and supporting vulnerable people in our town late in the nights.

Pray for the ongoing outreach work of the Malawi Project; Give thanks to Reay and Chrisanne for their continuing devotions towards the project, and all the support and donations received. Pray for God's blessings over the people who benefit from the project.

**The Discipleship Team together with the congregations request ongoing prayer for:**  
**The vacancy – that God is preparing the calling of someone to come to Crown Church**  
**The Nominating Committee and their responsibilities**  
**The teams that are working hard together to ensure that during the vacancy period, the work of the Church continues and moves forward.**

**Jude Madeleine and the Discipleship Team**





*CROWN CHURCH GUILD  
WILL HOLD COFFEE MORNINGS  
with home baking  
IN THE SMALL HALL FROM 10.30  
AM*

*ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:*

*Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June*

*Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July*

*Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August*

*The proceeds will go towards Guild  
Projects*

# MacGilp Memorial Window

By the time you read this article, the process to repair and conserve the MacGilp Window will be started on this following timetable:

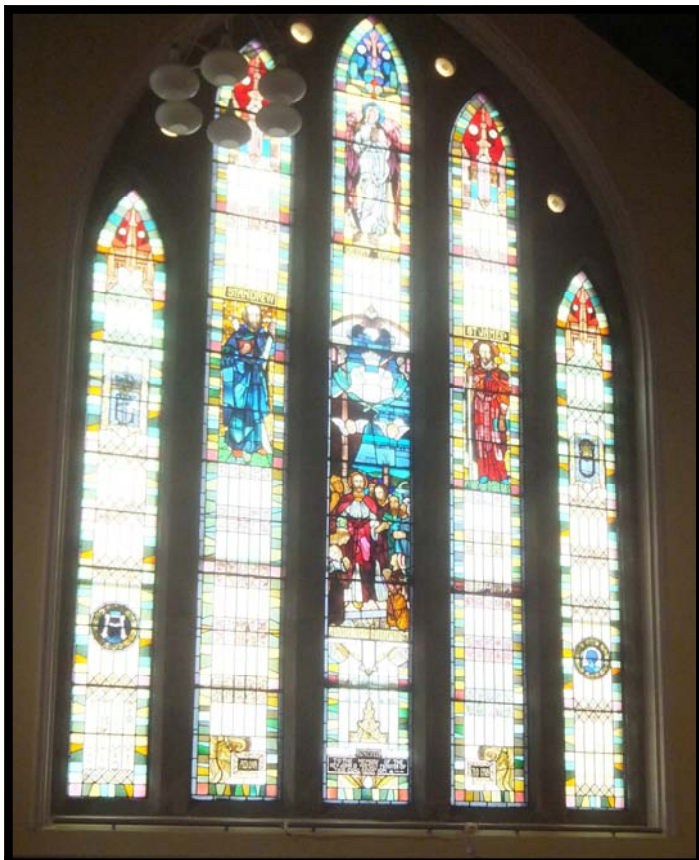
Week beginning Monday 27th May - Rear pews moved to make way for scaffolding;  
Scaffolding erected inside and outside widow recess

Week beginning Monday 3rd June. Entire window removed, section by section;  
Window taken to Glasgow workshop for repair/conservation;  
Window recess boarded up

Week beginning Monday 10th June.

Any necessary masonry work completed  
Pews reinstalled in original positions  
Scaffolding removed

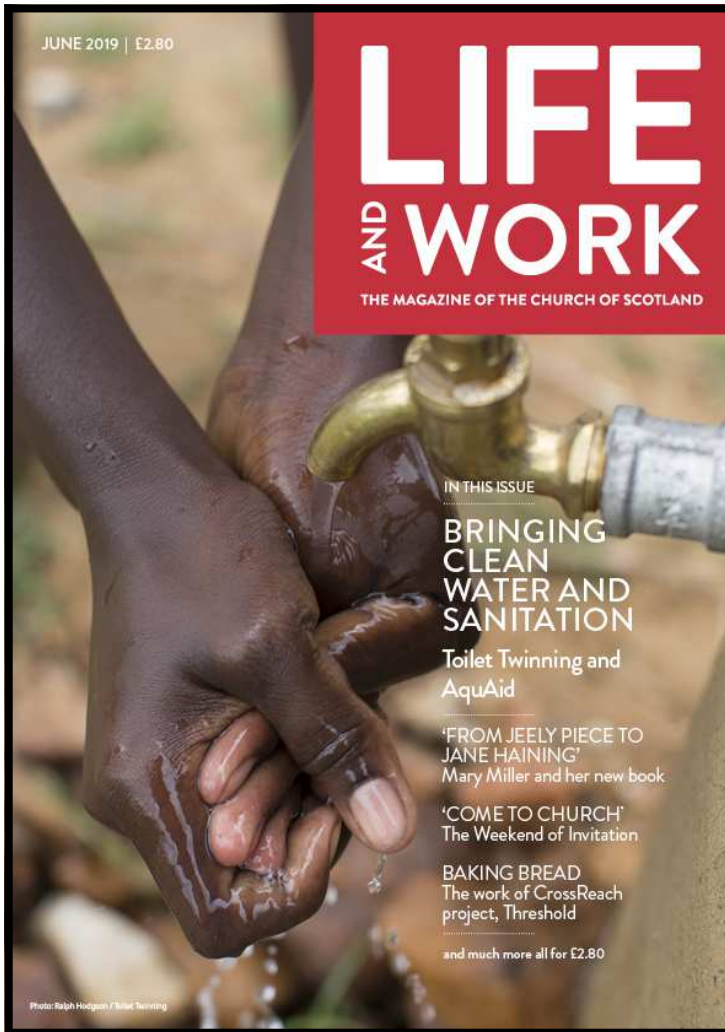
A similar three week period with erection and removal of scaffolding will occur around the end of the year when the work on conservation of the window is expected to be complete. We do not envisage the work causing disruption to worship services or inconvenience to the public. The necessary permissions and notifications at each stage have been obtained.



Our apologies for a half-year when it may be much darker than usual in the sanctuary! You can, however, expect a brighter window in the new year with an interesting image with which to greet the public passing by instead of the present colourless, blank window.

Our sewing group, led by Mrs Janet MacPherson, has completed a very attractive quilt which they have offered to assist with our fundraising. Tickets will be available for a donation of £5 to the MacGilp Window Fund and whoever makes the best estimate of the final total contributed will receive the quilt.

**Bill Mein**



## LIFE AND WORK JUNE 2019

### **Bringing Clean Water and Sanitation**

Jackie Macadam reports on the work of Toilet Twinning and AquAid

### **'From Jeely Piece to Jane Haining'**

Interview with Mary Miller, author of a new book on the missionary who died in Auschwitz

### **Baking Bread**

Continuing the series celebrating 150 years of social care in the Church of Scotland, the Rev Dr Doug Gay visits CrossReach project Threshold.

### **Diaconate Spotlight**

A major conference for deacons and

deaconesses is returning to Scotland in June

### **General Assembly 2019**

Summaries of reports to this year's Assembly, including the Radical Action Plan

### **Disaster and Redemption**

Continuing his series on stories of slavery and freedom in the Bible, the Rev Richard Baxter considers the best-known: the story of Joseph.

### **'Go On'**

The Very Rev Dr James Simpson reflects on a meeting with Sir Harry Secombe

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# News from the General Assembly 2019

**A three-year radical action plan to reform the Church of Scotland has been approved by the General Assembly.**

Dr Sally Bonnar, convener of the Council of Assembly, described the decisions as “far reaching” and a demonstration that the Kirk is listening and facing up to reality. But she said the message sent out by the General Assembly was also one of “we are not content to manage decline” and open to change.

Dr Bonnar said the 17 actions of reform agreed represented a strong commitment to grow the Kingdom of God on earth in a more effective way.

The most significant proposal approved by commissioners is to establish a Growth Fund of £20 million to £25 million for the period 2020-2027.



## ***Equipping and resourcing***

The money will be taken from reserves and allocated around criteria focused on growth, impact and sustainability with clearly agreed targets.

Applications will primarily come from individual congregations, groups of

churches and presbyteries to fund church planting and projects working with children, young people and families.

The Growth Fund will replace the Go For It Fund which has spent millions on supporting community projects the length and breadth of the country.

Yesterday, the General Assembly approved plans to reduce the number of presbyteries from 45 to around 12.

Addressing commissioners, Dr Bonnar said: “In terms of the values which underpin this plan, first and foremost it is intended to be about equipping, supporting and resourcing the local church.

“This has to be the core outcome of whatever we decide.

“This change cannot happen overnight but we can and should make a start.

“The Growth Fund will allow substantial funding to be made locally to enable congregations and presbyteries to take forward their ambitions in mission, community engagement, church planting and working with young people.

“Equipping new models of church is about being flexible to local circumstances, needs and opportunities.”

## **Daily Bible Readings for June/July**

### **June 2, 2019 Romans 6:1-14**

Monday, Romans 9:19-29, God's Wrath and Mercy

Tuesday, Romans 9:30-33, Israel's Unbelief

Wednesday, Romans 10:1-21, Salvation for All

Thursday, Romans 12:1-8, The New Life in Christ

Friday, Romans 12:9-21, Marks of the True Christian

Saturday, Romans 13:1-14, Love for One Another

### **June 9, 2019**

Monday, Romans 8:18-39, Pentecost

Tuesday, Romans 14:1-12, Do Not Judge Another

Wednesday, Romans 14:13-23, Don Not Make Another Stumble

Thursday, Romans 15: 1-13, Gospel for All

Friday, Romans 15:14-21, Paul's Reason for Writing So Boldly

Saturday, Romans 15:22-33, Paul's plan to Visit Rome

### **June 16, 2019**

Monday, Psalm 8, Psalm of Praise

Tuesday, Psalm 68, Psalm of Praise

Wednesday, Psalm 100, Psalm of Praise

Thursday, Psalm 111, Psalm of Praise

Friday, Psalm 122, Psalm of Praise

Saturday, Psalm 150, Psalm of Praise

### **June 23, 2019**

Monday, Psalm 22, Psalm of Lament

Tuesday, Psalm 51, Psalm of Lament

Wednesday, Psalm 70, Psalm of Lament

Thursday, Psalm 108, Psalm of Lament

Friday, Psalm 123, Psalm of Lament

Saturday, Psalm 139, Psalm of Lament

### **June 30, 2019**

Monday, Psalm 11, Psalm of Trust

Tuesday, Psalm 23, Psalm of Trust

Wednesday, Psalm 46, Psalm of Trust

Thursday, Psalm 63, Psalm of Trust

Friday, Psalm 121, Psalm of Trust

Saturday, Psalm 131, Psalm of Trust

### **July 7, 2019**

Monday, Psalm 30, Psalm of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Psalm 32, Psalm of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Psalm 34, Psalm of Thanksgiving

Thursday, Psalm 57, Psalm of Thanksgiving

Friday, Psalm 66, Psalm of Thanksgiving

Saturday, Psalm 116, Psalm of Thanksgiving

# CONTACTS

<b>Jun</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Creche</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>2</b>	Communion	Jane Smith & Muriel Choppy	Lesley McRoberts, Janet MacPherson, Eleanor Ross.
<b>9</b>	Young Crown	Kay MacDonald & Chrisanne Robertson	Isabelle MacKenzie, Fiona Carter.
<b>16</b>	Moira Cooper	Jane Smith & Marjory MacKenzie	Eileen Ardern, Kay MacDonald, Kimm Currie.
<b>23</b>	Sunday School	Kay MacDonald & Muriel Choppy	Irene Munro, Helen MacLeod, Mairi Main.
<b>30</b>	Roddy Lightbody	Marjory MacKenzie & Chrisanne Robertson	Eileen Ardern, Liz Munro
<b>Jul</b>			
<b>7</b>	Gus MacGowan	Kay MacDonald & Chrisanne Robertson	
<b>14</b>	Sandra Gorman	Kay MacDonald & Muriel Choppy	

### June Count Team

#### **Alastair MacPherson**

Alan Nelson, Richard Ardern, Robert Shanks

### July Count Team

#### **Sheena Ferguson**

Heather Beck, Robert & Aileen Laing, Helen Boynton

### June Welcome Team

*North Door* Marion & John Barbour

*South Door* Lena Clarke & Val Little

*Midmills North* Peter & Joyce Collinson

*Midmills South* Brian Macgill

### July Welcome Team

*North Door* Alan Nelson

*South Door* Eileen & Richard Ardern

*Midmills North* David Crippin

*Midmills South* Ella Low



**HIGHLAND FOODBANK** is grateful for your continued support. Items needed for June are Tins of potatoes, tins of custard, washing powder (small) and deodorant.

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**Thank you!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Grace Robertson for her kind donation of a wheelchair to the church.

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**The deadline for the July/August newsletter will be Sunday 7th July**

Please send any articles or news to the Forrests at:  
marionandbobnewsletter@gmail.com or left in the 'F' pigeonhole.  
Please note that the newsletter can also be accessed via the church website where you will be able to see the photographs in colour

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