

Newsletter

Crown Church, Inverness

July/August 2018: No. 741

Interim Moderator: Rev Duncan MacPherson



SUNDAY SERVICES

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

Sunday 1st July	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11 am Rev Morven Archer
Sunday 8 ^h July	Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11 am Rev Morven Archer
Sunday 15 ^h July	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 22 nd July	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 29 th July	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 5 th August	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 12 th August	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 19 th August	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer 10.30 am Preparatory Service for Elders 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 26 ^h August	Morning Worship at 9.30am Rev Morven Archer and at 11 am Rev Doug McRoberts
Sunday 2 nd September	9.30 The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Rev Morven Archer 11am The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Rev Doug McRoberts 3 pm The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Rev Doug McRoberts 6.30 pm Thanksgiving Worship Stewart Robertson

Coffee, tea and fellowship will be between the services from 1 July until 19 August
(for those coming early for 11 am, from around 10.15 am!)

Our regular children's group, "Treasure Seekers", will not meet over the school holidays, but children are as ever most welcome at either of the services.

There will be a weekly Creche still on offer at 11 am.

Also, every Friday at 12 noon, prayers – at which people may be remembered by name

VACANCY NEWS

On 20th June 2018 your newly elected Nominating Committee (NC) met with the Interim Moderator, Rev Duncan Macpherson and members of the Presbytery Advisory Committee. A full briefing was received enthusiastically with an number of questions and answers. After that members of the NC were directed to appoint a Convenor, Vice Convenor and Clerk.

The Interim Moderator noting the degree of excitement around the NC cautioned all to observe that part of the guidelines on confidentiality, namely:

"It should be fully understood from the very beginning that the work of the Nominating Committee is confidential at all times. It should not be discussed with other members of the congregation or with others outside the congregation, including family members"

The committee will be meeting next week to consider the newly prepared 'Parish Profile' which will also be available for the all the congregation to see very shortly.

We give all the members of the NC our prayerful encouragement and wish them a good catch!"

Brian Macgill Session Clerk

A note for your diary!

Friends of Cameron House, the Church of Scotland Home for people living with dementia and Alzheimers, are holding their annual Afternoon Tea/ Coffee with various stalls in the Scout Hall, Green Drive (off Culduthel Road behind the Academy), on Saturday 22nd September 2 - 4pm. Tickets are £3 and children with adults are free. Any donations to the stalls will be very much appreciated. We are very grateful for the continued support we receive from Church congregations and Guilds. Any enquiries to Kay MacDonald .





We believe in life before death

Christian Aid Week 2018

Last year I was overjoyed to be able to report a record high Christian Aid Week collection of over £4300 from the Crown parish. I said then that that magnificent achievement reflected what I personally felt was the Holy Spirit moving in Crown Church. This year we're at the other end of the spectrum. The donations from the parish and church totalled £3176.76.

So what are we to say about this relatively low collection?

A failure? Emphatically no! Because £3000 will upskill 15 local builders in Haiti to build disaster-proof houses. Since the 2010 earthquake, Christian Aid has built 700 homes in Haiti. Only one of these required repairs following the devastation of Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Our £3000 is money Christian Aid would not have if we had not made the effort and if the parish had not been generous.

Disappointing? Well, maybe a wee bit. But let's not judge the Holy Spirit this year! Let's instead give grateful thanks to all those who knocked on doors, all who gave, all who prayed for our team.

Could do better? Emphatically yes! Next year we will!

The bottom line: Marcelin, the father of three teenage girls all living in a disused concrete shower block 2m by 2m square following Hurricane Matthew, now has a new disaster-proof home, built by Christian Aid. That's what it's all about.

David Crippin
Christian Aid Rep

MacGilp Memorial Window Restoration Project

At its June meeting, our Congregational Board reviewed the quotes it has received for restoration of the MacGilp Window. We were expertly guided through the details of the quotes by Mr Glyn Young, who has been appointed by us as consultant to advise us on this major project. His company specialises in the management of the care and repair of traditional and historic properties. After discussion, the Board decided which quote from the stained glass artists should be our preferred quote. This will now allow Glyn to further explore details of the work planned to be undertaken and this will eventually lead to agreeing a contract for the restoration work.

Rev John MacGilp provided outstanding service to Crown Church from 1908 to 1918, serving also as Depute Food Controller for Northern Scotland during the war. He continued this for a few years after he left Crown but was killed in a tragic road accident in 1924. It seems appropriate, 100 years later, to seek conservation of the window.

The Board expects to apply for grants to cover the majority of the costs of the project, which are estimated to be above £70,000. The immediate need is to raise an initial sum within our own church and locality. We will now prepare fundraising activities and hope that you will be ready to engage in them. Details of the fundraising will be published in the September Newsletter.

Bill Mein

Chairman of Congregational Board





Young Crown summer update

On the day of writing this article, I spoke at the 9:30 service about Philip introducing an Ethiopian eunuch to Jesus (read the story in Acts 8 – it’s a belter!). I spoke about the beauty of the circumstances – that God had aligned so many things for that meeting to happen, but also that God had required the obedience of His servant

Philip. I spoke of the imperative we all have as followers of Jesus to introduce people to Him. I spoke of the fact that God would be aligning things to make these encounters possible for all of us. I was surprised that later in the day I had one such encounter myself. I, of course, shouldn’t have been surprised; but I am so thankful to God that He gives people like us, *like me*, these wonderful opportunities!

Our Young Crown summer programme is as full of activity as ever but this was a timely reminder of why we’re doing it all – so that people can meet Jesus! We are running clubs for young people of all ages and stages from nursery to the top end of secondary; we’re having fun, sharing Bible stories and building relationships. In amongst that we are seeing and taking opportunities to help people find out more about Jesus – and helping people to *meet* Him.

You’ll have picked up on the repetition in the article. Knowing about someone is not the same as knowing them. Following someone on social media does not equate to being in their social circle. By prayer, by persistence and by continuing in our mission of outreach, we’re having wonderful opportunities not just to introduce people to the concepts of God’s Kingdom; but to introduce them to the King Himself!!

Keep praying for all of these summer ventures! Also, whilst you’re praying... Why not pray for the following?...

Little Crowns – Young Crown’s community toddler groups starting after the summer on Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

The upcoming fete (see related article).

Our ministry in schools – particularly Millburn Academy as we support them during their search for a new head teacher.

Friday drop in clubs restarting after the summer break.

Wisdom in planning the next phase of Young Crown’s ministry.

Every blessing to you over the holidays.

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Summer's coming!

We've got just the thing for children  young people

Young 
CROWN



Summergeize for P4 - P7
Thursdays 6:30-8:00pm



YC club for N - P3
Fridays 6:00 - 7:15pm



Kick for P7 - S3
Fridays 7:30 - 9:15pm



Youth Alpha for S1+
Sundays 6:30 - 7:45pm

www.young-crown.co.uk



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t's picnic time!

Don't be surprised if you hear the minister announce on a fine day that we're going for a picnic. Yes, that very day! Yes, at lunch-time! No, no time to think why you can't go! Just time to grab or buy a couple of sandwiches and head off to the venue of the day. Lifts to be given for those without transport. The organised might even have filled rolls frozen ready (which will defrost quickly on the sort of fabulous day we're talking about) although Mrs C questions whether any kind of roll filling freezes well. Later we might get all technical and use some more 21st century means of communication – an e-pulpit perhaps – but that's for a later day.



David Crippin

The Fete

The Fete on **September 1st** to be held in Crown School grounds from 12 noon until 3pm will showcase the breadth of activities available for people, from toddlers to senior citizens, which are held in the church halls and are open to the wider community.

Each organisation will have at least a table where a prominent poster will detail the meeting times of the group, and have someone who can talk about it to interested visitors. Many of the groups are able to offer an interesting activity or have a demonstration which is similar to what goes on in their group, offer some games or sporting activities and items for sale. Others are running a traditional fete activity like a 'Lucky Dip' or 'Treasure Hunt', and there will be a Bouncy Castle, Tea Tent, Barbecue and other traditional fair activities.

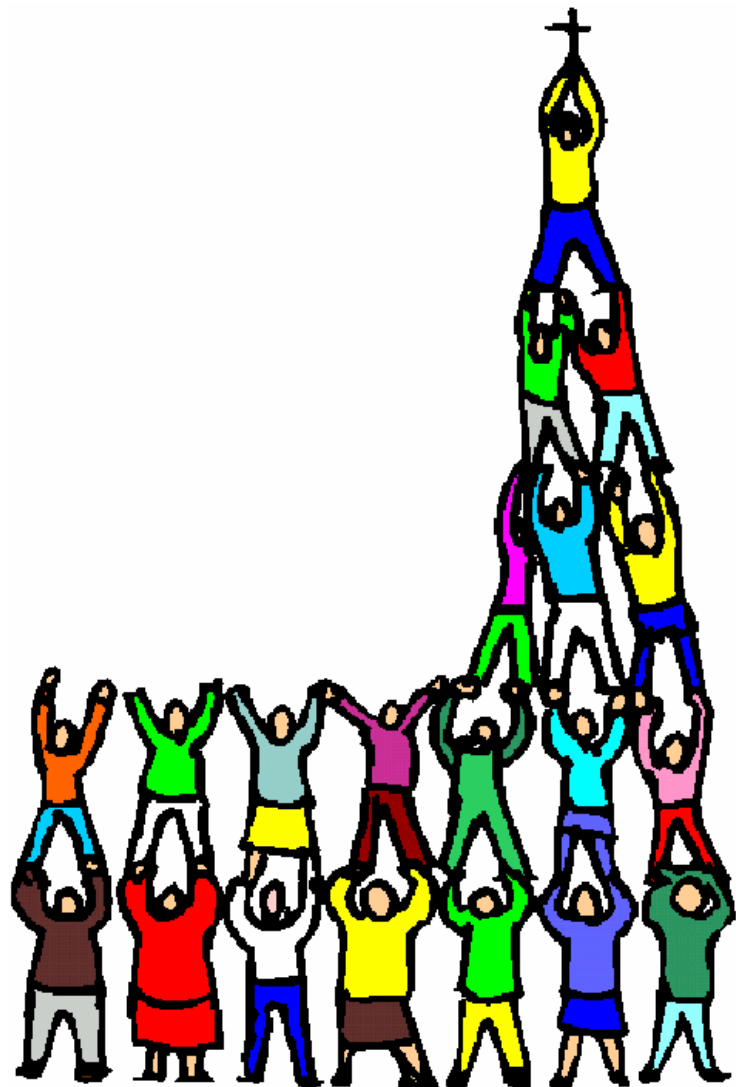
There will also be a 'Church at the Fete' tent, and music from the Band.

And if you can donate craft items, plants or baking for sale, those will be received with open arms. Please leave your name at the Church Office if you would like to help on the day.

Profits to be shared between the organisations exhibiting and Young Crown.

Tell all your friends about it, bring the children, and come along yourself to enjoy the day.

Eileen Ardern



BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations to Mrs Margaret Swan, member of our congregation and former member of the church Choir who celebrated her 100th birthday in June.

Margaret is pictured here with some of her family at her birthday party.





VOLUNTEERS urgently needed to deliver flowers on Sundays after the 11am services. Please contact Gloria in the Church Office for further details.

The Guild

Just a reminder that we meet on the 31st July and the 28th August for coffee and a chat. We meet from 10:15am until noon. We hope as many members as possible will come and enjoy the fellowship.

Dorothy Mein

Guild Correspondent

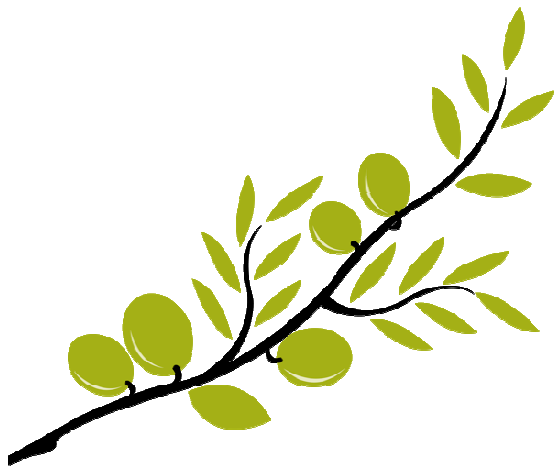
Some of the Guild at their outing to Coull House Hotel in June



Strawberry Tea

The sun shone and the people came in droves for the Highland Malawi Trust Annual Strawberry Tea at Raasay Road on 9th June . All ages and stages , friends old and new , stalwarts and some who had never been before . Babies, toddlers , pre- schoolers , primary- aged children and teenagers. Some travelled far (great to see Heidi, Tony, Pat and Jack) and others from only across the road but they all agreed wholeheartedly that it was a fantastic afternoon. Fizz, Pimms, Tea and Coffee flowed freely for three hours and the tables bulged with food . The raffle prizes were many and varied , drawn ably by Erin and Melody. Reay and Chrisanne are forever indebted for donations of food and prizes for the event and for all the help with setting up and serving on the day. The Trust is currently in the process of building another classroom block and the incredible final total of £1,817 raised at the Tea will certainly more than cover what it will take to equip and furnish the block , thus completing the Trust's work at the Junior School. Once again a huge thank you to all who have supported and continue to support the work going on in that little corner of Northern Malawi. God bless you all . Reay, Chrisanne, Brian and Doug (HMT) (Thanks to Stewart for the photos)





Olive Grove – Entertaining Angels

Thanks to Willis Jones' initial inspired choice of project and place, the Olive Grove has now entered its tenth year in business in Kingsmills Square.

Haven't yet sampled it? Do join us for a snack and be welcomed as a guest (we think 'customer' lacks a little warmth). If you like us, like us on Trip Advisor too!

Or, as we constantly need to refresh, consider joining the team. You can share your ideas as to how we can improve our outreach/charity aspect. At present, we make small grants to charities from our profits and have also sold products on behalf of local charities Libertie, L'Arche and Ness Soaps.

Why not share your IT skills, especially to enhance our Face Book presence, share your gifts in baking, simple cooking and in hospitality, how we welcome our guests. And the rewards? Hopefully a tenth birthday party in 2019, but in the meantime, enjoy being in a supportive team, enjoy the friendships, meeting people from many places – Australia, United States, Jamaica and much of Europe appear in our Visitors Book – and enjoy seeing new customers start to feel at home with us. And the angels? Everyone has their story and sometimes we are privileged to hear about surprising personal journeys ... or, as the King James Bible expresses it in Hebrews 13 "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares"

So, if interested, please talk to Liz Gray, Eileen Ardern, or Mairi Main.

Mairi Main

Highland Foodbank

The items Highland Foodbank would be grateful for during July & August are:-

Long life fruit juice or milk
Tins of potatoes
Tins of corned beef
Tins of tomatoes
Breakfast cereal

Without Crown Church's donations the work of the Foodbank would not be possible. Thank you . **Liz Gray**



LIFE AND WORK JULY 2018

70 Years of the NHS

Caring for the Whole Person: the timeless role of hospital chaplains
Interview with the Rev Sheila Mitchell, Programme Director for Health and Social Care Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care in NHS Education for Scotland

Assembly 2018

10 pages of reports and pictures from this year's General Assembly, the Fringe and Heart and Soul.

The Piping Padre

Andrew G Ralston tells the extraordinary story of Lauchlan MacLean Watt, a Church of Scotland minister, Moderator of the General Assembly, lecturer, poet, novelist, literary critic and military chaplain in the First World War.

What is Happiness?

Ron Ferguson considers what it takes to make people happy.

A Place to Call Home

The Very Rev Albert Bogle considers the second leg of the journey following Christ: beyond the cross, the journey home.

Seeking Answers

The Rev Scott McKenna considers the importance of encounter with the Risen Christ in the mystery of the sacraments.

An Outstanding 'Gothick' Church

John R Hume highlights an architectural treasure in Aberdeenshire.

Bursting Bubbles

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers urges readers to travel with 'an open and loving heart' and avoid 'bubble living'.

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Daily Bible Readings for July/August

July 1, 2018

Sunday 1 John 1:5—2:2

Monday, 1 John 2:29-3:3, *Children of God*

Tuesday, 1 John 3:4-8, *Children of God*

Wednesday, 1 John 3:9-10, *Children of God*

Thursday, 1 John 3:11-17, *Love One Another*

Friday, 1 John 3:18-22, *Love One Another*

Saturday, 1 John 3:23-24, *Love One Another*

July 8, 2018

1 John 4:1-6

Monday, 1 John 4:7-10, *God Is Love*

Tuesday, 1 John 4:11-12, *God Is Love*

Wednesday, 1 John 4:13-14, *God Is Love*

Thursday, 1 John 4:15-16a, *God Is Love*

Friday, 1 John 4:16b-18, *God Is Love*

Saturday, 1 John 4:19-21, *God Is Love*

July 15, 2018

1 John 4:7-21

Monday, 1 John 5:1-5, *Faith Conquers the World*

Tuesday, 1 John 5:6-8, *Testimony of the Son of God*

Wednesday, 1 John 5:9-12, *Testimony concerning the Son of God*

Thursday, 1 John 5:13, *Epilogue*

Friday, 1 John 5:14-17, *Epilogue*

Saturday, 1 John 5:18-21, *Epilogue*

July 22, 2018

Ruth 1:1-22

Monday, Ruth 1:1-5, *Elimelech's Family Goes to Moab*

Tuesday, Ruth 1:6-7, *Naomi, Her Daughters-in-Law*

Wednesday, Ruth 1:8-14, *Naomi and Ruth*

Thursday, Ruth 1:15-18, *Naomi and Ruth*

Friday, Ruth 1:19-21, *Naomi and Ruth*

Saturday, Ruth 1:22, *Naomi and Ruth*

July 29, 2018

Ruth 2:1-23

Monday, Ruth 2:1-3, *Ruth Meets Boaz*

Tuesday, Ruth 2:4-13, *Ruth Meets Boaz*

Wednesday, Ruth 2:14, *Ruth Meets Boaz*

Thursday, Ruth 2:15-16, *Ruth Meets Boaz*

Friday, Ruth 2:17-20, *Ruth Meets Boaz*

Saturday, Ruth 2:21-23, *Ruth Meets Boaz*

August 5, 2018

Ruth 3:1-18

Monday, Ruth 3:1-5, *Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor*

Tuesday, Ruth 3:6-7, *Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor*

Wednesday, Ruth 3:8-9, *Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor*

Thursday, Ruth 3:10-13, *Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor*

Friday, Ruth 3:14-15, *Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor*

Saturday, Ruth 3:16-18, *Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor*

Daily Bible Readings for August continued

August 12, 2018

Ruth 4:1-22

Monday, Ruth 4:1-4, The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz

Tuesday, Ruth 4:5-6, The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz

Wednesday, Ruth 4:7-10, The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz

Thursday, Ruth 4:11-12, The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz

Friday, Ruth 4:13-17, The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz

Saturday, Ruth 4:18-22, The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz

August 19, 2018

Matthew 6:19-34

Monday, Proverbs 23:1-14, Desires for Delicacies

Tuesday, 1 Timothy 6:17, The Use of Wealth

Wednesday, Philippians 4:2-9, Rejoice in the Lord

Thursday, 1 Kings 10:1-10, Queen Sheba Visits Solomon

Friday, Job 38:1-15, 39-41, God's Creation

Saturday, Psalm 55:16-23, David Calls Upon God

August 26, 2018

Mark 10:17-31

Monday, Ephesians 1:15-23, God's Riches

Tuesday, Deuteronomy 5:1-21, The Ten

Commandments

Wednesday, Acts 2:25-28, David's Words

Thursday, Acts 4:32-37, The Community's Generosity

Friday, Psalm 52:1-9, The Wicked and the Righteous

Saturday, Jeremiah 32:16-25, God's Goodness

September 2, 2018

Luke 12:13-34

Monday, Micah 6:1-8, God's Plea for Justice

Tuesday, Romans 2:1-16, God's Principles of Judgment

Wednesday, Ecclesiastes 11:9-10, A Wasted Youth

Brings Retribution

Thursday, Jeremiah 17:9-11, Hope in the Lord

Friday, Psalm 39:4-6, Prayer for Deliverance

Saturday, Job 27:7-12, Detestation of the Wicked

July Count Team

Liz Gray

Bruce Merchant, Douglas Taylor, Margot Tuley

August Count Team

Liz Forbes

John & Marion Barbour, Mairi Main, Kay MacDonald

September Count Team

Alastair MacPherson

Richard Ardern & Robert Shanks

July Welcome Team

North Door Alan Nelson & Margot Tuley

South Door Eileen & Richard Ardern

Midmills North Irene Whyte

Midmills South Ella Low

August Welcome Team

North Door Heather & Alex Grant

South Door David Crippin

Midmills North Kay MacDonald

Midmills South Lindsay Stewart

September Welcome Team

North Door Chrisanne & Stewart Robertson

South Door Evelyn Reid & Paul Davidson

Midmills North Robert & Aileen Laing

Midmills South Elspeth Gibson

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July	Readers	Creche
1	John Barbour	Kay MacDonald & Marjory MacKenzie
8	Liz Forbes	Kay MacDonald & Marjory MacKenzie
15	David MacKenzie	Muriel Choppy & Chrisanne Robertson
22	Chrisanne Robertson	Muriel Choppy & Chrisanne Robertson
29	Jude Madeleine	Jane Smith & Chrisanne Robertson
Aug		
5	Sheena Ferguson	Kay MacDonald & Muriel Choppy
12	Alastair Campbell	Jane Smith & Chrisanne Robertson
19	Gill Silver	Marjory MacKenzie & Muriel Choppy
26	Bob Forrest	Jane Smith & Kay MacDonald
Sept		
2	Communion	Marjory MacKenzie & Chrisanne Robertson

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

WEDDING

Dr Jerry O'Rourke and Dr Beth Macfarlane on 23 June

DEATHS

Mr Ian R Ramsay, on 22 May

Mr Hugh Ross, on 22 June

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 12.15)

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 1st September
12 noon – 3pm.

Crown School Grounds COMMUNITY FETE

Donations of plants, craft, and
baking welcome.



The deadline for the September newsletter will be Sunday 26th August

Contributions should be sent to the Forrests at:
marionandbobnewsletter@gmail.com or left in the 'F' pigeonhole.
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