

# ***Newsletter***

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

**October 2018: No. 743**

**Interim Moderator: Rev Duncan MacPherson**



### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**All people, of any age, are warmly invited to participate at all of our services**  
Treasure Seekers and Cloud 10 will not run during the school holidays but will begin again on Sunday 4th November.

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| <b>Sunday 14th October</b>  | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30 with Rev Morven Archer<br/>and 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sunday 21st October</b>  | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30 with Rev Morven Archer<br/>and 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sunday 28th October</b>  | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30 with Rev Morven Archer<br/>and 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sunday 4th November</b>  | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30 with Rev Morven Archer<br/>and 11 am with Rev Doug McRoberts<br/>(with BB enrolments at the second service )<br/>also monthly special prayers after the second service</b> |
| <b>Sunday 11th November</b> | <b>Morning Worship at 9.30 am with Rev Morven Archer<br/>and 10.50 with Rev Doug McRoberts<br/>(Remembrance Sunday)</b>                                                                               |

*Also prayers every Friday at 12 noon– remembering people by name. Please make requests known*

**I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.**

**Galatians chapter 1, verses 11 and 12**

## ***Prayer Diary October 2018***

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 two months (November – December 2018) please do send them to the **church secretary** who will pass them on, or e-mail Jude Madeleine; [judedmond@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judedmond@yahoo.co.uk)

### **October 1 – 7**

Pray for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service and remember those who are in need for food. Give thanks for all donations to the Foodbank.

Pray for all who are homeless and cut off from their families.

Give thanks for Young Crown and all the children who participate in the different group activities. Ask God's blessings for our Youth Worker, Struan McRoberts, for all the work and devotions he has for children and families.

As we travel through this Year of Young People and beyond, help us to come alongside children and young people to draw closer to God, to answer His call to follow, to serve, to welcome and to share together, through the Holy Spirit.

### **October 8 – 14**

Give thanks for all the boys coming to the different sections of the Boys Brigade, that they continue to enjoy the time and learning together; pray for the continuing support of the leaders.

Pray for the work of our partner church, Northstreet in Jamaica.

Give thanks for whatever plans God has in store for us. We ask that you will help us be aware of other people's concerns and feelings.

Pray for all members of the Kirk Session and Session Clark to know God's presence in their work and plans as they continue to work together.

### **October 15 – 21**

Give thanks for those who work to keep our Church building's safe and in good condition. Give thanks for those who help maintain the beautiful church garden.

Give thanks for the services provided through 'The Olive Grove' for the community. Pray for all who give their time and support.

Pray for anyone going through hardship, bereavement or any other sadness, that God would show them that he is the light of the world and nothing can ever put His light out.

### **October 22 – 31**

Give thanks for the Congregation Board, that they be blessed with wisdom in their decision about the various work and projects being done concerning the church facilities.

Pray for world peace, we ask for wisdom for our leaders that they make appropriate decisions on behalf of all of us.

Give thanks for all the good things that surround us. Pray that those less fortunate may also be blessed with your goodness.

**The Discipleship Team together with the congregation 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 ensuring that during the vacancy period, the work of the Church continues and moves forward.**

**Jude Madeleine (Convenor of the Discipleship Team)**



## LIFE AND WORK OCTOBER 2018

### **The Year of Young People**

Thomas Baldwin reflects on how the Church of Scotland has marked the Year of Young People, and where it goes from here.

### **'My Faith Permeates Everything I Write'**

Jackie Macadam meets poet and author Kenneth Steven

### **Journeying Together With the Guild**

The Church of Scotland Guilds three new UK-based partner projects

### **Gifts of the Land**

In the season of harvest, Jackie Macadam discovers a number of churches making creative use of their property

### **The Woman of Sarepta**

A new series from the Rev Dr Margaret Forrester on the unnamed women of the Bible, beginning with the widow who helps Elijah in 1 Kings 17.

### **NYA 2018**

Seonaid Knox reports from the National Youth Assembly

### **Honest Conversations**

John Clark explains the importance of dialogue between Christians and Muslims, the focus of a conference in Dundee in November

### **The Black Dog**

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers considers the impact of depression on the spirit.

**Plus** news, reviews, letters, registers and crosswords

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# Vision Meeting 27th September

The fund raising team were greatly encouraged by both the turn out and the enthusiasm of those in attendance at the Vision meeting looking towards the future of Crown Church.

The meeting began with an update from Bill Mein on the proposals to renovate the large MacGilp stained glass window. This was supported by enlarged photos of the existing window and a mock up of what the refurbished window could look like.

The meeting then went on to discuss other options to upgrade and refurbish parts of the church. This was introduced by a presentations and slides on what had been achieved in a some other churches, namely Mannofield Aberdeen, United Reform Nairn, St Andrews Arbroath.

A general discussion ensued which had a number of contributors expressing a variety of views with sincerity and conviction.

Jimmy Gray who assisted in the Vision presentation and chaired the meeting later reflected that he was encouraged by the outcome. "I really did not know what to expect as a huge amount of emotion and strong sentiments are generally and understandably connected to church buildings. However I was delighted that although different opinions were expressed what came through very strongly was the absolute commitment and strong sense of ownership from those in attendance along with the willingness to look to the future of the church in Crown".

The areas where there was general agreement was the need to improve disabled access, the kitchens, the toilets and the halls.



It is now proposed to hold further meetings with the general congregation and also with halls users.

The fund raising team would very much appreciate any ideas or thoughts of anyone in the congregation or the wider community.

**These can be forwarded to either Bill Mein or Jimmy Gray.**



## Jammin' & Jumpin'

... not a usual Saturday evening in Crown Church Lower Halls but bring along Claudius England, fellow musician Veshone Cunningham and 70 enthusiastic young people all moving to the reggae rhythm and you have picture of 'Reclaimed Territory Tour' 2018 - September 22nd.

'Reclaimed Territory' is an annual visit to Scotland by Claudius England, mostly focused on the Central Belt but now including Inverness as a regular destination. The Reclaimed Territory initiative is both a cultural sharing, motivational and empowering speaking with a strong religious underpinning. Schools, churches, community groups of all sorts and detention centres such as Inverness Prison are all included.

Claudius first visited Inverness in 2016 and this time was able to further develop his links with prison, Crown Church, with Millburn Academy and revisit CYC - now Youth for Christ. New strands include Nairn, with potential for Book & Arts Festival link, culture exchanging with Ardersier Folk Club and linking with Bishop Eden Primary and Inshes Church youth group as well as exploring future contact with Culduthel Christian Centre.

Huge thanks to everyone who hosted, made links for, or otherwise welcomed Claudius and Veshone, with a very special mention to Rona Tynan for her lovely hospitality, including freshly baked scones, coffee and a very special jammin' session.

**Mairi Main**





## The Guild

The Guild began the new session with a very good turnout of members. We welcomed our speaker, Alison Marr, who delivered a very interesting talk on the RNLI. She has been a volunteer fundraiser for the organisation for 35 years so was well informed to speak to us. The RNLI depends on money from fundraising and on the selfless actions of the many men and women who actually go out in all weathers to save lives at sea.

In October we look forward to Morven Archer leading us in Bible Study and Sheila Proudfoot doing a cookery demonstration. On the 30th we host the annual Autumn Rally when members from all the other Guilds in the presbytery are invited here to Crown. The speaker represents World Mission.

The first meeting in November is a guest night and the speaker will be Douglas Willis, an elder of the church in Fortrose who visited Nepal for the project 'Let us build a house'. This should be an extremely interesting meeting to which all are invited.

**Dorothy Mein**  
**Guild Correspondent**



## A date for your diary!

Highland Malawi Trust are to hold a fundraising coffee morning in the lower hall of Crown Church on Saturday 17th November. It will take place between 10am and 12 noon.

Car parking will be available at Crown School





Many congratulations to Colin Baillie on the recent presentation of his award as a Freeman of the City of Inverness.



# Community Fete

Grateful thanks to all who ran with the preparations for this fete over the summer with the minimum of fuss. It was a great day, helped of course by the lovely weather which brought a really good turnout. The purpose of the fete was to highlight to the community the organisations which meet on our premises, and on the day we were pleased to sign up at least one new member for the Toddlers, two for the Friendship Club, and one for the Sewing Group.

Financially, we have paid all the bills, and the stall holders have generously donated their profits to Young Crown ( £1100), with in addition, £110 donated towards the Kerala Flood Emergency appeal by Christian Aid, and £170 to be shared between the Al Shurooq Blind School in Bethlehem and Street Pastors. The BBs are to be highly commended for their hard work on the day, particularly in setting up the marquee on ground baked so hard by the sun that it was a real challenge to drive in pegs.

The candy floss was an especial treat, the burgers were delicious, the tea tent did a roaring trade, the children were kept busy bouncing, and sliding, and looking for lost sheep, as well as sending paper aeroplanes on rescue missions, enjoying the lucky dip and swopping books. Well done everyone!

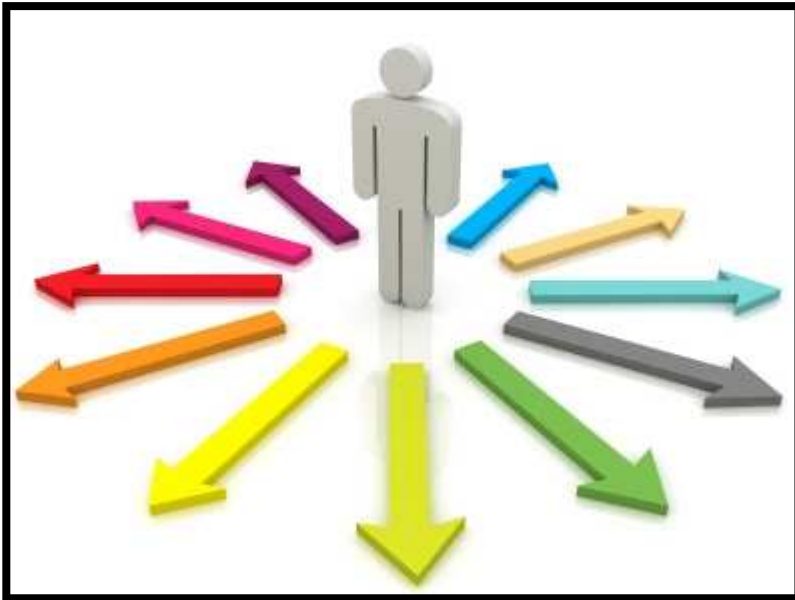
**Eileen Ardern** (And our thanks to Stewart Robertson for the photographs on this and the following page)











## News from the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee hope you've seen our advert in Life and Work and the online parish profile ([www.crownchurchvacancy.com](http://www.crownchurchvacancy.com)). We have set a closing date for applications on 30th November, and are looking forward to potentially shortlisting after that.

Thanks for your prayers - keep praying for the committee as we work towards finding the person God is calling to be our new minister; and for the new minister too - whoever they are!

### Struan

**We are grateful to Stewart Robertson for this lovely photograph of the church garden which continues to be much admired by all those on their way into and out of the church office and passers by. Our gardeners are to be congratulated for maintaining such a colourful display through the whole of what has been a very dry summer. Many thanks to Doug and Jane Wilson.**





# RARE MOMENT OF HAPPINESS FOR FAMILIES IN WINTER POVERTY

A box full of gifts would put a smile on the face of any child but for four-year-old Vince it produced a rare moment of joy.

Poverty and domestic instability are all that he has ever known. He has never met his father but his mother does her best to provide a clean and tidy home for her four children, in Bekes, eastern Hungary

Shoebox distributor Anikó Somlyai explains: "There is running water and electricity in their town, but after paying the bills many families have nothing left to live on, especially in winter. Many are jobless and dependent on unemployment and social benefits.



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“So your shoebox gifts mean a lot to them. In this town we were able to hand out 320 boxes to families in need.”

Blythwood Care’s 2017 Shoe Box Appeal resulted in 115,932 boxes being sent to eight countries in Eastern Europe and to Pakistan. The boxes were filled with practical gifts such as a warm hat, a bar of soap, a packet of sweets – everyday items for people in the UK but unaffordable luxuries for many who live in poverty. They were contributed by schools, workplaces, churches and individuals from Shetland to Cornwall.

“Often people say to me, ‘Why do people make up a shoebox for me?’” says Blythwood’s chief executive James Campbell. “And I tell them it’s because of the love that people like you, here in the UK, have for those that you don’t even know. “It’s such a privilege to be able to deliver them on your behalf.

Please fill a shoebox this year and help us bring some happiness to someone in need.”

**Mairi Fraser**



**SHOEBOX LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH DOORS. FILLED SHOEBOXES CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH OR THE DRAWING ROOM THROUGHOUT OCTOBER.**



## Cameron House

Cameron House Circle of Friends would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Afternoon Tea fund raiser. The wonderful amount of £2,095 was raised. We are blessed indeed and so grateful for the continuing support we get, **Kay MacDonald**

## Joint meeting with St Columba's Guild, Stornoway

We are grateful to Heather Beck for forwarding this lovely picture of the Crown Guild meeting with the ladies from St Columba's Guild, Stornoway.

The meeting took place in Ullapool at the beginning of last month. Thanks are also due to Lucy Livingstone who took the picture (notwithstanding the fact that she is in it!).



## **Daily Bible Readings for October/ November**

### **October 14, 2018**

Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

Monday, 1 Samuel 1:1-28, Samuel's Birth

Tuesday, 1 Samuel 3:1-18, Samuel's Calling and Prophecies

Wednesday, 1 Samuel 7:3-15, Samuel as Judge

Thursday, 1 Samuel 8:1-22, Israel Demands a King

Friday, 1 Samuel 9:27 – 10:8, Saul Anointed as King

Saturday, 1 Samuel 16:1-13, David Anointed as King

### **October 21, 2018**

2 Samuel [11:1-5, 26-27]; 12:1-9

Monday, 2 Samuel 12:15b-23, Bathsheba's Child Dies

Tuesday, 2 Samuel 12:24-25, Solomon Is Born

Wednesday, 1 Kings 1:1-21, The Struggle for Succession

Thursday, 1 Kings 1:22-27, The Struggle for the Succession

Friday, 1 Kings 1:28-53, The Accession of Solomon

Saturday, 1 Kings 2:13-25, Solomon Consolidates His Reign

### **October 28, 2018**

1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28

Monday, 1 Kings 6:1-22, Solomon Builds the Temple

Tuesday, 1 Kings 8:1-13, Dedication of the Temple

Wednesday, 1 Kings 8:54-61, Solomon Blesses the Assembly

Thursday, 1 Kings 10:1-13, Visit of the Queen of Sheba

Friday, 1 Kings 10:14-29, Visit of the Queen of Sheba

Saturday, 1 Kings 11:1-13, Solomon's Errors

### **November 4, 2018**

2 Kings 5:1-15a [16-19]

Monday, 2 Kings 2:13-18, Elisha Succeeds Elijah

Tuesday, 2 Kings 2:19-25, Elisha Performs Miracles

Wednesday, 2 Kings 4:1-7, Elisha and Widow's Oil

Thursday, 2 Kings 4:8-37, Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son

Friday, 2 Kings 4:38-41 Elisha Purifies the Pot of Stew

Saturday, 2 Kings 4:42-44 Elisha Feeds 100 Men




## NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

### DEATHS

Mrs Jean Murray, formerly Muirfield Road on 10 September  
Mr Robert Robertson, Lochy Road on 16 September

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

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As you will see, a copy of the Young Crown annual report 2017/18 is issued with the newsletter. We commend this to you since there is an enormous amount of activity going on within Crown Church during the week which may not be obvious to those attending Sunday services.



Indeed, as was pointed out at the annual meeting a couple of weeks ago, there are now more young people regularly coming into Crown during the week than there are people of all ages attending the church on a Sunday.

The ongoing work of Struan and his team of helpers has raised the profile of Crown Church among young people in our community enormously. This work continues to need all the prayer and support we can give it.

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### **The deadline for the November newsletter will be Sunday 28th October**

Contributions should be sent 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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