

# ***Newsletter***

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

**March 2020: No. 757**

**Parish Minister: Rev Douglas Robertson**



### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

All people, of any age, are welcome to participate at all our services. We have "Treasure Seekers", age related fun and learning activity for children, every Sunday at 11 am

Sunday 1st March 9.30am The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
11am The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
3pm The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Also: Thanksgiving Worship at 6.30pm followed by Special Prayers

Sunday 8th March Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11 am

Sunday 15th March Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11 am

Sunday 22nd March Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11 am

Sunday 29th March Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11 am

Sunday 5th April Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11 am followed by Special Prayers

**Prayers every Friday at 12 noon at which people may be remembered by name. Please make requests known.**

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**"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."**

**Psalm 27:4**

# Meeting the Minister

It was a pleasure to meet our new minister, the Rev Douglas Robertson, and his wife Alison at the manse recently.

Douglas and Alison both grew up in Glasgow and met at primary school there. Douglas studied engineering at Strathclyde University and then worked in Dundee for two years while Alison went to Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh to study pharmacy and subsequently joined Douglas in working in Dundee. It was while Douglas was working in Dundee that he felt the call to study theology. Douglas went to Aberdeen University and initially travelled there from Dundee while Alison carried on working as a pharmacist in the Dundee area.

After graduation in Divinity from Aberdeen University, Douglas served his probationary period with the Rev Stewart Jeffrey of St George's Tillydrone Church, Aberdeen. The Rev Jeffrey had moved to Inverness in his retirement and Douglas and Alison were greatly saddened by his recent death shortly after their arrival in Inverness.

Following Douglas' ordination by the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Douglas served as



assistant minister at The Scots' Church, Melbourne for three years. Douglas and Alison then returned to Scotland and Douglas subsequently took up the charge as minister in the parish of Appin and Lismore. The Robertsons - now with their 3 children - spent five and a half happy years in Appin. At the end of Douglas' ministry in Appin and Lismore, he accepted a call to return to the Scots' Church. Douglas served as senior minister at the Scots' Church from 2001 to 2020.

Douglas was too modest to tell me but it is apparent from the February newsletter for the Scots' Church that he and Alison served with distinction there. The following paragraphs are drawn from the newsletter and a prayer offered at the Scots' Church in December prior to their departure from Melbourne:-

*"We thank you for Douglas' leadership – his wise influence across all levels of your church and society. Whether that be people off the street – struggling to even peer into life from the edges of society – meeting them with a sense of peaceableness and acknowledging the worth of each person – confronting needs with compassion.*

*"Whether in speaking before the Queen or Prime Ministers, Lord Mayors, leaders of our nation and community, we give you thanks that he has been able to gain a hearing for You and for your people, to your glory."*

The story of Douglas' path to Inverness is interesting. Early in 2019, our then interim moderator, Rev Duncan MacPherson was on holiday in Australia and visited the Scots' Church where there is a plaque in memory of his great grandfather. Duncan was introduced to Douglas at that time. Following Duncan's return to Scotland he contacted Douglas to suggest he apply for the post at Crown. Douglas and Alison had planned a long break in Scotland later in 2019 and this happened to give them an opportunity to meet our nominating committee and to preach in Hilton Church for the committee and subsequently to preach in Crown Church as sole nominee.

Douglas and Alison feel that at various stages in their lives God has pointed them in a direction and that the call to the ministry at Crown Church is one of those stages.

Douglas and Alison are enjoying living in Inverness and have really appreciated the warm welcome they have received from the congregation. In particular they appreciate having the church within walking distance of the manse and being able to meet parishioners by chance. This is in complete contrast to Melbourne where the church was a 30 minute drive from their home and parishioners were scattered over a large geographical area. They are also enjoying exploring the countryside around Inverness on Douglas' day off. Another benefit of being back in Scotland is being able to visit their family in Scotland although they are of course missing their own children, Eilidh, Mairi and Duncan, who are all still based in Australia. The children are all adults now but are still on their minds. Douglas and Alison are very proud of them all. Duncan hopes to be in Europe later this year and to be in Inverness over the summer.

I asked Douglas and Alison what they are looking forward to. Alison is looking forward to the long summer days and to receiving their furniture and belongings which she hopes will arrive at the end of March! She is also looking forward to sharing the beauty of Inverness and surrounds with family and friends from near and far. Douglas is looking forward to the General Assembly in May for the opportunity to meet old friends and new and to take stock of the mood of the assembly. Douglas went on to say that he is greatly encouraged by the fact that the congregation at Crown are keen to move forward to meet the needs of a new generation. He is looking forward to seeing how that will unfold and to the challenges which lie ahead.

Marion Forrest



## Crown 20/20

Crown 20/20 would like to thank everyone who has engaged with the process of developing the vision for our church and halls over the past year. We have made every effort to take on board the many suggestions which were made at presentations, drop ins, one to one discussions and group consultations, and want to reassure everybody that the architect's drawings and costings will be the subject of further consultations as we start to work on the detail of the project.

In the two weeks since the positive vote to grant the long lease to Highland Council under the terms explained at the presentations, the Crown 20/20 team have moved the project on apace. We will work to the Mission Statement.

**“Crown Church aims to invest in a major upgrade of our church buildings to provide a warm and welcoming home for worship, equip us with modern and accessible facilities to support Christian outreach into our community and to help our church meet the needs of that community.”**

Here is a flavour of the progress:

- It was a pleasure to pass on the news that the nurseries can go ahead to the Headteacher of Crown Primary, the team from Highland Council with whom we have been working over the past 9 months, and the Architect who has carried out the preliminary work.
- We have retained a solicitor to draw up the lease with Highland Council on our behalf.
- The Congregational Board has set up a Crown 20/20 Development Fund.
- We are contacting all the outside groups which rent space in our buildings to assure them that we will continue to provide them with suitable accommodation and will keep them informed about the timing of proposed work as soon as we ourselves know. We have an assurance from Crown Primary that we will be able to ask for the use of their hall when we are short of space before all the planned alterations are carried out.
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- We have been in touch with the Presbytery to provide extract minutes ahead of their next meeting to complete the necessary permissions for the lease of the lower hall, the General Trustees to be sure we ask for all necessary permissions over the proposed alterations in the upper hall and sanctuary, and the Care Inspectorate to ensure the plans we are working on will meet their specifications.
- We have discussed the plans for the upper hall in detail, and the architect will shortly be providing us with updated drawings. Apart from the placing of the lift which requires to wait for the results from the structural survey being organised by Highland Council, the plans and costs involved for the early refurbishment of the upper hall will be shared with everybody as soon as possible, and we will take note of comments from church and community organisations before finalising the plans. It is hoped that we will be able to afford to carry out this work using funds we have in reserves.
- Work has commenced on preparing for fundraising applications.
- Two members of the team and two others from the congregation attended 'Sacred Space', a conference arranged by the Church of Scotland for those thinking of alterations to their churches. This was held in The Steeple Church in Dundee city centre which has itself recently completed major alterations.



But of course, fundraising will need to go ahead on a number of fronts. To that end we are planning a major fundraiser in June, and are looking for donations of both large and small items for a Silent Auction. If you can help with anything from a bottle of wine to a week's self catering in your holiday cottage, please get in touch with Mairi Fraser at the Drawing Room or Liz Gray.

We will be required to find money to match grants which are made to us. Funders like to see evidence of wide ranging support for a project, and accounts entries of donations from a variety of small fundraising efforts go a long way to helping with this. We will be involving the local community in all sorts of ways, but in the first instance any individual and any church organisation willing to set to and raise even a modest amount should know how much that will be appreciated. Donations can be made to the Crown 20/20 Development Fund by putting them suitably marked into the offering plate any Sunday, or hand it to Liz Gray or Liz Forbes.

**Eileen Ardern and the 20/20 Team**



## **Are you able to help....**

Young Crown is well supported by grants and regular donations by members of the congregation. However, in order to continue the excellent work that Struan and his team of volunteers have done over the last few years, we are always looking for new and existing donors to contribute, so:-

- If you have donated before and would like to do so again then please let us know;
- If you've donated by Direct Debit / Standing Order before and it's come to an end, and you'd like to donate again then please let us know;
- If you've never donated before but would like to contribute then please let us know.

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

**Gary McAra Treasurer**



## “So... What’s your ulterior motive?”

This was a question recently asked of me by one of the teenagers who has been attending the Friday Drop In for a few weeks. Young people are smart, and they know how things work. That’s why they can teach us about how to use the technology that we invented. The old adage goes “there’s no such thing as a

free lunch” and this teenager was exploring why it is that every Friday afternoon during term time, we might possibly want to feed them and hang out with them. The thought was that the eventual aim must be to somehow trick them into coming to church – but she was struggling to work out what the trick was in question.

Her experience was that there’s always a catch; or that churches always have an agenda. Here’s the rub with a cynical worldview – more often than not, that cynicism has come from somewhere. In truth, getting her (and the young people who we have the privilege of hosting) to ask that question is one of the motivators – perhaps the main one. I told her as much in my response.

When you look at the life of Jesus, what do you see? How many ministry projects, programmatic-and-attendance-based clubs, service centres, or seeker-sensitive events do you see Him starting? None. You see Him eating food with people, hanging out, talking about God’s Kingdom and serving people when opportunity arises. In running the Drop In on a Friday, I don’t have an ‘ulterior motive’ - or at least the motive some might see as “ulterior” happens to be the actual up-front-on-the-face-of-it motive; to do what I see Jesus doing and see where that goes.

In my experience what also happens is this – churches who are focussed on looking to Jesus and trying to do what they see Him doing, what they hear Him calling them to, also do tend to be the places where people end up joining the church; not because of some trick, but because of a genuine community where welcoming, belonging and believing go hand in glove.

“No trick” I said... “you wouldn’t fall for it if there were a trick” – “just a genuine attempt to share the love of Jesus the way I see Him doing it.”

In a world where a young generation can come through our doors with the expectation that we’re trying to trick them, I’m grateful for every opportunity that affords us to share Jesus with them. I’m loving that Friday Drop In is that space! (And I hope that the Moderator of the Church of Scotland will get a flavour of that when he visits us for a session in March – just thought I’d drop that in as a little teaser..)

**Struan**



## **The Guild**

Saturday, 1st February was the date for our annual fundraising event and this year it was decided to hold a coffee morning. As well as the usual coffee and home baking there was an extra attraction with a ukulele band performing during the morning. This was greatly enjoyed by the good number who came along to boost our funds for our projects.

The following Tuesday the guild members met at the Town House for a most interesting guided tour of the building and to learn more of its history. All those who attended were full of enthusiasm for the welcome they received and for the information they were given.

This year we are supporting two more projects one of which is the Sailors Society. To learn more about this project we were happy to welcome Drew Anderson, Chaplain to the Invergordon branch of the Society which shares Invergordon Church of Scotland with its congregation. They welcome many sailors from the cruise ships which dock in Invergordon on a regular basis. Many of these men and women are away from home for many months and enjoy the hospitality at the Society and also the chance there to use broadband to connect with their families at home. They also hand out warm clothes to them as they are usually ill prepared for our weather.

Hard to believe we only have two more meetings before the finish of our guild year, one when the speaker will give us information on finance and the implications if we were ever to require residential care. Not the most cheery prospect but good to have the information. Our last meeting on Tuesday, 17th March is the AGM.

An apology. I named our speaker in my last report about the charity, Day 1, as Corrin Macdonald when it should have been Corrin Henderson.

**Dorothy Mein, Guild Correspondent**

**Please see Page 9 (opposite) for information about the World Day of Prayer**



Reay and Chrisanne would like to thank you for your support at the Malawi Trust Lunch last month. The total raised was a marvellous £785.

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Mairi and the Outreach Team thank you for your support at Souper Sunday—also last month. You donated £418 which with Gift Aid means almost £515 will go to the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS programme.

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Thanks to all who contributed to the Warmth for the Homeless campaign. The local homeless community and Gateway send their thanks for the 20 suitcases of warm clothing, sleeping bags etc received from Crown and Old High St Stephen's churches. Many thanks also to Gary Ross for setting up and delivering the collection. There is more information on Gateway available at [homelesstrust.org.uk](http://homelesstrust.org.uk)

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**World Day of Prayer** this year is **Friday 6th March**. The theme of the service is "Rise, take your mat and walk" and has been written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe.

There is a service in the East Church, Academy Street, Inverness at 10.30am. The speaker is Rev Haneke Janse Van Vuren, assistant minister at Ness Bank Church, Inverness, who comes from South Africa. The Guild will also be leading a service at Kingsmills Nursing Home in the afternoon. **Heather Beck**

## ***Prayer Diary*** ***March 2020***

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 (March 2020) please do send them to our church secretary, Gloria who will pass them on, or e-mail  
Jude Madeleine;



### **March 1-7**

Give thanks for the period of Lent; Pray for the various house groups doing the Lent Bible study and other bible study groups, for the time and attention paid to personal examination and reflection on our relationship with God.

Give thanks for the Friendship Club and their enthusiastic support for everyone who come to the group.

Pray for Foodbank, for all those who contribute generously with kind donation of food; for continuing support, and for all those who benefit from the donations of food.

Thank God for each new day of grace and the many blessings that we have from Him.

### **March 8-14**

Pray for God's strength and sustaining grace during the period of change and development.

Ask God to open our eyes today to the beauty of His world and to prompt us to care for and protect what has been gifted to us. Pray for the advancement of conservation and renewable energy and that our governments will prioritise looking after our earth.

Pray for our neighbours, for people who live alone, for those 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 persecuted and imprisoned because of their faith; give them courage to face the beatings, patience to bear the lies, and hope to see beyond the bars. May we do all we can to let them know that they are not forgotten.

### **March 15-21**

Pray for those who are homeless; may God help us to be thankful for our own blessings and to reach out to others.

Pray that just as God loves and cares for us, we would also similarly love and care for others. Help us to be loyal to those who need us.

Thank and praise God for all the children and young people in our churches, communities, country and the world. Ask that God will walk alongside them and grant them courage, strength and wisdom as they face the challenges of life.

Pray for each and every member of our congregation and the Parish; that God's blessings and grace be upon them and sustain them in whatever circumstances they find themselves



### **March 22 - 28**

Pray for those who live alone and are lonely. Pray also for people affected by mental illness, ask that God will grant them strength and hope for the future.

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.

Pray for God's blessings on the Community and Outreach Team and its Convenor; Pray that God will guide and lead them in their work of supporting others.

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 that we won't ever take salvation for granted

### **March 29 – April 4**

Give thanks that each of us are made in God's image and are of great value to him.

Pray and give thanks for all those who help with organising and serving at the monthly breakfast service; Pray for all who come along and rejoice in sharing food and fellowship.

Pray for peace in our world; that all people may live free from violence, in safety and security, and with hope for the future.

Give thanks that during difficulties and distress, others can lift us up before the throne of grace. Help us always to remember those in great need.

## INVERNESS INTERFAITH GROUP AGM

on Tuesday, 24 March 2020 at 7.00pm in Crown Church Lounge  
and Illustrated Talk - **"An Interfaith Trip to Ghana"**

- An overview of the what's?, where's? and why's? of this 2019 trip by a Scottish group of Christians and Muslims travelling together.

Speaker: **Rev. Gordon Strang**, of Inverallan Church, Grantown on Spey.  
A break for Tea, Coffee & light refreshments will follow the address before the Interfaith Group's AGM is held at around 8.00pm.

All welcome. For further Info, see John Barbour

Sharing, Supporting, Travelling and Working together are all Interfaith aims  
- developing relationships and promoting greater mutual understanding too!

**John Barbour**

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### Children !!!

Have you toys or games which you have grown too old for?

You can take your well-loved toys to Crown Church Lower Hall on Saturday 14th March and swap them for another toy!

We will also be running a Doll's Hospital that day. So take along that old teddy bear or toy soldier and we will try to repair it!

And all the work completed for no charge! Yes, absolutely free. **Bill Mein**



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### The February Family Party

There was a well attended party for families last month which was enjoyed by all the children and adults who attended. It was great to have our new minister along to the party. Pat and I would like to thank members of the youth and children's team, parents and grandparents and others who so willingly pitched in with help on the day. We couldn't do it without you! There are some photographs from the party overleaf.

**Judith MacLeod**



Many thanks to Stewart Robertson for these photos taken at the Family Party



# **Changing Crown's Energy Seminar**

## **Wasps Midmills Building**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2:30pm -6:30pm**

- Where does the needs of energy conservation meet building conservation?
- What will this mean for homes, schools, churches, businesses in Crown?
- What does it mean for transport, buses, lorries and cars?
- What are the key dates to be aware of?
- What information is available to assist with this?
- What funding is available to support this?

Come along and begin an awareness raising exercise which will be of considerable importance to you for the future well-being of yourself, your family and community, your home and much of what you presently experience in your day to day life.

Eco-Congregation Scotland event.

There is a Home Energy workshop on Saturday 28th of March from 10am-12. This event will focus on how to reduce the carbon footprint of your home, thinking about issues such as home heating and insulation. (venue to be confirmed) More details to follow in the notices on Sundays.

**Judith MacLeod**



# The Greatest Thing in Alec Stephen's Life

Over seven years ago, in the village of Boddam, near Peterhead, Alec Stephen left school to become a fisherman. With his father he was ready to sail the North Sea with a fishing fleet. Before they left, Alec's father gave him a white card. On it was printed the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm – in Scots. It had been written by John Moir, a blind poet, who had lived in Banchory.

Alec promised his father he would always keep it beside him. When things seemed black, if the going was very tough, he would read over the verses. And Alec kept his promise, voyage after voyage, the Psalm went with him.

He entered the Royal Navy. The longing for home didn't seem quite so bad when he read the verses over. They were a source of new strength. Then back he went to the fishing fleet. One night at sea Alec became seriously ill. His temperature was 102. The vessel steamed full ahead for Great Yarmouth.

As Alec was taken to the Church of Scotland Hospital, he repeated to himself, over and over again, the Psalm he had come to love. And when the Rev. James S. Wood, the Chaplain of the fishing fleet, came to his bedside, Alec told him about the Psalm. He asked Mr. Wood if he would like to read it. The minister did so. And when he finished he told Alec it was the loveliest thing he had ever read. Could he take a copy of it? Mr. Wood has never ceased to wonder at the simple beauty a blind Scotsman brought to a lovely Psalm. And somewhere in the North Sea is Alec – still with the Psalm in his pocketbook.

Wha is my Shepherd, weel I ken  
The Lord Himsel' is He,  
He leads me whaur the girse is green,  
An' burnies quaet that be.

Aft times I fain astray wad gang,  
An' wann'r far awa';  
He fin's me oot, He pits me richt,  
An' brings me hame an' a'.

Tho' I pass through the gruesome  
cleugh,  
Fin' I ken He is near;  
His muckle crook will me defen',  
Sae I hae nocht to fear.

Ilk comfort whilk a sheep could need,  
His thochtfu' care provides;  
Tho' wolves and' dogs may prowle about,  
In safety me He hides.

His guidness an' His mercy baith  
Nae doot will bide wi'me;  
While faulded on the fields o' time,  
Or o' eternity.

**Our thanks to Adrienne Adie for this little gem!**

## Congregational Board Update

As is due, our minister, Douglas Robertson, took over as Chairman of the Congregational Board from our February meeting. We have begun preparation for the Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation on the provisional date of Wednesday 25th March when it is hoped that there will be a large turnout. At that meeting new members can be elected to the Board to fill the current six vacancies.

Our Treasurer, Donald MacKenzie, presented a preliminary summary of the financial position left in 2019. Whilst there was a small surplus, this was as a result of legacies amounting to over £13,000; this will be further discussed when the final accounts are ready. The Board agreed that the financing of the 20/20 development be handled through a designated fund involving the Church Treasurer.

The final alterations required at the manse reported to the meeting included completion of internal painting, refitting the kitchen and providing a wardrobe and carpets in the bedrooms.

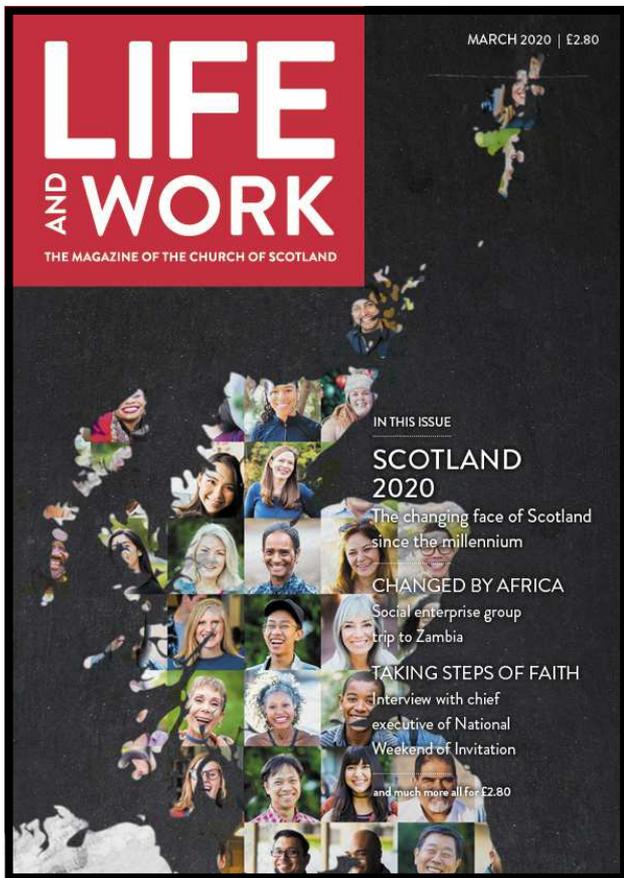
**Bill Mein**

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Inverness Citizens Advice Bureau is currently urgently seeking new Volunteer General Advisers to undertake a new training course in March 2020. Full training will be given and whilst challenging, working at the Bureau is also a dynamic interesting and very rewarding experience. To note interest, potential Volunteers just need to call into the Bureau at 29 Union Street, Inverness; or call (01463) 237664 or

email [training@invernesscab.casonline.org.uk](mailto:training@invernesscab.casonline.org.uk) to get an application pack.



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## Daily Bible Readings for March

### March 1

Sunday, Mark 10:17-31, First Last and Last First

Monday, Psalm 19:7-10, Psalm

Tuesday, Exodus 20:1-21, The Ten Commandments

Wednesday, Deuteronomy 5:1-21, The Ten Commandments

Thursday, Psalm 52, Psalm

Friday, Psalm 62, Psalm

Saturday, Jeremiah 32:1-25, Jeremiah Buys a Field

### March 8

Sunday, Mark 10:32-52, Bartimaeus Healed

Monday, Psalm 34:11-14, Psalm

Tuesday, Psalm 111, Psalm

Wednesday, Mark 11:12-14, Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

Thursday, Mark 11:15-19, Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Friday, Mark 11:20-26, The Lesson from the Withered Fig Tree

Saturday, Mark 11:27-33, Jesus Authority Is Questioned

### March 15

Sunday, Mark 12:1-12, Parable of the Tenants

Monday, Psalm 86:8-13, Psalm

Tuesday, Mark 12:13-17, Taxes to Caesar

Wednesday, Mark 12:18-27, The Question about the Resurrection

Thursday, Isaiah 5:1-7, The Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard

Friday, Psalm 121, Psalm

Saturday, Hebrews 1:1-4, God Has Spoken by His Son

### March 22

Sunday, Mark 12:28-44, Great Commandment

Monday, Psalm 89:1-4, Psalm

Tuesday, Psalm 102:12-17, Psalm

Wednesday, Psalm 121, Psalm

Thursday, Psalm 116:12-19, Psalm

Friday, Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21, Psalm

Saturday, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, The Great Commandment

### March 29

Sunday, Mark 13:1-8, 24-37, End of the Age

Monday, Mark 13:9-13, Persecution Foretold

Tuesday, Mark 13:14-23, The Desolating Sacrilege

Wednesday, Mark 14:1-2, The Plot to Kill Jesus

Thursday, Mark 14:10-11, Jesus Agrees to Betray Jesus

Friday, Mark 15:1-5, Jesus before Pilate

Saturday, Mark 15:6-15, Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

<b>Mar</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Crèche</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>1</b>	Communion	Jane Smith, Kay MacDonald	Helen MacLeod, Irene Munro. Liz Munro
<b>8</b>	Alison Robertson	Muriel Choppy, Chrisanne Robertson	Lena Clarke, Kimm Currie, Dorothy Morrison
<b>15</b>	David Crippin	Jane Smith ,Kay MacDonald	Fiona Carter, Isabelle MacKenzie
<b>22</b>	Neil Morrison	Kay MacDonald, Marjory MacKenzie	Eleanor Ross, Mairi Main, Eileen Ardern
<b>29</b>	Roddie Lightbody	Muriel Choppy, Chrisanne Robertson	Janet MacPherson, Kay MacDonald, Lesley McRoberts
<b>Apr</b> <b>5</b>	Irene Whyte	Marjory MacKenzie, Chrisanne Robertson	

**March Count Team**

**Alastair MacPherson**

Alan Nelson, Richard Ardern, Robert Shanks

**April Count Team**

**Sheena Ferguson**

Heather Beck, Robert & Aileen Laing, Helen Boynton

**March Welcome Team**

**North Door** Lesley McRoberts

**South Door** Calum Macleod & Bill Mein

**Midmills North** Janet MacPherson

**Midmills South** Ann Johnston

**April Welcome Team**

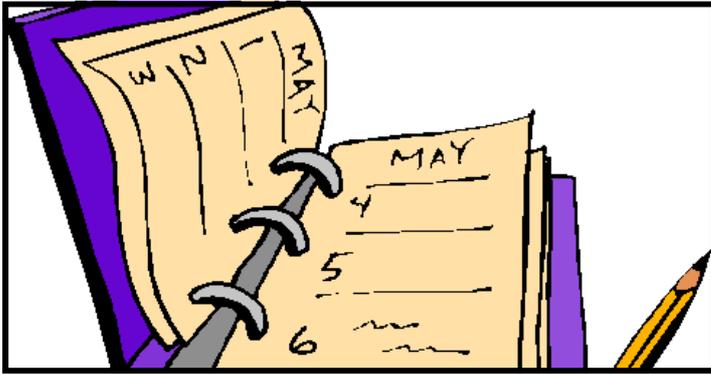
**North Door** Lily Baillie

**South Door** Ruby Coe

**Midmills North** Colin Baillie

**Midmills South** Mary Ann Buchanan

## Day Retreat - Saturday 21st March 2020



The Discipleship Team is organising a Day Retreat on Saturday 21st March 2020 at the Kincaig Christian Centre. This will be a great opportunity to learn, re-vitalise and build on our fellowship with each other in a relaxed environment. Any one interested, please contact Jude Madeleine, at [judedmond@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judedmond@yahoo.co.uk), or Lesley McRoberts, at [lesley.mcroberts@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.mcroberts@btinternet.com).

## Congratulations!

To Joyce & Johnny Beattie who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary last month



## The deadline for the April newsletter will be Sunday 29th March

Please send any articles or news to the Forrests at:  
[marionandbobnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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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## Crown Church Office

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