

# ***Newsletter***

***Crown Church, Inverness***

**October 2024: No. 804**

**Parish Minister: Rev Douglas Robertson**



We have two Sunday Morning Services and Douglas is continuing to broadcast the service on Sunday mornings at 11.00 am. To watch these and previous recordings please go to the Crown Church Facebook page (a Facebook account is not required to see the service).

**Sunday 6th October**

**Harvest Thanksgiving and Guild Enrolment Service**

Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am followed by special prayers

**Sunday 13th October**

Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11.00am

**Sunday 20th October**

Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11.00am

**Sunday 27th October**

Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11.00am

**Sunday 3rd November**

Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am followed by special prayers



**'Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.'**

**Daniel 2: 20-21**

## From the Minister

Dear friends,

The following is taken from a Bible study series produced by the C.S.Lewis Institute and titled "What does it mean to Worship God?"

- Worship means respectful devotion—loving, honouring, and obeying someone who deserves our highest regard.
- Worshipping God means acknowledging and celebrating His power and perfection in gratitude.

Worship includes understanding and awe of God's Holiness; we remember how great He is and behave reverently in His Presence.



As such, I have never believed that worship is something Christians do only on a Sunday. Coming to our regular gatherings for worship is an important part of the spiritual disciplines of the Christian faith, but worship is much more than that.

The Scriptures, as far back as the 10 Commandments, certainly do tell us to carve out a space in our week to gather together with a congregation of God's people, to offer our prayers and praise, but they also tell us to devote every minute of every day and all that we do to God.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)*

Likewise, prayer ought to be an all-day-every-day attitude to life for the Christian. We ought to pray our way through each day, acknowledging the presence of God with us. A prayer of thanksgiving can be offered spontaneously at any time, as can a prayer for courage or wisdom in difficult circumstances, or a pastoral prayer for someone else facing challenges.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)*

Frequently, when I read, listen to or watch the news I pray for the folk that are being talked about, whether it is a politician facing difficult decisions, a harrowing story of crime, the latest celebrity scandal or yet more unimaginable suffering in a war zone. We mention many of these circumstances in church most weeks, but have you ever thought about praying for them as you hear the stories throughout the week?

Jesus is the only priest we need, the Great High Priest, who carries our prayers to God when we pray in his Holy Name, at any time of day or night, any day of the week.

May God bless you all,

**Douglas**

## Crown Church 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

A massive thank you to all who were involved in the activities during the 125 Fortnight. It would not have happened without you !

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September was a memorable day with the 9.30 and 11am service members all sharing in a united service in the sanctuary at 10.30, followed by a really lovely meal upstairs afterwards and with the exhibition available in the background downstairs.

Douglas had put together a memorable service with many contributors. He read out the letter of greeting and congratulations from the Moderator of the General Assembly. He had invited the Revd Morven Archer to lead us in prayer and the Revd Doug McRoberts to bring us good wishes from Cleir Eilean I as their first Moderator. Doug also led one of the hymns in his own inimitable style on the guitar. The children and young people were not forgotten thanks to Pat Crippin and Jackie MacKenzie who organized a treasure hunt and an art class to Give Thanks. We were delighted to welcome back our former minister the Revd Peter Donald who preached on the interesting theme of the "Slow" Church. If you missed any of this, you may always watch it (or watch it again on the Church website.)



We had the luxury of our two regular musicians, Richard Cunningham on the organ and Iain McIntyre on piano. Our choir excelled with their introit and the whole congregation sang out well in enjoyment and praise. For two of our choir members, Sheena Ferguson and Joan Ingram, this will be their last event after more years in the choir than either cares to remember and we thank them and the choir for everything that they do and for their commitment each rehearsal and each Sunday morning!



We owe a debt of gratitude to the Socials Team of ladies led by Marion Forrest and Liz Munro who organized a lovely two course meal in the Upper Hall for just over 100 people using every red chair from the hall and some from the Sanctuary. It was nice to see several friends from previous years back with us, not least Peter and Brigid Donald and Struan McRoberts and family, and we all enjoyed the chat over the meal and the cake and coffee at the end.



Celebratory Sunday was preceded on the Saturday afternoon by a wonderful choral concert given by the Perfect Harmony Choir and our own Choir together. They gave us a selection of hymns; songs from the two world wars; and numbers from 'Joseph', and everyone joined in when invited to great effect. Both their conductor Eddie Docherty and our own Pat Crippin were brilliant with the introductions.

On the first Saturday (14<sup>th</sup>) the sanctuary had looked stunning; filled by the tables laid out by the Friendship Club helpers for morning coffee and afternoon tea and with the exhibition in the back of the hall under the McGilp window.

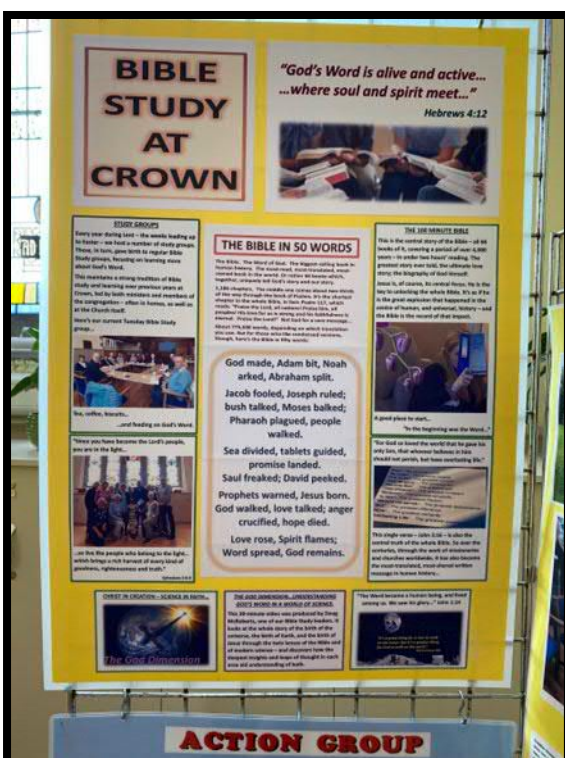
The Guild and the BBs organized a beetle drive and a quiz night on the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> which was hugely enjoyed by a good mix of ages from 4 to 84 or thereby.

One less noticeable '125' event was undertaken by Launchpad—two litter picks around our parish. In the first, invitations were delivered to Beechwood and Cale House from where many of the applicants for grants live. Only one gentleman joined us from Cale House, but we are hoping that the afternoon tea which we enjoyed at the Friendship Club's event will persuade him to encourage others to join us in future events! The second event was arranged with the BB Anchors and Juniors and was greatly enjoyed by all.

**Thanks to Michael MacAuley for photo**



A big thank you, too, to all who researched/made and contributed the 20 yellow posters for the exhibition. These are a fitting reminder of church activities over our past 25 years. They were complemented by displaying some of the sixty-one blue posters created for the centenary. All these posters will now be housed safely on deposit in Highlife Highland's Archive where they may be consulted by all and we only may borrow them back at any time in the future. We must thank all those members who guided and talked to those, many from overseas, who came in to view them, during opening hours: - three visitors from each of Brazil, Germany, and Slovenia. Six visitors from the USA, four from Argentina, two from Spain and Switzerland others from Ireland, France, Budapest in Hungary and from the Netherlands. All impressed us with their command of English, and it was encouraging to meet so many Christian young adults.



Their comments included...

**“It is lovely to see such an active and alive church.”**

Flowers graced the Sanctuary for the whole fortnight, with particularly special arrangements on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> which were then delivered to a large number of members whom we wished to remember. Many grateful thanks to the flower team.

There was an additional interesting display of copies of medals awarded, and folders of information about many of those whose names are on our two War Memorials. It was contributed by Bob Shanks who has spent many hours researching this valuable tribute.

We are most grateful to Gordon Fyfe for arranging advanced publicity in the Inverness Courier about the fortnight of events; to Stewart Robertson for putting it out on Facebook; and to BID who put it on online media outlets. The Inverness BID helped to put us in touch with the Art Society of Inverness to whom we are most grateful for the loan of the display stands.

Finally, our sincere thanks to the many Crown people who gave up many hours of their time to make the fortnight a success, and especially to Lesley McRoberts who once again organized the rota of volunteers. There were many comments about how warm and welcoming people found us to be. The whole fortnight has been a blessing to so many from within and outside our congregation. **Well done Crown!**

**Richard and Eileen Ardern**

**Editors Note:** Special Thanks are also due to Richard and Eileen who put so much time and care into co-ordinating the preparation of the posters and the opening of the Church to visitors.

# The Sanctuary Decorated For The 125th Anniversary





# The Guild Coffee Morning, Friendship Club Afternoon Tea and The Craft Display



# *Prayer Diary*

## *October 2024*

**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**

### **October 6-12**

Give thanks for Harvest Sunday.

God of the Earth, every day, we remember the works of Your hands. We give thanks for the food we share and ask you blessings on those who grow, harvest and prepare it. Today, we recognise the work of those who grow crops we rely on every day for food and clothing.

May God watch over you and be your shade and shelter, so that the sun may not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. May God guard you from all harm and watch over you all the days of your life, both now and forever more.

Lord of all time, as we inch our way along the ruler of our lives, help us to remember that you hold each end in love. You are the one who is above, below, around and beyond our earthly life span, and so we trust you, because you know the end from the beginning, the meaning beyond our understanding. Thank you that our times are in your hands. Amen

God of creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons, remind us to take time to rest and remind us of the wonder of your creation. Remind us that it is You who give us the breath of life. We praise you for the colours of gold you display before us in autumn and we thank You for upholding creation so faithfully.

### **October 13-19**

On this day, 10<sup>th</sup> October World Mental Health Day, remember all those who are struggling with mental health and emotional illnesses, pray for them and their families. Pray that more and more people are able and willing to speak out about mental health issues, reducing stigma people face when dealing with mental ill-health. Pray for God's protection for all in our society from the increasing prevalence of mental illness, for effective ways possible that will protect our young and future generations. Pray for the work of mental health charities across the world, for help and support of their staff and volunteers. Amen

Pray for peace for every person experiencing the challenges and concerns arising from a diagnosis of dementia. Pray that those with poor mental health will find encouragement and solace in places and people as they travel through their journey to recovery.

Heavenly Father, we lift up to you all the displaced people in the world and pray that they'll find safe homes and new lives away from war. We pray for the practicalities of starting a new life in a new country and for their mental health and wellbeing.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may flourish in faith, hope and love, through the power of the Holy Spirit. May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shelter your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

### **October 20-26**

Speak to us, gracious God, between rest and work, between work and sleep, between busyness and silence, between silence and words, between getting ready and going out, between coming home and settling down, that from these spaces in our lives we might grow into fullness of life, every moment of our days. Amen

Oh God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray for the thousands of children who are at risk and living in dangerous situations as refugees. Ask God to protect refugees living in fear and restore them to a safe place where their rights will be recognised and they will be valued and protected.

God Our Father, grant us stillness to pray; to acknowledge your presence with us as we travel through this life journey.

### **October 27 – November 2**

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.

Remember those in prison and pray they may feel a sense of peace and purpose as they serve their sentence. Pray that they can maintain a positive relationship with their families, wherever possible, and remembering those who have no visitors.

Heavenly Father – thank you for disciples who come to church every week to encourage one another and worship You. We pray for thriving communities in local churches, who know and love You and share Christ love with the people they meet. Amen.

Pray for peace in the Middle East.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths— Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

**If you have particular prayer requests for November 2024 please do send them to our *church administrator, Fiona* who will pass them on, or e-mail **Jude Madeleine; [judedmond@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judedmond@yahoo.co.uk)****



## HIGHLAND FOODBANK - HARVEST 2024



Harvest is a time of year when we remember God's goodness to us – and also reflect on our responsibility to express his love to those in our community and in our world who are in need.

At our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday the 6th of October we will be collecting items to support the work of the Highland Foodbank.

The items listed below are especially needed at this time:

**Cornflakes / Weetabix**  
**Tins of potatoes / smash**  
**Tins of fruit (not prunes)**  
**Tins of ham**  
**Tins of meat / meatballs**  
**Packets of biscuits**  
**Tins of custard**  
**Tins of corned beef**  
**Washing up liquid**  
**Shampoo**

A stylized illustration of several golden wheat stalks with detailed grain heads, set against a light grey background. The stalks are arranged in a cluster, with some pointing upwards and others downwards, creating a sense of abundance and harvest.

Calling all families

# Harvest SNAC

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
5-7pm

Ssssausage

Ssssizzle

Ssssee you there!



## Open Doors Summer Holidays

What an interesting time we had during Open Doors this summer. Visitors came from around the world, around Scotland and around the corner. Some wanted to see the church and admire the window. Some came for company with familiar faces. Some came in curiosity, a few came in real need of help or support.

The dictionary defines the word Sanctuary like this – a consecrated place; a place of worship; a place of refuge and protection. We've served all of these purposes this summer by keeping our own Sanctuary doors open - only made possible by having kind and willing volunteers.

Here's a snapshot of people we met.

A stressed mother from Crown who says we are her lifeline and she loves to come here. She was thrilled when the Knitting Group took her under their collective wing, equipped her with wool and pins and taught her to knit.

A Scout Troop from Avignon who were in a fix and needed help to find somewhere to stay overnight. We made them welcome in a sheltered garden.

A genuine, warm invitation to an autumn house -party in California was issued because we shared a cup of tea with a stranger.

A distressed young man asked if he could pray a while. His dog was having an emergency operation at the Crown Vets practice. He wasn't local and had nowhere to go.

Everyone who covered a shift will have their own memories of conversation, hospitality, busy days and quiet. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. Being ready to respond to the needs of our neighbours is central to being a Christian community and what a privilege it is.

Let's do more.



## **From the Visitors' Book**

Notes in the Visitors' Book are from :

Germany, Czech Republic, USA, Canada, Switzerland , Netherlands, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Austria, Local and Rest of Scotland

Canada- Very welcoming people here. Thank you.

Scotland- Thank you for your kindness and the open door.

Austria- Thank you for sharing a nice time with us. Now we better know your wonderful city and country.

Crieff- Lovely service and great to see friends.

Spain- It's a marvellous place.

Crown- My granddaughter played, thank you.

Canada- Big thanks for the cup of tea and nice talk.

Canada- What a beautiful church and charming people.

Norway- Thank you for a lovely chat and your great dancers. (*Can any one explain this one ?*)

**Lesley McRoberts**

## **Safeguarding Online Training**

This training is available through the Church of Scotland website, sign up via the website under Safeguarding Service and Training. Anyone trained in 2019 or before will need to attend this training.

Safeguarding Training dates will all be on Zoom.

**Lynn Forbes**

**Safeguarding Coordinator & Trainer**

Dates and the two trainers who will be delivering the training are detailed below. Where it says Trustee this was Kirk Session Training previously.

Thursday 3 October	Introductory	7.00pm	Annette and Irene
Monday 4 November	Trustee	7.00pm	Irene and Roy
Wednesday 6 November	Trustee	2.00pm	Mike and Roy
Tuesday 12 November	Advanced	7.00pm	Annette and Roy
Wednesday 13 November	Introductory	7.00pm	Annette and Irene

# Presbytery Questionnaire



Our Presbytery is asking all congregations in the area to get involved in letting them know how they can help and support us in our work.

In order to find out what our needs are, they have asked each congregation to complete a questionnaire. Many heads are better than one, so we are calling a meeting at which we'll share our ideas.

Anyone interested is urged to come along to the church on Tuesday 8th October at 2.30pm. Tea and cakes will be served! Your presence will be much appreciated.

**Pat Crippin**



## **FLOWERS IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY**

We are very grateful to those who have donated money so that we can arrange flowers for our Sunday Services in October.

The flower chart for 2024 is in the Midmills corridor. If you would like to donate flowers on a particular Sunday please add your name to the list.



## Daily Bible Readings for October

### **Sunday, Sept 29, 2024, Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 The Promise of Passover**

Monday, September 30, 2024, Exodus 13:17-22 Pillars of Cloud and Fire

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, Exodus 14:1-31 Crossing the Red Sea

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, Exodus 15:1-21 Songs of Moses and Miriam

Thursday, October 3, 2024, Exodus 16:1-36 Manna and Quail

Friday, October 4, 2024, Exodus 18:1-27 Jethro Advises Moses Concerning Leadership

Saturday, October 5, 2024, Exodus 20:1-21 The Ten Commandments

### **Sunday, October 6, 2024, Exodus 32:1-14 Golden Calf**

Monday, October 7, 2024, Joshua 1:1-11 God Calls Joshua

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, Joshua 2:1-24; 6:1-27 Rahab Helps God's People

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, Judges 4:4-10 Deborah Helps Barak

Thursday, October 10, 2024, Judges 6:36-7:23 Gideon Tests God

Friday, October 11, 2024, Judges 16:1-31 Samson and Delilah

Saturday, October 12, 2024, Ruth 1:1-22 Ruth and Naomi

### **Sunday, Oct 13, 2024, 1 Sam 1:9-11; 19-20; 2:1-10 God Answers Hannah**

Monday, October 14, 2024, 1 Samuel 3:1-18 God Calls Samuel

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 1 Samuel 4:2-11; 6:2; 11-13 The Ark of God Captured

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 1 Samuel 9:27--10:8; 10:17-27 Samuel Anoints Saul as King

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Saul Rejected and David Anointed

Friday, October 18, 2024, 1 Samuel 17:1-54 David Defeats Goliath

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 2 Samuel 6:1-23 David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

### **Sunday, October 20, 2024, 2 Samuel 7:1-17 God's Promise to David**

Monday, October 21, 2024, 2 Samuel 11:1-26 David Commits Adultery and Murder

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 2 Samuel 12:1-25 Nathan Condemns David and Solomon is Born

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 2 Samuel 15:1-17 David Loses His Throne to Absalom

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 2 Samuel 19:9-15 David Regains the Throne

Friday, October 25, 2024, 1 Kings 1: 1-53 Solomon Becomes King

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 1 Kings 2:1-12 David's Instruction to Solomon

## **Sunday, Oct 27, 2024, 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30,41-43 Solomon Dedicates the Temple**

Monday, October 28, 2024, 1 Kings 17:1-7 Elijah Predicts a Drought

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 1 Kings 17:8-16 The Widow Zarephath

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 1 Kings 17:17-24 Elijah Revives the Widow's Son

Thursday, October 31, 2024, 1 Kings 18:1-19 Elijah's Message to Ahab

Friday, November 1, 2024, 1 Kings 18:20-40 Elijah's Triumph over the Priests of Baal

Saturday, November 2, 2024, 1 Kings 18:41-46 The Drought Ends



## **The Guild**



Crown Church Guild begin the new session's meetings on Tuesday 8th October in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm. An interesting and varied syllabus has been drawn up which the committee hope will interest all our members. At our first meeting we welcome Judith MacLeod who will talk about her trip to Iona. Later in October we visit The Haven and two weeks later enjoy afternoon tea at Fairways. Gill Meighan tells us about Fairtrade in November. Our Christmas meal out will be to the Beaufort Hotel this year.

2025 will include a Bible study, another trip to Fairways, our project on Bibles for Bairns, a trip to Pakistan and a beauty, Yes beauty, therapy evening! The story of the Lion Tamer of Inverness will be next and for our AGM a return visit from Jean Smith to tell us about more of her travels.

We look forward to meeting up with all our former members and welcome any ladies in the church to join us. Remember to bring your own cup on the night!

**Dorothy Mein**

**Guild Correspondent**



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# **Come along on Silver Sunday!**

**JOIN US AND CELEBRATE THE  
NATIONAL DAY FOR OLDER PEOPLE**



# SILVER SUNDAY

Age UK has recently taken on Silver Sunday – a campaign to celebrate older people with activities and events held on a national day every October.

Lucinda Hurrey, who has worked with Silver Sunday since 2017, tells us about its history, its impact and why she's excited to be further developing the campaign at Age UK.

## What is Silver Sunday?

Silver Sunday is a national day celebrating older people, held on the first Sunday in October (this year it will be 6 October). As part of the celebrations, organisations put on special events that welcome older people – particularly those who may be lonely or isolated.

My role with Silver Sunday is to act as a catalyst, reaching out to community groups and businesses to encourage them to take part. It's not a hard sell: the organisations I approach already recognise the need to address the issue of loneliness, understand the challenges older people face, and share the belief that later life should be celebrated.

It's collaboration at its best. The organisers and volunteers who plan, fund and host the events that contribute to Silver Sunday are real community 'change-makers' and are so generous and inspiring. They make Silver Sunday happen, often with little resource, and their kindness and willingness to go the extra mile is often key to helping to reassure the most nervous guests.

## The History of Silver Sunday

Silver Sunday was started 12 years ago in Westminster, by The Lady Christabel Flight and later run by the Sir Simon Milton Foundation. Christabel, Westminster City Council's Older People's Champion at the time, saw the loneliness epidemic first-hand, witnessing older people going for days, weeks, sometimes months, with no-one to speak to and nothing to get out of bed for.



In the face of austerity and council funding cuts to social care, the idea of Silver Sunday was born – a day in the calendar to celebrate older people and raise awareness of loneliness. The date was specifically chosen to be around the same time as Grandparents' Day and the United Nations International Day for Older Persons.

Ever since, despite limited funding and a reliance on word-of-mouth marketing, Silver Sunday has continued to grow. Last year's Silver Sunday saw more than 2,000 free events

for older people, and it's been supported by organisations like Bupa, Three, Everyone Active and English National Ballet.

## How Silver Sunday Helps Older People

According to Age UK, 12% of older people never leave their home for a social event. While there are multiple reasons for this, including health and mobility issues, social anxiety and lack of transport among the most common reasons.



Most Silver Sunday activities therefore include a social element of some kind, such as a film screening with a coffee meet-up afterwards, to give guests a chance to make new friends. All events are also free or low-cost, to help remove any financial barriers that might discourage an older person from going along.

I have been lucky enough to go along to a behind-the-scenes tour of Lord's Cricket Ground, a screening with Dame Joanna

Lumley, a lively Bollywood dance workshop, and a particularly memorable day at the Mexican Embassy involving a lively conga led by the Ambassador's fabulous 90-year-old mother.

Silver Sunday is also much more than 'just one day'. 'Silver Salisbury' is a perfect example: a programme of more than 100 free activities for older people across Wiltshire, previously held in October but running all year round as of this year. Age UK Barnet's 'Silver Week' has also been impactful – working with Barnet Council and more than 30 other groups and organisations, their Silver Sunday event in 2023 welcomed more than 600 older people for a day of music and dancing, workshops and advice sharing.

The diversity of these events is a big part of Silver Sunday's appeal. A key benefit of Silver Sunday is that it can be a first step to reintegrating for older people who have become disconnected from their communities. Guests often tell us that they never knew that a particular group existed, despite it being on their doorstep, or assumed it was only aimed at younger audiences or families.

### **What Does Age UK's Involvement Mean For Silver Sunday?**

Nearly a million older people often feel lonely and 24% say the TV or radio is their main source of company. With an ageing population, these numbers are set to rise – but we know that options for in-person company can sometimes be hard to come by.

The biggest complaint we hear from older people looking for events is that there aren't enough activities happening near them. But Silver Sunday offers everyone an opportunity to help older people in their own neighbourhoods.

As Age UK takes on the development of Silver Sunday, we hope to continue to grow its reach. With our strong network of local Age UKs, the aim is to reach thousands more older people and raise awareness of loneliness in later life on a much bigger level.

With a greater geographical reach, we can be more targeted in our approach and focus on more rural locations – places which have limited activities available to older people and areas which have a higher risk of loneliness.

By working together, the potential for Silver Sunday to change older people's lives, help improve their health and wellbeing and reduce isolation is boundless. I can't wait to see it grow and I'm thrilled to be a part of it.

**Isabelle MacKenzie**  
**Highland Council Older People's Champion**



## **New Mini-Bus For Cameron House**

Cameron House (operated by Crossreach) recently took delivery of a new mini-bus (see picture below). Their previous mini-bus came to the end of 'its' life around two years ago and they had been hiring a bus for taking the residents out.

An application for funding a new mini-bus was submitted to the 39th Highland Cross in 2023. The application was made in the name of The Circle of Friends of Cameron House to comply with strict regulations on funding applications (they do not accept commercial applications so Crossreach could not apply).

Highland Cross generously fully funded the cost of purchasing and fitting out the mini-bus. The Circle of Friends, chaired by Kay MacDonald, are a small group, set up as an independent charity, who fund-raise for Cameron House and support the home in any way they can. Three members of Old High St Stephen's Church and two members of Crown Church are among the Trustees.

The Circle of Friends funded an additional ramp and restraint for wheelchairs for the new minibus. They also fund regular ceilidhs for the residents.

Please pray for the work carried out by loving, caring staff at Cameron House. The last few weeks have been particularly difficult for them and overshadowed the joy of having a new mini-bus.

Margaret Morrison their Activities Co-ordinator would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the rota of drivers they have for the mini-bus. No special licence is required.

**Christine MacKenzie**





## Leprosy Mission Afternoon Tea

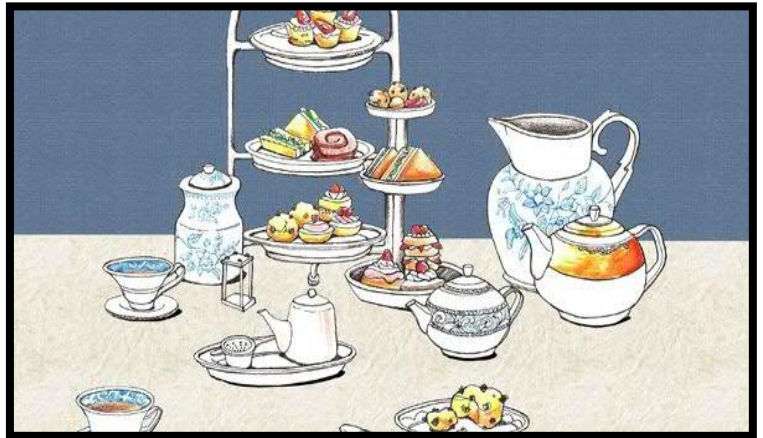
The Leprosy Mission Scotland - Inverness Area Fundraising Group are holding an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, 19th October from 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Upper Hall of Crown Church. (Midmills Road entrance, and free parking in Crown School)

There will be a bring and buy stall and a stall with Christmas cards.

A donation may be made at the door. We look forward to seeing you.

All welcome.

**Marion Barbour**



### 'On the Way' Puzzle sheet from The Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Despite a good number of entries, nobody submitted an all-correct entry!

*The answers were:*

Man Overboard, I understand, Split level, Reading between the lines, Three degrees below 0, Crossroads, Cross country, 6 of one half a dozen of another, Long underwear, Bags under the eyes, Half baked, Hole in one, Looking good, Mind over matter, Flash in the pan, Tricycle, Morning after the night before, See through blouse, Three wise men, Pie in the sky, Fancy that, One foot in the grave, an open and shut case, Backward glance.

**Hope you enjoyed puzzling.**

We are looking for a quiz or puzzle for our next lunch on **27<sup>th</sup> October.**

If you have one to share please let Eileen Ardern know.

The only stipulation is that it is not possible to look up the answers on 'google'!



## **Something interesting to share?**

### **Here's how to let people in the Crown Church know about an activity or event !**

#### **Website** [Crown Church of Scotland \(crown-church.co.uk\)](http://crown-church.co.uk)

Email information to Bob Forrest [sessionclerk@crown-church.co.uk](mailto:sessionclerk@crown-church.co.uk). Either give the wording you wish or an explanation of what is proposed. Preferably say where in the website you would wish it to appear.

#### **Newsletter**

Our Newsletter is produced monthly and you can see copies on the website. Items for inclusion in the Newsletter should be sent to Fiona Carter, the editor, at [newsletter@crown-church.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@crown-church.co.uk)

#### **Facebook**

Items to go on our Facebook page should be sent to:- Stewart Robertson

[sjhro@icloud.com](mailto:sjhro@icloud.com)

#### **Wayside Pulpit**

If you have not previously placed material in the wayside pulpit, please discuss first with Charlie Gallacher tel 234982. He will be pleased to advise and can also help by putting up notices. Notices should be at least A3 size in order to be visible from the street – we can print this size in the Church Office. Please do not remove or cover up other notices unless clearly out of date. Charlie puts up posters with religious texts etc. If there is no other space for a notice of an event or activity, then his posters can be taken down and should be put safely in the Church Office.

#### **Banners**

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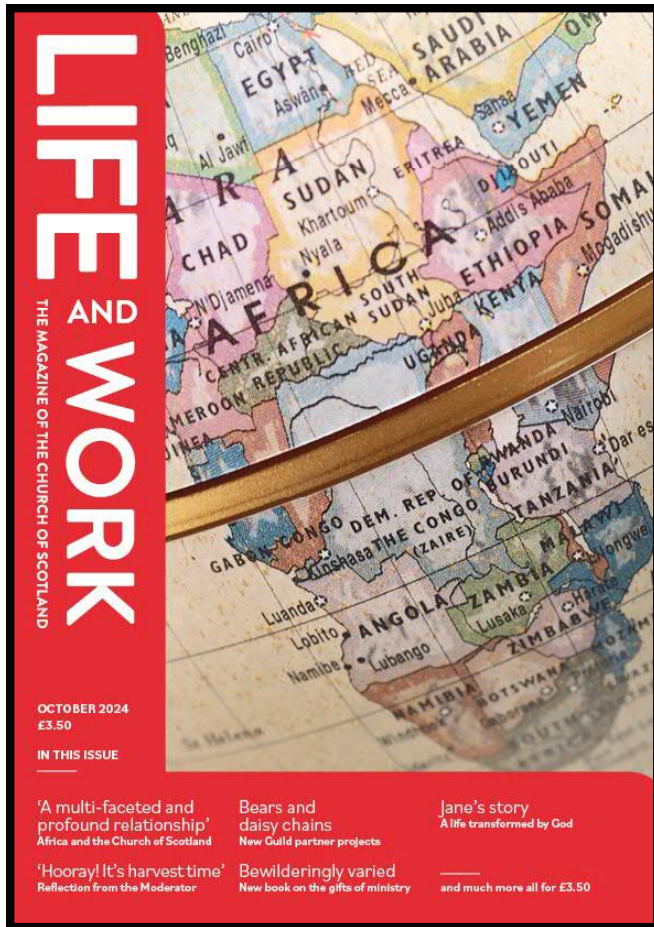
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## **Welcome Team**

<b>October 6th</b>	2 Boys Brigade, Frank and Sally McCubbin
<b>October 13th</b>	2 Boys Brigade, Frank and Sally McCubbin
<b>October 20th</b>	2 Boys Brigade, Frank and Sally McCubbin
<b>October 27th</b>	2 Boys Brigade, Frank and Sally McCubbin

**As we enjoy our newly refurbished premises, perhaps now more so than ever it is important that we can offer a friendly presence at our doorways. If you feel you could help, even if it is just one Sunday, please do contact Fiona at the Church Office.**

## **Readers**

<b>October 6th</b>	Mairi Main
<b>October 13th</b>	Heather Beck
<b>October 20th</b>	Mairi Mtui
<b>October 27th</b>	John Barbour



# NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

## Diamond Wedding



Congratulations to James and Agnes Stewart on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, August 2024

## Golden Wedding



Congratulations to Alan and Ann Nelson on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, September 2024

## Deaths

Mrs Ismay Main, Druim Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**\*\*\*Items for the November newsletter by Sunday 27th  
October please! \*\*\***

**\*\*\*Please note our new email address\*\*\***

Please send any articles, photographs or news to :

**newsletter@[crow-church.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@crow-church.co.uk)**

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