

**Almondbank Tibbermore Church of Scotland  
(St Serf's)**

# *The Bridge*

**October 2019**



**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**Sunday 27 October at 11.30am**  
*Led by Rev Robert Malloch*

**Morning worship every Sunday at 11.30am**

## Letter from the Manse

Dear Friends, as you may be aware our national Church has agreed a radical action plan which could bring some changes to the running of a local church, although maintaining a local worship time. This Church is also due for Presbytery Review - aka the Quinquennial visit - in the coming months. (Basically it means for Minister and elders more meetings). However these events are intended to be positive encouragement to a congregation.

Rather than wait for any official view on how well or otherwise this Church is doing or what its future should be, we can simply and straightforwardly be a Church for our community. Sunday worship and fellowship should be our priority. But also make sure people know that they do not have to come on a Sunday to be welcome at any of the regular weekly or monthly social activities, or occasional other events.

This will be the real future Church – one which is truly welcoming, where strangers sense a genuine warmth and feel comfortable within it.

God bless you,

That you hear him say to you the words of Matthew 25 : 23

Your minister  
Robert Malloch



### ***Prayer Group:***

The prayer meeting has been going now for about 9 years and for the size of our Church and numbers involved it has been well attended. It is not for a select few but for everybody in the Church and it is not a club to be joined.

People are not expected to come to every meeting although it is fully appreciated for those who do, but anyone wishing to come and pray for a loved one can drop in to do so without any obligation to attend regularly.

There is great power in prayer and at this present time there is much to be prayed for. Our Church needs your prayer as does the whole of the Church of Scotland

The country needs your prayers because of its present situation with Brexit. The list is too long to put in this newsletter but your prayers are needed and important.

Hope to see people coming to the prayer meeting even if it just the once.

Yours in Christ

Bill Murray  
Prayer Leader

## Our Church Family

### **Deaths – 'I am the resurrection and the life'**

20 April 2019 : Mary Boyd  
22 August 2019 : Kenneth Band  
02 September 2019 : Paton Clark

### **Members Transferred out**

30 September 2019 : Irene & Jack McLean  
30 September 2019 : Susan McAra  
30 September 2019 : Helen Still  
30 September 2019 : Rose Galletly



**The Wee Blether:** We meet every Thursday morning in the church hall between 10.30am and 11.30am for a tea or a coffee and occasionally some home baking if we are lucky. It's a good opportunity to have a chat in informal surroundings and maybe catch up with friends. Remember you do not need to be a Church Member to come along.

**Our Church Choir:** Almondbank choir practice jointly with Methven choir on Friday evenings at 7:00pm in Methven church hall. New voices are welcome, please contact Maggie Malloch for more information.

**Craft Group:** We continue to meet on a Monday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. We have recently completed new hangings which will be displayed in the church on Remembrance Sunday. We hope these will be well admired. It's not too late to join us on a Monday and help with this new project.

**St Serf's Ladies Group:** The new Guild session is upon us again. The summer always seems to fly by so quickly! By the time you read this we will already have had the first meeting with a speaker from CrossReach giving us a talk entitled 'Join up the Dots' - their project tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation in Scotland.

It is always a difficult task trying to get different speakers who are willing to give up their time to come along to our group and give us a talk/presentation. We do try to include a variety of topics that we hope will be of interest to all our members. Hopefully you will enjoy all the things we have got planned for the rest of the session. (copy of the syllabus below).

Our thanks go to our Church Officer, Alex McLagan, for all the work he has done behind the scenes for us - setting up and clearing away the chairs and tables etc and making sure the hall is always warm for our meetings.

We are always looking for new members - so please try and come along to join us - you will be made most welcome! Our group normally meet in the church hall at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month from October to May except November when we hold our Open Meeting in the church. It costs £12.00 to join.

Carol Duff  
(President / Treasurer)

## St Serf's Ladies Group Syllabus 2019 / 2020

### 2019

- 3 October** Crossreach Project – 'Join the Dots' – Speaker: Becky Tennant  
**21 November** Open Night – Sing-a-long with Michael Ellacott  
**5 December** Perth Town Lade/Old Perth – Speaker: Jim Lohead

### 2020

- 9 January** Lindsay the Butchers – Speaker: Beaton Lindsay  
**6 February** Walking the Camino – Speaker: Jenny Norrie  
**5 March** The Deaf, The Daft and The Ditzzy – Speaker: Karen Inkster  
**2 April** Wildlife Crime – Speaker: Sue Eddy  
**7 May** AGM and Spring Supper



*Below are a couple of amusing intimations which have appeared in various church magazines and noticeboards [not ours I hasten to add!]*

- *This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.*
- *For those of you who have children and don.t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.*



## Recipe Corner

### Whole Apple Caramel Cake

Preheat oven to 160°C Fan. Grease a deep-sided baking tray. Mix the following ingredients with an electric mixer:

#### **Ingredients:**

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ½ cup melted butter    | 1 tsp vanilla essence       |
| ½ cup granulated sugar | 1 ½ cups self-raising flour |
| ½ cup soft brown sugar | 1 ½ tsp baking powder       |
| 4 large eggs           | ½ tsp baking soda           |
|                        | ¼ cup milk                  |

Peel and core 12 small eating apples and leave whole. Spread half of the mixture in the baking dish and place whole apples evenly on top. Cover apples with remainder of the mixture. Bake for 35-40 minutes.

#### **To make caramel topping:**

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| 1 cup soft brown sugar | 1 tsp sea salt (optional) |
| ¾ cup melted butter    | ½ cup single cream        |

Heat all the above ingredients slowly to the boil. Boil for 3 minutes stirring all the time. Pour over the warm cake. Serve with cream or ice cream on the side.

Enjoy!!  
Audrey Michie

## Biblical Quiz – Find the Books of the Bible

**The Answers** – Well! Did you find them all?

“This is **a most remarkable** puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to come friends. On friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat, another friend studied it while playing his ban **jo**. **Elaine** Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That’s a **fact**. **Some** people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, **especially** since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. **Truthfully**, **from answers** we get, we are forced to admit **it usually** takes a minister or scholar to see some of the **m at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fundraising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi lemonade** booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel** Humana **humbly** puts it, “the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight.” **Those able** to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaced in the middle are **normal**. **A chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**, there really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.



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## **REGULAR GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Craft Group</b>	Monday – 2.00pm-4.00pm	All welcome
<b>Wee Blether</b>	Thursday – 10.30pm-11.30pm	All welcome
<b>St Serf's Ladies Group</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly 7.30pm (October to May)	Carol Duff : 01738 583398
<b>Highland Dancing</b>	Thursday – 4.15pm – 5.15pm	Yvonne Sherritt 01738 582126 or 07552 758411
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<b>Brownies</b>	Friday – 6.00pm-7.15pm	Sandi MacDougall : 01828 633184