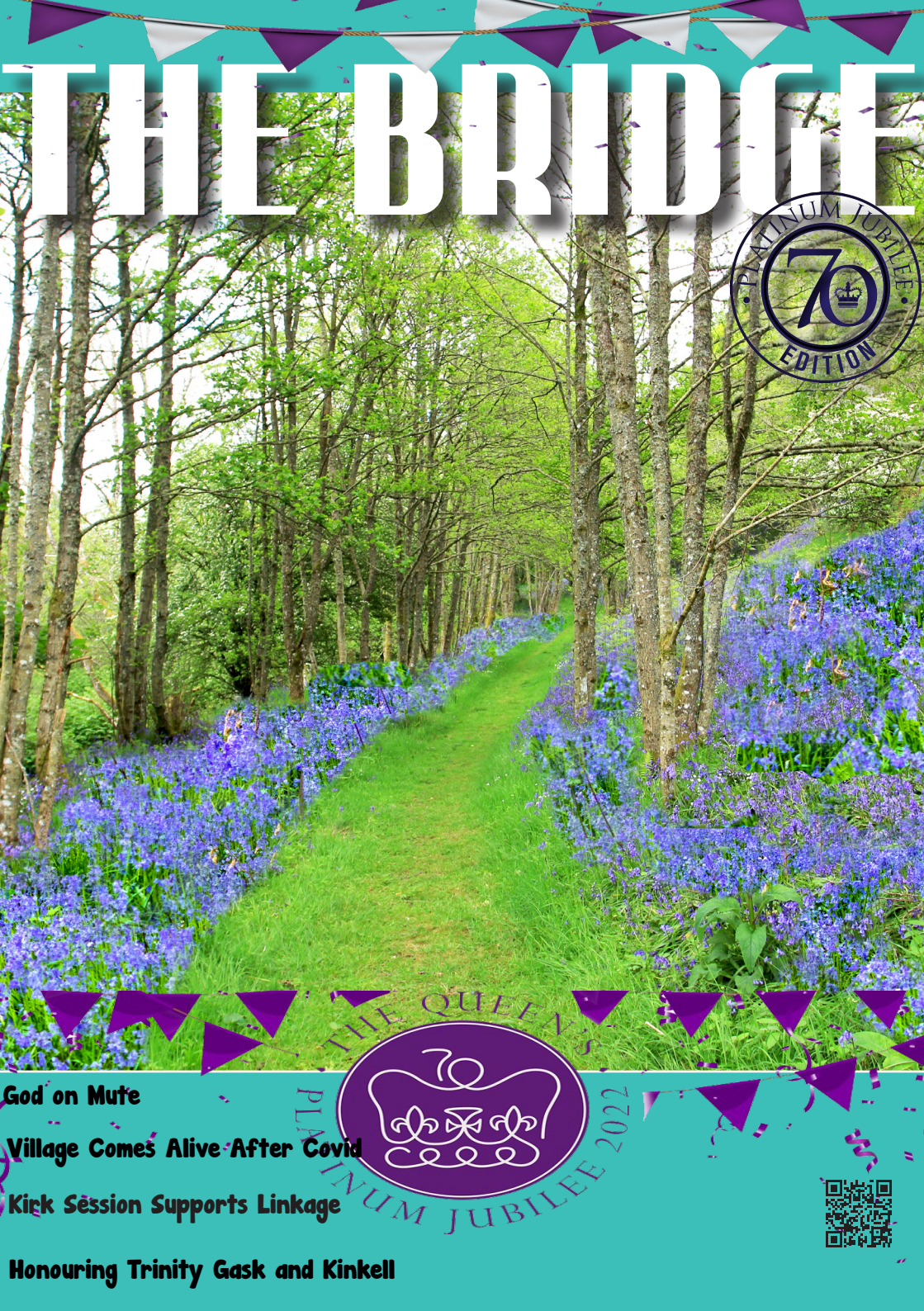




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Congratulations Your Majesty



In this special edition of the Church Magazine which is published alongside the Nation's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we are pleased to honour her Majesty the Queen, who more than anyone else embodies our country's history, identity and values. She has our thanks for what she has done during the last 70 years and our prayers for the future. We thank God for her example and for the service she has given to our nation

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Minister's message.

Dear Friends,

Spring has drawn to a close and summer is now upon us although at times the weather has been anything else but summer.

Summer is always a season of celebration when we all appear more relaxed and ready to try new things , take time to spend with family and friends and often go away on holiday. The pain of Covid makes way for the hope that awaits us .Many of us will join together to celebrate the Queens Platinum jubilee, 70 years of unconditional service rooted in the love that she has for our saviour Jesus Christ, an example and role model for many.



Change affects us all and I am acutely aware of all the uncertainty which surrounds the changes within your church and want to reassure you that as your Interim Moderator we will journey together to continue to grow your church in your community being active in worship, ministry and mission .

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supports what the church does in the community as they reach out to spread God's word and love, to welcome and support, to care and to help and to offer friendship and fellowship.

Have a lovely summer

God Bless

Mairi
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Your Magazine

Having now completed over 6 editions of the magazine, I would love to see more articles appearing from members of the congregation.

A good church magazine, I believe, should be interactive and I am happy to include letters or articles about things happening in the congregation. This would give more vibrancy to the publication and would give me as Editor a clearer indication that it is being read.

Whilst submissions have to be checked for appropriateness and to ensure that each edition has some balance, please do not be shy about submitting anything. I will certainly always try to ensure that it is published if there is space within the next edition or I will let you know. Just remember that the magazine is published only every two months. The next edition after this one will be the August summer edition and then the harvest edition in October.

This is also the first edition that we will be sending out by email in the case of those who have already indicated that they would like it in that form. If you have not indicated so, you can change to receive it by email anytime by contacting me to request this. Hard copies will continue to be published for those who prefer it in this form and also will be made available to visitors in the church foyer. The contact address for changing to receive it by email is macahiph@gmail.com

Sandy Hutchison

In Next Edition:

- Report of this year's General Assembly
- Spotlight on local clubs and associations
- Roundup on Village events
- Muthill Church Community WebPage

Inez Robinson

As Inez and Bob Robinson leave the area for pastures new, we would like to thank them both for their contribution to the life and work of Muthill Church. Inez has been involved in many ways including, soup lunch, church cleaning, flower arranging and in recent times has arranged the flowers every week.



Inez has been representing us at Presbytery. She has faithfully visited her district and phoned during lockdown. Her pastoral care has extended over twenty years as she regularly visited a gentleman and when he died, she continued visiting the family which was so much appreciated. Inez is gifted in craft work and we have several banners which she has created which will be a tangible legacy. Bob has not only supported Inez, but has quietly been seen cutting the grass round the church. Thank you Inez and Bob.

They have been good friends to many and we will miss them, but hopefully they will come back and see us! There will always be a warm welcome for them!

As they move to be nearer their two daughters and their families, we ask God's blessing on them both.

Helen-May Bayne
Session Clerk



Church

The new aluminium access ladder within the belfry is complete which means that access to the tower roof can now be gained safely although it must be said that the roof hatch requires a feat of dexterity best accomplished by those of more tender years.

Having provided safe access to the tower roof it was therefore possible to prevail upon Tullibardine Smithy to fix the reinforcing steel demanded by the structural engineer during the course of an inspection some years ago. This was required to ensure the stability of the south west pinnacle. I am pleased to be able to report that this work has now been satisfactorily completed.

Please be aware that this does not remove the need to try to avoid spending too much time close to church walls especially when it is windy.

As many will know, we are also currently having problems with the water system and the outflow from the church. The Kirk Session has approved the engagement of an independent contractor to help solve the best way forward. It is likely that we will need a new septic tank and new pipework. In the meantime arrangements are being made to have a portaloo available in the grounds to the back of the church. We apologise to all users of the Church and Bruce Hall for any inconvenience caused. Every effort is being made to arrange an appropriate and sound solution as quickly as possible.

Manse

The external paintwork and associated joinery repairs are underway. This is long overdue due to COVID restrictions and weather conditions.

Plaster repairs to the lounge ceiling have been completed and the Kirk Session has approved that tenders also be obtained for redecoration of the room.

Graham Donaldson
Property Convener

Kirk Session Supports Linkage

The Kirk Session met in April and May to consider the Interim Plan prepared by the Planning and Development Committee of Perth Presbytery. This new Plan is required to address the decision taken at the Church's General Assembly to reduce ministerial allocation across the country in every Presbytery and to divest of church buildings where mission status has confirmed that this is necessary. Perth Presbytery's Interim Plan, after consultation with individual churches is completed, will become an agreed Presbytery Plan before the end of 2022 and submitted to General Assembly.

In the case of our link charge, Trinity Gask and Kinkell, it is already known that the Interim Plan has recommended closure and so the Kirk Session there has decided in advance of any closure to dissolve the congregation and leave the central Church of Scotland to decide on the future of the building. This decision has been forwarded to Presbytery and is currently being processed.

For Muthill Parish Church, the interim plan proposes that the church will remain an active place of Christian presence in Muthill and ministerial cover will be provided either through a proposed union or linkage with Ardoch and Blackford churches. The plan also states that Ardoch and Blackford should unite with one of these churches being closed. The resulting level of proposed ministerial cover will be 0.5 FTE between the three parishes. This compares with 0.7 FTE when Rev. Klaus Buwert was in post. For the other grouping in our network, namely Auchterarder and Aberuthven, it is proposed under the Plan, will have 1FTE.

Muthill Kirk Session has, therefore, been clarifying with Presbytery representatives and considering what is the right way forward for Muthill, and at its meeting on 3rd May, it finally decided that it would confirm to Presbytery that its preferred option is to accept the proposal of a linkage with Ardoch-Blackford.

Presbytery had also suggested that a further option might be considered of a wider network involving Comrie, Crieff and mid Strathearn. On this, it is understood that the prevailing view of incumbent ministers across the area is that linking at parish level within the individual networks outlined is the preferred first step forward at this stage. Muthill Kirk Session has

also accepted this position. Once all consultations are complete and the Plan is finally approved, detailed discussions will be held with individual churches on implementation and timing. In the case of Muthill, with their being a current vacancy and, as we will have to await the outcome of the union proposal for Ardoch and Blackford proposal, the current interim arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future.

Bible Story Cartoon

Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 2 verses 41 to 51

A short story from the Bible

Every year Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival with their family and friends. This year Jesus was twelve.

The women and children went in front to set the pace



Next year, Jesus, you'll be walking at the back with the men.

The Passover feasting lasted eight days...



...and then they set off for home again



but without Jesus.

Mary and Joseph didn't find out until the evening



I thought he was with you!

So they walked back to Jerusalem and started searching for Jesus...



Sorry, I haven't seen him.

...and the next day,



Jesus!

then on the third day

they went to the temple



Look!

He was talking with the teachers.



You must be very proud of your clever son



But Mary was not happy.

How could you treat your father and I like this?



Didn't you know I'd be here?



I needed to be where my birth father, God, is working.

Mary thought about this all the way home



...and all her life.

Inter Church House Groups

Within Crieff and Muthill there are currently five Inter-Church Bible Study House Groups meeting at the time and locations detailed in this article. These groups provide unique opportunities for fellowship, learning and mutual encouragement for all who want to grow in their faith and discipleship.

You are encouraged to link up with one of these groups. You will be made welcome at any of them.

There will also be a joint meeting for Praise and Worship possibly every two months. Information on this will follow.

House Group Meetings details:

Host: Mrs Vivian Donaldson

Contact: [Tel: 01764 680906](tel:01764680906)

Email: vm.don@hotmail.co.uk

Venue: 6 Hazel Avenue, Crieff PH7 3EK

Time: Weekly on Tuesdays from 7.00pm-8.30pm

Mixed: Men and Women

Host: Rev. Alex Mitchell

Contact: Tel: 01764 655241

Email: alex.mitchell6@btopenworld.com

Venue: Bruce Hall, Muthill Parish Church

Time: Weekly on Tuesdays from 11.00am-12.30pm

Mixed: Men and Women

Host: Mrs Tina Panton

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Email: tinapanton@googlemail.com

Venue: 30 Sky Crescent, Crieff PH7 3FB

Time: Wednesdays 10.30am-12.00noon

Mixed: Men and Women

Host: Rev. Ann Ballentine

Contact: Tel: 01764 652567

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Venue: 17 Nellfield Road, Crieff PH7 3DU

Time: Fortnightly on Wednesdays from 11.00am-12.30pm

Mixed: Ladies in attendance so far but we live in hope

Host: Dr Anne Jarvie

Contact: Tel: 01764 652067

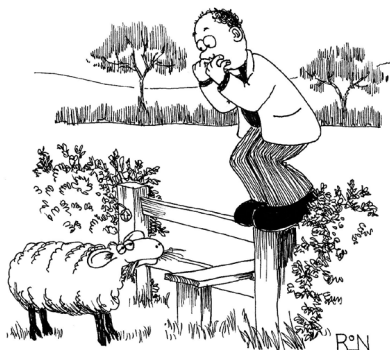
Email: annejarvie7@gmail.com

Venue: Oakwood, 13 Macrosty Gardens, Crieff PH7 4LP

Time: Fortnightly on Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Mixed: Ladies in attendance so far

Laughter Is Best Medicine



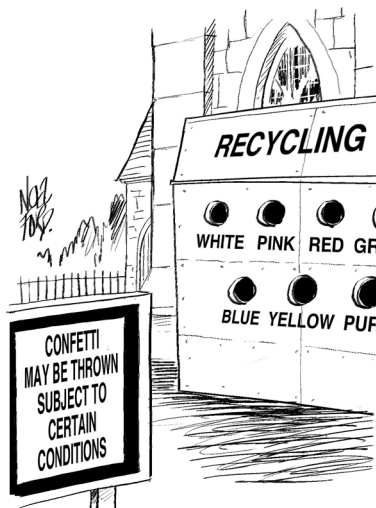
Not everyone has a natural gift for rural ministry



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...



Youth News

Muthill Parish Family Service

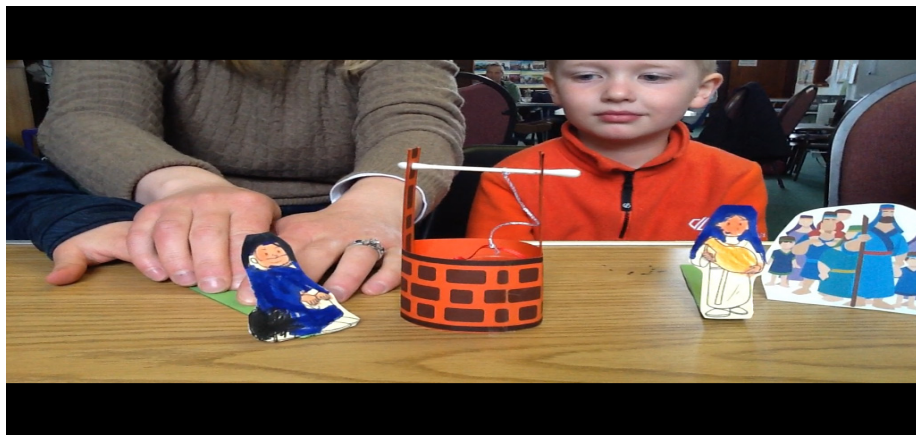
Over the last 2 months the attendance at the family service has reduced in numbers slightly due to holidays and other family events. Despite this we have had a really special time together eating, worshipping, praying and learning more about Jesus from John's Gospel.



In April we learned about Jesus first miracle of turning water into wine at a wedding party. Here is a picture of our Craft.

In May we learned about Jesus offering a Samaritan lady living water. She gladly accepted this message and told her whole village that Jesus was the Messiah.

Here you can see the scene the children made to retell and video the story.



Pentecost and the Queens Jubilee on 5th June were gloriously celebrated, but please note that this may be our last family service until September.

Sunday School

An informal Sunday School for the P3-7 age group has been operational during our 11:30 morning service thanks to David and Adrian. They have been considering old testament characters and Christian qualities. This too will resume after the school holidays.

There are no leaders to help with the younger children or creche during the main service. If you could consider serving here, we would be delighted to hear from you. It would entail having or applying for a CofS Protection of Vulnerable Groups Certification. Other resources will be provided. Please contact Liz Mitchell at eliz.mitchell6@btopenworld.com regarding Family Service or Sunday School.

Muthill After-School Scripture Union Group.

After school, on a Monday, five very excited and enthusiastic children rush into the North Lounge for a snack and chat before we play a game then settle down to consider how Gods Word impacts on our lives. The team of leaders are drawn from Muthill, and local Adventist & Baptist churches. It's been such a delight to see the young people grow in their understanding of our faith. From Easter we have been following the SU One Big Story. We have looked at the Great Commission, Pentecost, Persecution, Saul's Conversion, learning how the Good News is for everyone, Pauls missionary journey with lots of questions, drama, discussions, crafts, prayers etc. We are looking forward to having Bruce Lockhart our regional SU staff workers visit on 13th June. It will be sad to say goodbye to our 2 P7 boys on 20 June as they move to High School. They have given up a lot to come each week, Covid permitting, since they were in P4. Please remember them along with our other young folk in your prayers.

Liz Mitchell
Education Convener

**ROAD
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STOP PRESS

If you travelling from Muthill to Crieff (A822) between 09:00am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday please note that North Bridge St Road will be closed for 2 weeks from 20 June.

God On Mute

Some readers may remember that I recommended a book by Pete Greig on *How to Pray*, which I found helpful to my personal prayer life. I would now like to recommend another by the same author which covers the difficult issue of unanswered prayer.



The experience of God's silence to prayer particularly in the midst of suffering can be very testing to one's faith. This elephant in the room is rarely addressed, but in Pete Greig's book, *God on Mute** there is an in-depth analysis, accompanied by a poignant personal account, which offers

us a way forward when our prayers go dark. As one commentator has said, "Don't lose your faith, don't abandon your prayers, read this book", and Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, goes even further to state it is a Christian classic.

I guess what I like about this book is that it reminds us that life was never intended to be easy and at times for most of us it can be hard. However, whilst suffering may lead to questioning the image of an all loving and all powerful God, we should not forget that Jesus too had unanswered prayers through the four days of his betrayal, death, burial and resurrection. The book goes into some detail on Jesus prayers and how they should be interpreted.

Greig reminds us that Jesus was a man of sorrows and we should not confuse hope and dreams with reality of life. Miracles by definition are rare and it is not for us to query why and when God interjects. Life is never intended as easy and the more we can place suffering in balance with other good things in our lives, the more we will see suffering in a Christian context. God still hates suffering but cannot always intervene if the world is to maintain its balance and we must remember that we still live in the period between Fall and Redemption.

Citing experiences from his own life and many others, the author reminds us that prayers to be answered have to be honest and trusting. There is little comfort in anger and no hope in doubt. We need to surrender to God's Will accepting that our faith will have different forms as we progress through life.



“In a world where many see God as some kind of spiritual ATM, Pete Greig reminds us that first and foremost it is not what we are asking in prayers that matters, but rather whom we have the privilege of asking.”

Editor

*Pete Greig, is founder of the 24-7 prayer movement, with its Lectio 365 daily prayer App, and is Senior Pastor of Emmaus Road Church, a multi-site church based in the Guildford, Woking and Aldershot region.

God on Mute, Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer is available through Amazon or from any religious bookstore in hard back/paperback format, or as an E-Book and as an audiobook.

Lectio 365

Have you tried this daily devotional guide from the 24/7 Prayer Movement? You can find the Lectio 365 App in the APP store on your mobile phone. It provides daily help on praying with readings, prayer and guidance on reflection.

Church Snippets

Singing Group

The Church Singing Group will recommence its practices on Thursday evenings starting on Thursday 16th June when Elizabeth returns from New Zealand. New members are very welcome.

Church Grounds

We thank Willie Bell for cutting the grass in the church grounds. It is hoped to arrange a roster to undertake the necessary work to keep the church grounds in order. A small plaque to indicate the tree laid on 6th March by the Children of the Church to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has now been added. The Kirk Session has also approved that the external Church sign should be updated.

New Electric Organ

A new clavinova approved by the Kirk Session has been purchased. The cost has been met through a VAT rebate connected with listed buildings of worship. It should be in situ in June.

Bible Course

The Editor has recently been taking part in an eight session course on The Bible and its relevance to today. The course provides an excellent explanation of how the Bible was framed and how to understand the historical relevance of its different books and their specific place in the Bible. The course is based on Andrew Ollerton's book, "The Bible - A story that makes sense of Life", and has a video accompaniment, manual and discussion questions.

It is one of the best online courses that I have participated in and has provided me with a new much fuller understanding of the Bible. Up until now, I have very much been a dipper into the Bible and have not had such a clear understanding of how it all hangs together. I am, therefore, keen to go through it again as I have the full resources and wonder whether anyone would be interested in joining me in doing this. If anyone is interested, please contact me on 07825544225. I am planning doing it over the summer.



Soup and Sandwich Lunch Dates Wednesdays 15th and 29th June

Served in the Bruce Hall at 12.30 pm



Join us for homemade soup and
sandwiches and good company.
Bring a friend – everyone welcome.

Cost - £3

See Helen-May or Sheena for more information

Honouring Trinity Gask and Kinkell



As many will have read in the last edition of *The Bridge*, the Kirk Session at Trinity Gask and Kinkell has decided to dissolve the congregation rather than face union and closure under the proposed Presbytery Plan. When this happens, this sadly will mark the end of our linkage and for Trinity Gask and Kinkell the end of a congregation. Whilst remaining members will always be warmly welcomed at Muthill Parish Church, we commiserate with what will be an emotional loss. It therefore, seemed appropriate to publish the following short history from church archives as a mark of respect.

The name Trinity Gask and Kinkell tells us it was a union of two congregations. Kinkell, was a parish on the other side of the Earn. The church building was built in 1782.

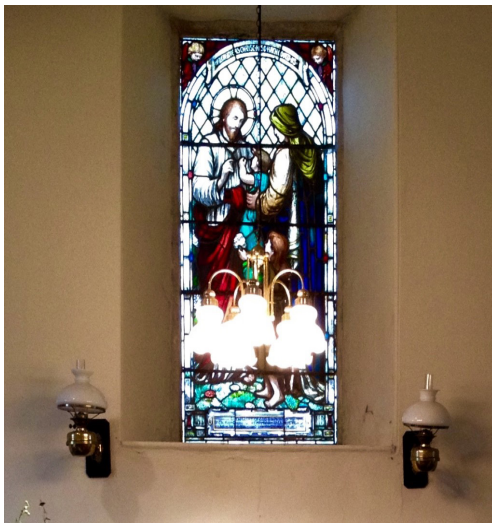
It replaced an older one dedicated to St Bean, the ruins of which can still be



seen across the road from it. St Bean lived in the area in the first half of the 10th century. Kinkell Church was closed in 1984 and is now a private house beside the road. In that year the united church was also linked with Muthill Parish Church.

The Church of St Bean and the Church of the Holy Trinity were in existence about 1200 AD. In that year the Earl of Strathearn gave the Church of St Bean at Kinkell as an endowment to the Abbey of Inchaffray. A few years later he added to the endowment the Church of the Holy Trinity at Gask. After the Reformation both Parishes were in existence and each had a Minister, but in 1639 they were united under the Minister of Trinity Gask. For some years St Bean's Church continued to be used for worship - but ultimately it fell into ruins.

The Trinity Gask building goes back to 1770 but was likely built on the site



of an earlier church. Down the hill from the church is a well, now overgrown, which may have marked a holy site and the reason for building a church here. Still within living memory the water of that well was used for baptising infants. A feature of note in the Church is the Daniel Cottier stained glass window. Cottier was born in Glasgow and was buried in New York in 1891. Few of his works can be seen in UK, but he was venerated in America, Canada, Australia and is said to have influenced the

likes of Van Gogh, Louis Comfort Tiffany and William Morris.

There is an old rhyme about Kinkell:

*“Was there e’er sic a parish, a parish:
Was there e’er sic a parish as that o’ Kinkell?
They’ve hangit the minister, drowned the precentor,
Dang Doon the steeple, and drucken the bell”*

The rhyme, which gives rise to the reputation of “the terrible parish” refers to the Rev Richard Duncan, deposed in February 1682 and hanged in June that year “for murdering an infant begotten by him with his servant maid, it being found buried under his own hearth-stone.” He protested his innocence to the end. A reprieve arrived in Crieff but it was 20 minutes too late.

The precentor led the worship in those days before organs. The services at Trinity Gask and Kinkell took place on alternate Sundays. On one occasion he was crossing the river Earn on the ferry (before the bridge was built) from Trinity Gask to the service at Kinkell, and he drowned.

When Kinkell Church was rebuilt in the 18th century it had no steeple, so the bell wasn’t needed and ended up in Cockpen Church, outside Edinburgh where it is still rung every Sunday.

Not to be outdone by Kinkell, a former minister of Trinity Gask, Rev Dr John Kemp, left in 1779 to be minister at the Tolbooth in Edinburgh, where he became the minister of Clarinda the woman who stole Robert Burns’ heart (at least for a month, until he broke off their relationship to marry Jean Armour shortly afterwards). John Kemp had apparently written to her in no uncertain terms that her affair with Burns must end, she being a married woman. Burns saw his letter, and attacked it as “puritanic scrawl” and him as “the half-inch soul of an unfeeling, cold-blooded, pitiful presbyterian bigot, (who) cannot forgive anything above his dungeon bosom and foggy head.”

Presbytery Elder

Following the departure of Inez Robinson, Graham Donaldson has kindly agreed to take over as our Presbytery Elder. With the imminent changes coming from the new Presbytery Plan, we are glad that Graham will be there representing us.

Christian Aid Report

Thanks again go to Alison Hockley our Christian Aid organiser and to everyone who contributed to this year's Christian Aid appeal. The Bridge is pleased to report that through donations for refreshments after church and the envelopes scheme, Muthill Parish Church raised £661 this year.



Christian Aid is the official relief and development agency of 41 Christian churches in the UK and Ireland, and works to support sustainable development, eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia

Funds raised during Christian Aid Week will help the charity continue its work, for example buying water taps for a community garden or building storerooms to store and preserve food.

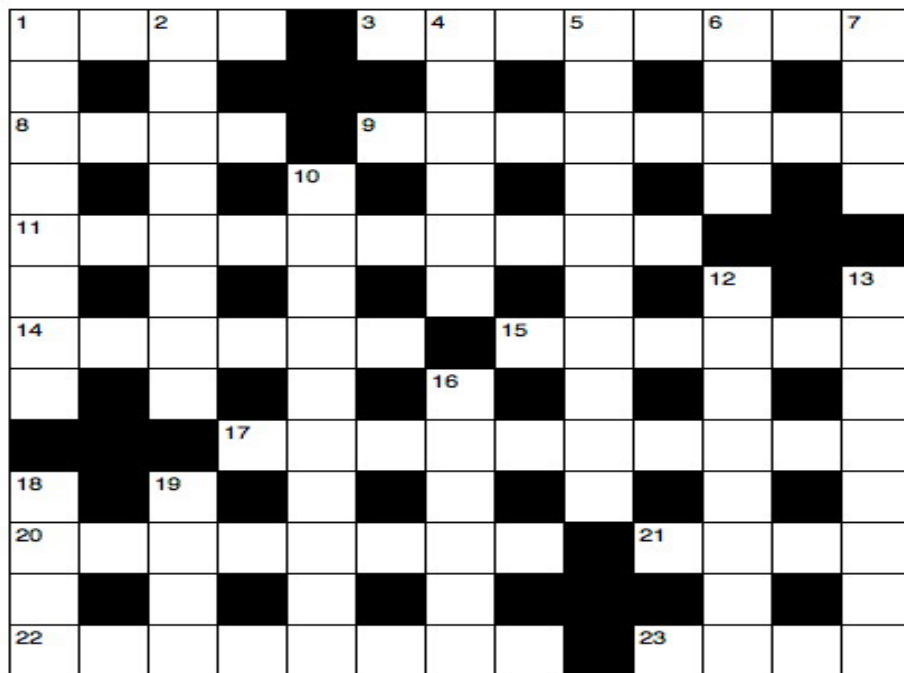
In rural Zimbabwe, seven out of ten women rely on farming to earn a living and provide for their families. But with no rain, women can't grow enough food for their children. In times of drought, many families can only afford to eat one bowl of porridge a day.

Jessica Mwedzi lives in Chadanyika village, Mutoko District in the northeast of the country. She explains, "One year, we had no rain. The scorching sun burnt my crops just as they were about to bloom. It was so painful and disheartening."

She adds: "My children crave a decent meal, but I can't provide. It pains me to send them to bed hungry".

Through local partners, Christian Aid helps the most at-risk communities in Mutoko and Mudzi districts prepare for and adapt to the changing climate, empowering vulnerable communities to grow drought-resistant crops, build storerooms to preserve food for the dry months and learn new skills for alternative employment.

Bible Crossword



Crossword Clues and Answers

Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)

17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)

20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)

21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)

4 'We three kings of — are' (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)

12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)

19 Rear(anag.)(4)

Thanks

Thanks go to Gregor Elliott and Isabel Dernie at Ross Bell and Co. for their work and support in handling to the new email arrangements for the Bridge

Village Comes Alive Again After COVID

The village is certainly coming live again after recent COVID restrictions have been relieved and things are getting back to a more normal status.



Muthill in Bloom ran an excellent plant sale and coffee morning which was well supported by the local community raising over £1100. This was followed by a Table Top sale also in the village hall on 28th May which raised £600. Another table top sale is planned for November and Corrina Robertson informs us that the tables are already taken with a growing waiting list. This time they tables will have all new products.



Then the village enjoyed the Strathearn Young Farmer's bringing their tractor run through the village and according to reports it was bigger and better than ever.

The Jubilee Picnic Jamboree in Highlandman Park on Sunday 5th June Park was blessed with sun and lots of entertainment, including a dog agility demonstration, face painting, tattoos, crafts and

refreshments. An amazing cross section of the village turned up to make



it a very joyous occasion. A few folk from the church made cupcakes which the children then decorated with icing and assorted sprinkles and butterflies. The children enjoyed decorating the cakes, the more decorations the better! The children (including the Editor) then had the satisfaction of eating them! A good time was had by all! Many thanks to those who helped.

Finally, the Village Gala will also be going ahead this year from 19th-26th June. There will be various events during the week including the Gala Procession through the village and then entertainment in Highlandman Park. Congratulations also

go to this year's Princess who is Katie Garrow. Please note that Muthill Parish Church will be having a stall at the event on Sunday 26th June and will be looking for volunteers to man it. The Communications Team are giving consideration to what form of presence the Church stall will take.

It promises to be a fun packed summer, and once again thanks go to all residents of the village who give so much of their time to make these events successful. It certainly benefits the community spirit, and if you have not been involved in any of these events before, keep up to date with what is happening by checking in every few days with the Facebook, *Muthill Past and Present* website. The full Gala Programme will appear on that site. We will also continue to use the Bridge and the Church website to keep you informed.



Blessed are You

Blessed are you who take time to listen to difficult speech, for you help us to know that, if we persevere, we can be understood.

Blessed are you who walk with us in public places and ignore the stares of strangers, for in companionship we find relaxation.

Blessed are you who never bid us, "Hurry up", nor snatch our tasks from our hands to do them for us, for often we need time more than help.

Blessed are you who ask for OUR help, for our greatest need is to be needed.

Contributed by Pat Porter

Crossword Solution:

ACROSS:

1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

DOWN:

1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

Editor's Note

Summer Edition

The next edition of the magazine will be published for Sunday 14th August. This means that the deadline for receiving articles for inclusion in that edition will be Friday 5th August. Items should be emailed to macahiph@gmail.com or sent by post to Sandy Hutchison, GreenBrae West, Pitkellony Street, Muthill PH52AF. Please understand that all articles submitted have to be subject to possible adjustment to suit the balance of the magazine's content and its physical confines. If space does not permit, submissions will be considered for the next edition.

Muthill Elders Sunday Welcome Duties



June

5 th June:	Sandy Bayne, Graham Donaldson
12 th June:	Jim Cantlie, Irene Foster, Peter McIntosh
19 th June:	Willie Bell, Davina Brown, Charlie Bruce, Edith O'Brien
26 th June:	Gregor Elliot, Sheena Plummer, James Thomson

July

3 rd July:	Sandy Bayne, Graham Donaldson
10 th July:	Jim Cantlie, Irene Foster, Peter McIntosh
17 th July:	Willie Bell, Davina Brown, Charlie Bruce, Edith O'Brien
24 th July:	Gregor Elliott, Sheena Plummer, James Thomson
31 st July:	Sandy Bayne, Graham Donaldson

August

7 th August:	Jim Cantlie, Irene Foster, Peter McIntosh
14 th August:	Willie Bell, Davina Brown, Charlie Bruce, Edith O'Brien
21 st August:	Gregor Elliott, Sheena Plummer, James Thomson
28 th August:	Sandy Bayne, Graham Donaldson



The Mission Statements Of Our Linked Churches

There are various definitions of a Mission Statement but in essence a Church Mission Statement is a broad statement, set out in clear and simple terms, which seeks to explain why we exist as a Church and what we hold dear in driving us forward

Muthill Parish Church

aims to be

A place to find peace and welcome

A people growing in Christian faith and love

A presence at the heart and soul of the community

Trinity Gask and Kinkell Church

aims to maintain our warm worship, close community and an open door

Magazine Graphics & Cover Photo

Our cover photo this month is of the bluebell season at Strowan Woodland Cemetery on the back road from South Bridge, Crieff to Comrie. A truly picturesque peaceful setting with views of the river and the hills beyond. Picture and graphics by Raffie.

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