

THE BRIDGE



Church News
Muthill Kiddy Club
Reading the Bible
Sanctuary First



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Kirk Register

Marriages:

Katie Reid to Dennis O'Sullivan on 3 September
2022

Deaths:

Grace McLennan on 30 September, 2022

Message from Interim Moderator

Dear Friends,

I wonder what your favourite season is?

My favourite season has to be autumn. The colours are so vibrant, the textures so crisp and the smells are so earthy and deep. The birds are ready to leave for warmer horizons and small animals scurry around finding food to store away for a long winter.

For me there is something quite special about seeing the garden and surrounding countryside slowing down to lie dormant to give nature the chance to rest and gain strength for the following spring.

In our church communities we are starting to plan our festivals of harvest and Christmas to praise and glorify God for the amazing gift He has given us in creation. We must be serious in our stewardship of His wonderful creation.

Take time to walk slowly with God through autumn this year, enjoy the experience and let it grow your faith and love in God. Delight in the experience and praise the Lord!

God Bless,

Rev Mairi Perkins



Editorial

It is fair to assume that no one across the country is unaware of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II last month. She was probably the most recognizable women in the world! It is also sad to reflect that it was only in our last edition of the Bridge magazine, I was offering her our congratulations on her Platinum Jubilee as it was so well deserved.

Difficult though it is to accept only a few weeks after her death, we must accept that her passing marks the end of an era in which most of us have never known any other monarch and, more importantly, it marks the passing of a monarch who was truly a wonderful example of service and duty to her people. She had a strong Christian faith. In today's world with secularism being so widespread that is exceptional and noteworthy. It would appear also to be widely recognised as the driver behind her successful approach to her role as monarch and as head of the Royal family. It gave her inner guidance, serenity, wisdom and hope and undoubtedly her rule enhanced the distinct and unique position that the British monarch has as Head of State, outside politics and as a unifier of our United Kingdom.



We wish King Charles III the very best as he takes on the role as King and like his mother he will undoubtedly have to find ways of moulding it to the

demands of an ever-changing society. Anyone who has watched television coverage of late will know that this is no easy task and we, therefore, pray that he too will be guided by his faith and will find strength in the insights and experience of his late mother.

There is much too that we can all take from her late Majesty's example in helping us to strengthen our own personal faith and in seeing our own roles in this world. There seems to me to be little doubt that our country and society in general needs the attributes of a strong and vibrant church which points the way to a more neighbourly society with sound values. In Muthill, our church should be at the centre of our village life acting and displaying leadership by example whilst always being warm and welcoming to all. Just as her late Majesty did, day in and day out, our faith should give each one of us purpose and meaning in our lives and give us an inner sense of direction which is always outward looking to others and Godly in character.

God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in my eyes
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart
And in my thinking;
God be at my end,
And at my departing.
Amen



Communion Sundays

Please note that the next Church Service with Holy Communion at Muthill Parish Church will be Sunday 27th November, 2022 (last Sunday in November) and at Trinity Gask and Kinkell on Sunday 6th November (first Sunday in November)

Kiddy Club



I thought it would be a good idea to let you know how we are doing at the Kiddy Club. We have now been running for 4 years which is hard to believe! We are now full on all but one day which means we have 19 or 20 children in for each session. We also have a waiting list on 3 of the days which is amazing! In total, we provide childcare to 27 families, most who

need this in order to work, with 45 children on our register. Since opening we have provided over 30,000 hours worth of childcare places to the local community!

We employ 3 staff – Kathryn who collects children from Braco Primary School and nursery; and Lisa and Lorraine who are our childcare practitioners. Lorraine just started with us in August this year.

We offer varied activities and these change each week. We are blessed to have been given many donations over the years, some of which have come from members of the congregation and community. Items include



all of our lego, a dolls house, tights that we used to make hairy grass caterpillars, bubbles, paper, bundles of fabric, board games, and teddy bears that allowed us to have a 'Build Your Own Bear' day during summer club.

We couldn't have reached this point without the support from our church family and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us, donated items, and prayed for us. Also, thank you to Liz and Alex who asked us to re-decorate the Noah's Ark animal stones for outside

the church. The children had a lot of fun deciding which animals to draw and loved using the paint to design them!

We must also apologise if you come across any paper aeroplanes in the church. We allow the older children to make and fly these in the church as there is so much space there. They are supposed to clear them away at the end of each session but sometimes they get lost!

Did you know, we are a fully regulated childcare service? We are registered with the Care Inspectorate who come out without warning to inspect our service. Our last inspection was in November 2021. Our latest inspection report can be found at <https://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/care-services>

Just type in 'Muthill' in the keywords section and you'll find our service. We have to abide by their rules and regulations and also that of the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC), with staff adhering to the SSSC Codes of Practice and the Health and Social Care Standards. We have a number of risk assessments in place to keep both the staff and children safe whilst at the Club. This means that church members and other members of the public are not allowed to access the building at the same time as us unless agreed through prior discussion with us. We must have all doors locked at all times and staff carry keys with them in the event of a fire. If we leave doors unlocked then a child could get out or someone unwelcome could get access. Please bear this in mind if you need to access the church building and also note that the club only runs between 2.30-6.30pm on Mondays-Thursdays, with the children only in between 3pm and 6pm on these days. We would welcome your continued support and thank you from our staff team and the children!



Jennifer and David McRae
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Update from Klaus and Maureen

It was good to meet up with some of you recently at St Andrew's beach, where we could share a barbecue and a blether. It was also nice to receive a visit from some of the Guild ladies in Letham a wee while ago. We are encouraged that things are going well and new ventures are being tried, like the trip to St Andrew's.

I thought it would be useful to give you an update of what we have been doing. It is now almost 6 months since I retired. We've been kept busy with the large garden in our new house, getting to know the locals in the church and the walking group, and exploring the many coffee shops in Angus. It has been good to have more time to see the family. We are on regular child minding duty on Tuesdays for Andrew's wee ones, and nearer Stephen and his family in Gardenstown, meeting half way sometimes.

Just a few weeks ago we did something we talked about doing 12 years



ago but it didn't happen. We took a trip to Oberammergau for the 10 yearly Passion Play. The trip was organised by McCabe Travel and the group we went with was led by Iain and Marjorie Paton, who are known to you all. The play began almost 400 years ago when the plague was sweeping Europe. The parishioners promised that if they were spared they would

perform the story of Jesus every 10 years. Ironically, Covid prevented it happening in 2020, but it happened again this Summer. This must be an almost unique example of a promise kept. Just about the whole town is involved, 3000 people, old and young, and even horses, sheep, goats and a couple of camels! The young lad behind the bar at our accommodation was on the stage in a prominent role. It is a moving dramatisation of the gospel. Although we attend the local church in Letham we have been taking a back seat for now. As you know there are huge changes going on, parishes being re-organised and presbyteries being re-organised. Maybe once the dust settles we'll see what opportunities and needs there are in the new set up. In the meantime, if any of you are in the area (near Forfar) give us a call. End.

Muthill Family Service

1st Sunday in September

Our first service following the summer recess was a great start. Our theme and lesson were made in the image of God based on Psalm 139. "Lord you have examined me and **know me**.....you put me together in my mother's womb...all the days allotted to me are written in your book..."

After a quick snack and chat we enjoyed singing with the Wesley Wuppets "Made in the image of God" (you can find this on YouTube). The whacky races with our Lego cars was one highlight. The grand national paled into insignificance by the roar of the crowd screaming for their car to reach the finishing line first. Many of them fell to pieces but the lesson was that God who made us knows how we were made and designed us to be fixed. We made finger print images of our families. At the end as more adults joined in we sang our blessing. May God's blessing surround you this day... It was a beautiful moment.

Family Harvest Service

On the last Sunday in September the family harvest service was very well attended by young and old alike as together we presented our thanksgiving to our God for the Harvest and brought produce and other gifts for the Crieff Foodbank and Christian Aids India appeal.

1st Sunday October 10:00 – 10:45

Theme: Psalm 23

1st Sunday Nov 10:00 – 10:45

Theme: Psalm 1

1st Sunday Dec 10:00 – 10:45

Theme: Advent.

Liz Mitchell



**Please tell others
about this. Everyone
is welcome.**

Scripture Union Scotland

Perth, Kinross & Fife News

After 20 years as our regional worker Bruce Lockhart has taken up a new post in SU Scotland as Missions Development Manager. Bruce is well suited to this post as I personally witnessed as I assisted on a local mission under his leadership. Sadly, this will leave a vacancy in PK&F. Please pray about this.

Muthill SU

There is a lovely wee group of kids rushing up from school on Mondays. SU One Big Story is the basis of our teaching material. It's a two-year programme showing how the Bible is One Big Story of God's love for us from Genesis to Revelation. We started with Creation, Adam & Eve's big mistake and then it gets worse and God sent the flood. Next up will be Abraham, Isaac ...of course you know the rest.

It is likely that a SU gap year student may have a placement with our SU group. It will be good to welcome someone more youthful to help share the Good News while we also learn from them.

Liz Mitchell

Sanctuary First

We live in an increasingly "tech" world with much of our time spent in checking our smart phones or searching for online information or entertainment. Some of it is helpful to daily living and some can be less so often encouraging us to spend when we do not really need to do so. Then some can be downright dangerous such as scams or sites portraying blatantly harmful information. Today's online world is not easy to manoeuvre safely but it is a growing part of our society's way of communicating with each other, and as such, as churches, we too have to carve out a meaning place aimed at the chosen audiences with which we wish to communicate. This is why our new Communications Team in Muthill Parish Church is giving attention to our website and to our community presence on Facebook.

However, in this article, we seek to draw your attention to an online website

in the field of faith and church activities which is closely affiliated with the Church of Scotland. Its name is **Sanctuary First** and it is found at www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk.



Sanctuary First describes itself as a vibrant open-hearted online worshipping community which is passionate about exploring new ways for people to connect with God, spirituality and one another. In the busy almost overwhelming digital world it seeks to give you the opportunity to pause, draw breath, to take a quiet moment and to find a little sanctuary. It aims to be a resource for the wider church and a fresh way to engage with Christianity for those who are unfamiliar or unused to church.

It publishes readings and prayers for daily worship which can be accessed through its website or by downloading the App, or through social media or email. It also regularly produces live streamed events, music, podcasts and conferences. As such it is ever expanding network not only in Scotland but across the world seeking to connect and inspire as guided by the Heavenly Father.

I have dipped into this site now on several occasions and have been so amazed at the scale of what it provides that I am almost a regular. There is something for everyone ranging from reflections, readings and prayers covering many emotional situations under Support and Encouragement to a weekly Book Club by zoom, a virtual Coffee Shop after church worship to video interviews on Faith and the Arts linking the two through interviews with well-known artists of our day. I have just listened to Ian Rankin on the subject of how we need to open our churches more to the community in engaging ways. There is also a review of the past week with the Sanctuary First Team and guests, plenty inspirational music to listen to and guided studies on the Bible which can be used individually or by connect groups.

I would certainly encourage you to visit the site and even consider downloading the App as I would be surprised if you do not find something of interest to take you back again and again and to be stimulated by it.

Editor

Church News

Maintenance of Church Grounds

Thanks go to the volunteer grass cutting force who have undertaken grassing cutting and strimming of the church grounds over the growing season. The last cutting will take place in October

AV System

This important service to our Sunday worship and to those of the congregation who are housebound and unable to attend church services needs further volunteer operators, so that the load can be shared more evenly. Full training will be provided. If you feel that you can help and wish to learn more, please contact Joe Knowles.

The more trained operators we have the easier the burden of providing this service for our Sunday worship services.

House Groups

Joining a local house group is considered an important part of our church as it encourages learning of our faith in a more intimate setting as well as providing fellowship amongst our membership. There are leaflets on the magazine stand in the church vestibule giving details of the current house groups in existence and who to contact if you wish to join one. There are several in Crieff and now two based in Muthill. They meet on different days and at different times so there is plenty of choice.

Muthill Parish Church Kirk Session

The Kirk Session has decided to make an extra disbursement from the Burtinshaw legacy to help many in the village during the current *Cost of Living* crisis.

There is no further development to report as yet on the draft Presbytery Plan since parish consultation took place over the summer. During this consultation Muthill Parish Church Kirk Session agreed to report to Presbytery that they would support the proposal of a link with Blackford and Ardoch churches which are still considering implications of a proposed union. Trinity Gask & Kinkell Church Kirk Session has already confirmed that they have petitioned Presbytery for closure.

The Kirk Session are still seeking to find a new Pastoral Care Coordinator but arrangements on pastoral care are currently understood to be covering current needs.

The problems relating to the outgoing waste system from the church are still ongoing but rectification work will commence imminently.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 25th of September saw the annual Harvest Thanksgiving service in Muthill Parish Church with a good attendance and a welcome number of children amongst the congregation. Rev Alex Mitchell led the service and gave an excellent address with captivating videos and members of the congregation wrote messages on “thanks to God” prayer cards which were collected by some of the children and then placed on the harvest tree. It was a happy and joyous event in celebration to God for what local farmers have been reporting as a successful and early harvest.

Family Away Day

The Family Away Day held on Saturday 24th September attracted 29 participants and all had a fun time at the harbour beach in St Andrews. Some of the attenders travelled there by car and motorbike and others made the journey by the Bertie Bus. The trip was blessed with glorious sunny weather and the group joined many others on the beach where there was sandcastle building, hole digging and beach football. Some even braved paddling in the cool water of a September sea. The older fraternity who attended were also provided with comfortable beach chairs. BBQ food and drinks were organised by Adrian and Becky and much enjoyed by all.

There was also a surprise attendance by Klaus and Maureen Buwert, who were looking great and clearly enjoying their retirement in Letham, Angus.

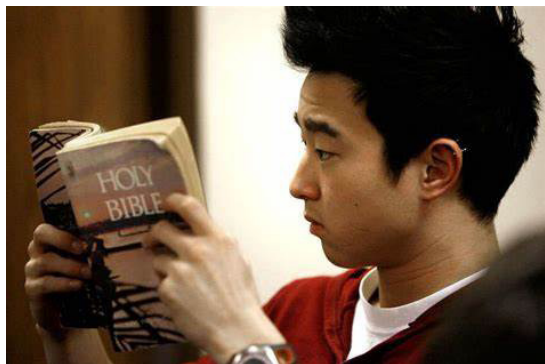
Thanks go to Adrian, Becky, Helen-May and Elaine who were the key organisers of the trip and to Graham, the driver of the Bertie Bus.



Some more photos from our Church Away day



Reading the Bible



Many of us read the Bible regularly and often on a daily basis, but for others, perhaps because of its size and at times complicated text, reading can be more spasmodic and only done through dipping into selective texts. This can make it difficult to get to grips with the big picture it provides. Whilst God was its architect, it has to be remembered that it was

written by over 40 human authors over a period of 1500 years. These authors include kings, fishermen and scholars. It was also written in three different languages.

It is without doubt a very big book, but it has harmony and continuity from Genesis to Revelation. It also remains the world's bestseller year on year and need not be remote to anyone as there are lots of guidance available on how to approach it purposefully and to avoid pitfalls. As the quote clearly reminds us "if you take a text out of context you are left with a con".

There is, therefore, great value in always asking two questions in reading passages of the Bible:

- **WHAT** – What does the reading mean in its original context?
- **NOW WHAT** – Now what does this passage mean for my life today?

There are also different types of translations:

- **Literal** includes versions such as King James version and the more recent English Standard version
- **Equivalent** includes the New International Version and the New Living Translation
- **Paraphrase** includes the God News Bible and The Message

If you want a book which gives guidance on how to read the Bible in an easy-to-understand style, then Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart's book, which is now in its third edition, is worth getting*. I also like to use an Application Study Bible as it provides helpful explanations and background to each verse and how to relate any passage to your life. It also provides



useful background bio-details of the author of each book with maps and illustrations to give you a fuller picture.

One last point to remember, because getting the most out of reading the Bible requires personal reflection, is always to find a quiet and comfortable place that fits into your routine.

*How to read the Bible for All its Worth, Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart, published by Zondervan



SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH DATES

AUTUMN 2022

5TH OCTOBER 19TH OCTOBER	2ND NOVEMBER 16TH NOVEMBER 30TH NOVEMBER
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SERVED IN THE BRUCE HALL AT 12.30 PM

JOIN US FOR HOMEMADE SOUP AND SANDWICHES
AND GOOD COMPANY.

BRING A FRIEND - EVERYONE
WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL HELEN-MAY ON 681415





Muthill Sportive Blessed with a Sunny Day



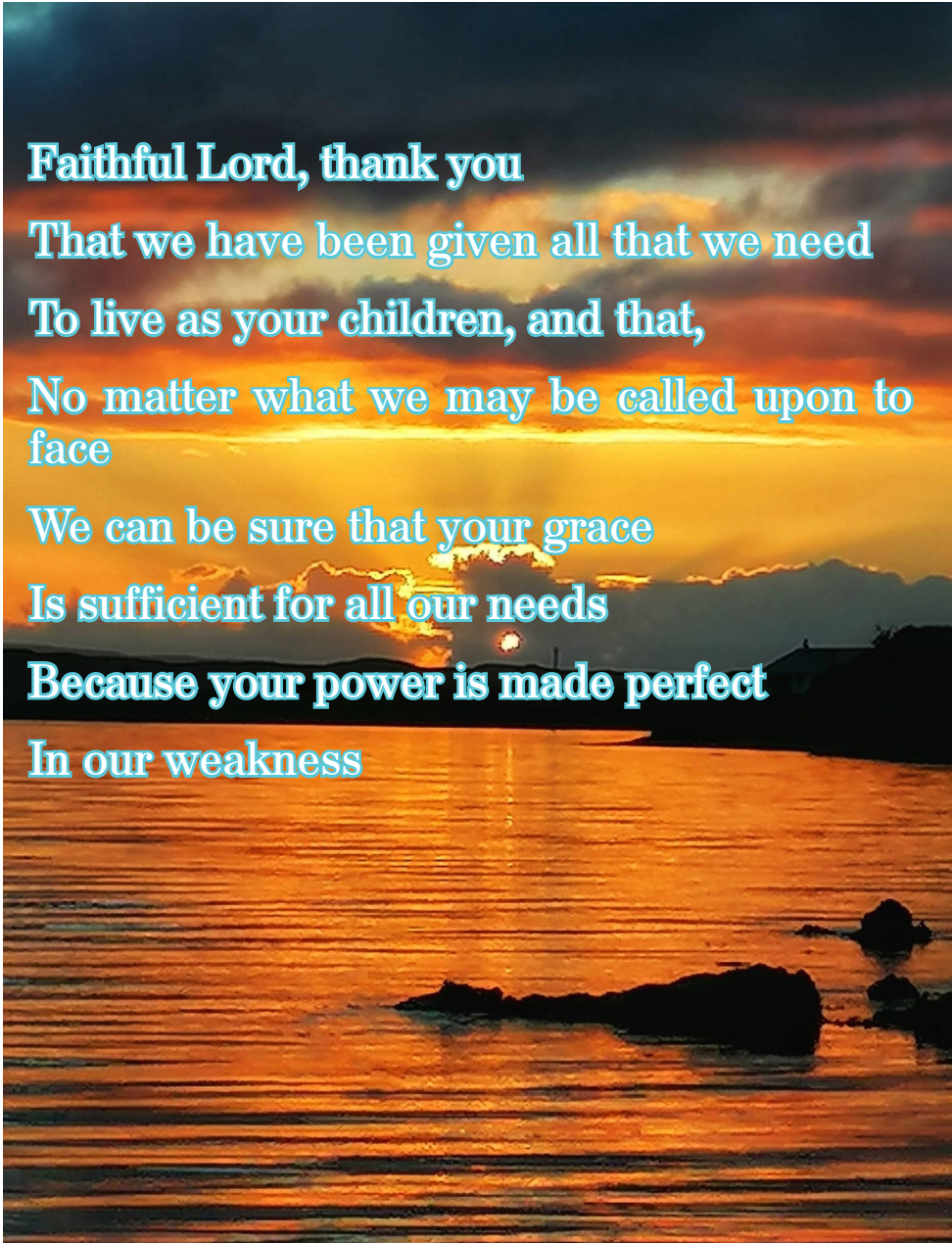
This year's Muthill Sportive event was originally scheduled for June but in the end had to be cancelled on the actual day because of high winds. The rearranged date of 10th September was also hit by the sad death of Her Majesty the Queen a few days earlier, but it continued on that date with a minute's silence before the main body of the cyclists took off. This time it was blessed by a bright sunny autumn day.

The event, as usual, had four sections for different abilities of cyclists ranging from the Sportive over 67 miles, the challenge over 31 miles, the easy over 13 miles and finally the family run over 4 miles. This year the main event had over 130 registered participants. Starting from the grounds of Muthill Parish Church which was bedecked with various tents for registration, bike maintenance and an impressive food station, the various routes then dispersed over the beautiful roads of the Strathearn valley and beyond.



Organised under the Muthill Village Trust, this charity has the aim of supporting and delivering projects to enhance the village. It is a membership organisation and all residents of the village can become members without any joining fee. The Trust supported the first phase of the building of the cycle path and will continue on phase two which will eventually create a separate cycle link

between Muthill and Crieff. The Trust also holds funds from the sale of the village recreation hall for use on new projects and also coordinates the Oil Buying Club as well as organising the annual Sportive event. Anyone interested in keeping in touch with the Trust's activities or even becoming a member of the Board can get in touch through muthillvillagetrust@gmail.com.

A sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow that reflects on the water. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds. In the foreground, a large, dark rock sits in the water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Faithful Lord, thank you

That we have been given all that we need

To live as your children, and that,

No matter what we may be called upon to
face

We can be sure that your grace

Is sufficient for all our needs

Because your power is made perfect

In our weakness

Glen Artney Harvest Thanksgiving



The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Church Service at the beautiful Glen Artney Church, owned by the Drummond Estate, will be held on **Sunday 23rd October at 3 pm**. This is always a very special service attracting many of the congregation to attend.

Muthill Parish Church Worship Team has undertaken the organisation of this event for a number of years and this year we will be doing so again. We hope that this will be a date that you will put it in your diary. We also encourage you to bring your friends. If we can fill the church as we almost did last year, it will provide some wonderful autumn memories!

The parable of the Shrewd Manager



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



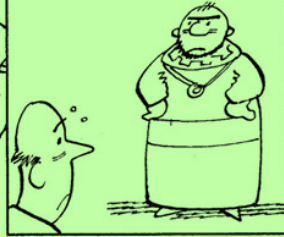
ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.

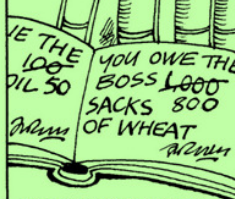


THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANAGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



OH NO! I AM GOING TO GET THE SACK!!

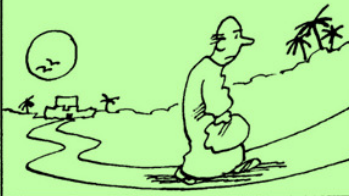


THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

All in the month of NOVEMBER

It was:

175 years ago, on 4th November 1847 that Scottish obstetrician James Young Simpson discovered the anaesthetic properties of chloroform. He helped popularise its use in medicine.

Also 175 years ago, on 8th November 1847 that Bram Stoker, Irish-born British writer, was born. He is best known for his Gothic horror novel Dracula.

125 years ago, on 15th November 1897 that Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan, British politician was born. He was the Minister of Health 1945-51 who led the establishment of the National Health Service.

100 years ago, on 4th November 1922 that British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen. On 26th November he reached a second sealed doorway and discovered the famous treasures.

80 years ago, on 5th November 1942 that the WW2 Second Battle of El-Alamein ended. British troops led by Generals Alexander and Montgomery defeated Rommel's German forces in Egypt. On 10th November, Winston Churchill announced: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

75 years ago, on 20th November 1947 that the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, took place at Westminster Abbey in London.

70 years ago, on 1st November 1952 that the USA carried out the first successful detonation of a hydrogen bomb, in a test on the Pacific island of Elugelab, Marshall Islands. The island was completely destroyed and no longer exists.

65 years ago, from 16th to 26th November 1957 that the first London Film Festival was held, at the National Film Theatre. (Now BFI Southbank.)

60 years ago, on 20th November 1962 that the Cuban Missile crisis ended and US President John F Kennedy lifted the military blockade of Cuba.

40 years ago, on 2nd November 1982 that Channel 4 Television was launched in the UK.

Also 40 years ago, on 30th November 1982 that Michael Jackson's album *Thriller* was released.

30 years ago, on 11th November 1992 that the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. The first women were ordained in March 1994.

Also 30 years ago, on 20th November 1992 that the Windsor Castle fire broke out in a private chapel and spread to a large part of the building. Damage was extensive and took five years to repair, at a cost of £40 million. Buckingham Palace was opened to the public for the first time to help raise the money.

25 years ago, on 17th November 1997 that the Luxor massacre took place in Egypt. Islamic militants killed 62 people (mainly tourists) outside the Temple of Hatshepsut archaeological site in Deir el-Bahari.

20 years ago, on 11th November 2002 that Microsoft founder Bill Gates pledged \$100 million to help fight AIDS in India.

Also 20 years ago, on 15th November 2002 that Myra Hindley, one of the notorious 'Moors Murderers' (with Ian Brady) died.

15 years ago, on 19th November 2007 that Amazon released its first Kindle e-book reader.

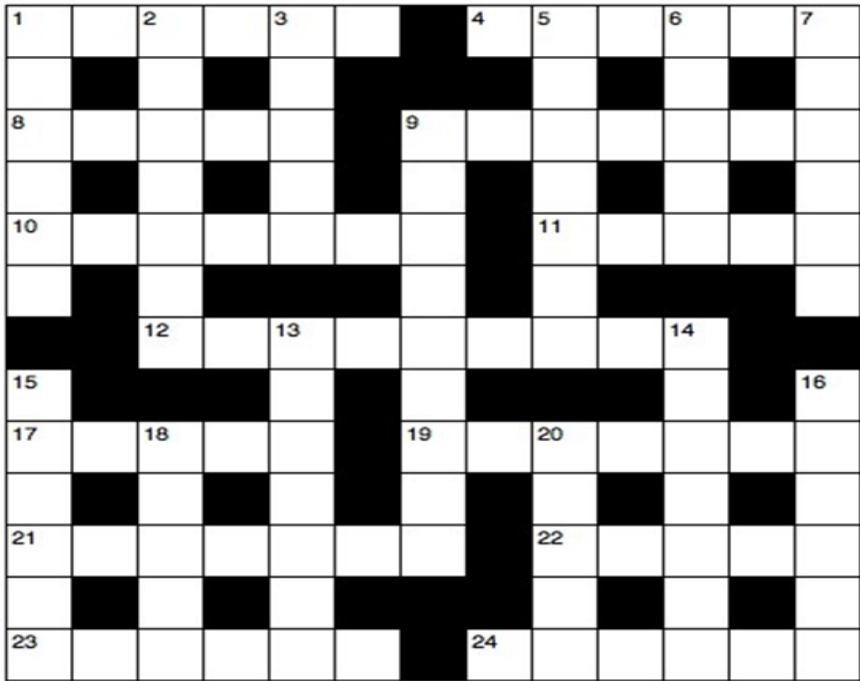


Singing Group Soiree

The Church Singing Group are thinking of holding a cosy evening soiree in the church with musical entertainment and tea afterwards, possibly on Friday 18th November.

So keep the date free if you can and await further confirmation via the intimation at church services and on Church websites.

Crossword



Crossword Clues & Answers

Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5)

12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9)

17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)

19 Mice den(anag.)(7)

21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)

22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)

23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)

24 Paul's birthplace(Acts22:3)(6)

Down

1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)

2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)

3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)

5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)

6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)

7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)

9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)

13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)

14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)

15 'If your hand — you to sin,cut it off'(Mark9:43)(6)

16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)

18 Track(Job41:30)(5)

20 Religious doctrine(5)

*Solution on page 27

Editor's Note

The next edition of the magazine will be our Christmas edition. The magazine will be published on Sunday 11th December, a couple of weeks in advance of Christmas, and so the deadline for submitting articles, intimations, letters etc. will be Friday 2nd December.

Please submit this to macahiph@gmail.com or send 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



October

Sunday 16th : Gregor Elliot, Sheena Plummer, James Thomson
Sunday 23rd : Sandy Bayne, Sandy Birnie, Graham Donaldson
Sunday 30th : Jim Cantlie, Irene Foster, Peter McIntosh

November

Sunday 6th : Willie Bell, Davina Brown, Charlie Bruce Edith O'Brien
Sunday 13th : Gregor Elliott, Sheena Plummer, James Thomson
Sunday 20th : Sandy Bayne, Sandy Birnie, Graham Donaldson
Sunday 27th : Jim Cantlie, Irene Foster, Peter McIntosh

December

Sunday 4th : Jim Cantlie, Irene Foster, Peter McIntosh
Sunday 11th : Willie Bell, Davina Brown, Charlie Bruce, Edith O'Brien
Sunday 18th : Gregor Elliot, Sheena Plummer, James Thomson
Sunday 25th : Sandy Bayne, Sandy Birnie, Graham Donaldson

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ACROSS: 1,

Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galal. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.

DOWN: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma



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

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