

Kirk News

Meldrum Bourtie

October / November 06

Dear friends,

I'm sure you've heard the story about how, in the heat of battle, a Major sent a courier with the message "Send reinforcements we're going to advance". As the message was passed from one courier to another along the trenches, with loud explosions occurring all around, it got distorted and the final message delivered was "Send three-and-fourpence, we're going to a dance!" (young folk ask your parents what three-and-fourpence means, it doesn't work with Euros).

Getting the wrong message is something we can all be guilty of, often because we genuinely didn't hear correctly but sometimes because we didn't *listen* properly, or we heard what we wanted to. A little girl returning home from Sunday School somewhere in Scotland told her mother that they had been taught a peculiar new song. Asked what it was, she said it went "I will make you vicious old men!" (I think the *fishers of men* got lost somewhere in the translation).

The church has a wonderful message to proclaim. It's about God's love, forgiveness, new life and eternity. It's about restored



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Parish Church**



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relationships, empowered lives and hope for the future. Many may not understand it, others may reject it – but everyone needs to hear it. That job has been given by God to us. Let’s declare it as clearly as we can in what we say, how we live our lives and in how we treat others, not least one another.

Enjoy the autumn.



Your friend,
Hugh O'Brien

Contacts

Name	Position
Rev. Hugh O'Brien	Minister
Jim Walker	Session Clerk
Mrs Mary Dow	Board Clerk
Mrs Marian Philip	Treasurer
Mrs Eileen Arthur	Gift Aid Convenor
Mrs Winnie Reid	Roll Keeper
Mrs Alison Milton	Rock Solid
Mrs Pat Patrone	Quest
Focus Groups:	
Billy Dalzell	Outreach & Communication Group
Mrs Ray Walker	Pastoral Care Group
Charlie Simpson	Worship Group
Sheila Bousefield	Audiotape Co-ordinator



The Guild

The new session of the Guild commenced on Monday 11 September with a visit from Rev Neil Gow from Newburgh & Foveran Church. Mr Gow's topic was "Church Music" and he brought his fiddle with him. Mr Gow started by explaining that he was born on Christmas Day in the south of England but came to Scotland very soon afterwards when his family found out about Neil Gow the famous fiddler. Mr Gow joined a folk group while at University. Despite taking all his music exams it was discovered he played by ear but when he joined a church choir he had to learn to read music. Mr Gow described different styles of tunes and how they were put together, how minor and major keys were used and how tempo was set by the number of beats in the bar. He also explained how texture could be different by changing the instrument and also how different harmonies worked. A very informative evening was enjoyed by all.

New members will always be welcome at the Guild.

All items for the December 2006 / January 2007 issue of Kirk News should be in the hands of the Editor by Sunday, 19th November 2006.

If you know of anyone who does not normally receive Kirk News and would like to, please contact the Editor, Simon Hill.

Appreciation

I would like to express my thanks to all the Church members who have supported me with telephone calls, cards, flowers, etc and practical help following my recent accident. I hope to be back with you all in the next few weeks.

Margaret Spence

Information Supplement

Dates for your Diary

Date	Place	Time	Remarks
October			
1 st	Bourtie	9.45am	Harvest Thanksgiving Baptism
	Meldrum	11am	Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday Club / Quest Dedications
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Power Praise
4 th Wed	Meldrum Church Hall	11am	Monthly Gathering
8 th	Meldrum	11am	Wendy from New Hope Trust – Praise Band musicians from Dalkeith
	Wyverie Court	2pm	Transport available
	Westbank Home	2.45pm	
	Meldrum Church Hall	3pm	Bereavement Service
9 th Mon	Meldrum Church	7.30pm	Guild Open Night Evening of Moody & Sankey Hymns Mr R Mack & Mr T Fobister
10 th Tues	Meldrum Church Hall	7.45pm	Board Meeting
15 th	Bourtie	9.45am	
	Meldrum	11am	Family Service
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Power Praise
22 nd	Meldrum	11am	
23 rd Mon	Meldrum Church Hall	7.30pm	Guild “Who told the bees?” – Mr Taylor, Drumlithie
29 th	Meldrum	11am	Communion
	Meldrum	6pm	Communion – less formal. Praise Band

Date	Place	Time	Remarks
November			
1 st Wed	Meldrum Church Hall	11 am	Monthly Gathering
5 th	Bourtie	9.45am	Communion
	Meldrum	11 am	Family Service Fairtrade Stall
	Wyverie Court	2pm	Communion Transport available
	Westbank Home	3pm	Communion
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Power Praise
12 th	Meldrum	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday
13 th Mon	Meldrum Church Hall	7.30pm	Guild Open Night – An evening with flowers – Miss Marie Cheyne, from Daviot.
19 th	Bourtie	9.45am	
	Meldrum	11 am	
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Power Praise
26 th	Meldrum Church Hall	10am	Alternative Service
	Meldrum	11 am	St Andrews Theme Service
27 th Mon	Meldrum Church Hall	7.30pm	Guild Talk – Life as a professional musician. Mr Norman English
December			
3 rd	Bourtie	9.45am	
	Meldrum	11 am	1 st in Advent - Family Service - Fair Trade Stall
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Power Praise
6 th Wed	Meldrum Church Hall	11 am	Monthly Gathering
10 th	Meldrum	11 am	2 nd in Advent
	Wyverie Court	2pm	Carol Service Transport available
	Westbank Home	2.45pm	Carol Service
11 th Mon	Meldrum Church Hall	7.30pm	Guild – Christmas Party Entertainment by Mrs C Eddie and friends, Fyvie

Meldrum Church Duty Rota									
Date	Door			Finance		Flowers			
	Mrs A McLean	Mrs L Reid	Mrs P Patrone	Mrs M Watt	G Smith				
Oct 1 st	Mrs A Gartly	Mrs B Webster	A Dobson	Miss E Hourston	Mrs W Reid	Mrs E Arthur			
8 th	C Simpson	Mrs M Cassidy	Mrs E Falconer	A Gunn	Mrs M Green	Mrs C Donald			
15 th	Mrs Davidson	K Ingram	Mrs S Moir	Mrs Richardson	F Sinclair	Mrs D Davidson			
22 nd						Mrs J Donald			
29 th						Mrs E Mitchell			
Nov 5 th	C Simpson	K Millar	Mrs S Wilson	F Sinclair	Mrs L Niven	Mrs Paterson			
12 th	K Ingram	Mrs R Walker	A Dobson	J Walker	Mrs M Philip	Remembrance			
19 th	Miss A Adams	Mrs McDonald	C Donald	B Reid	Miss E Hourston	Mrs W Moir			
26 th	Miss S Burgess	Mrs M Dow	Mrs S Simpson	Mrs M Watt	G Smith	Spare			
Dec 3 rd	Mrs A McLean	Miss E Porch	L Stevenson	A Gunn	Mrs Richardson	Mrs P Patrone			
Bourtie Duty Rota									
Date	Door			Flowers					
	I Peddie	Mrs Bousefield	Mrs S Peddie						
Oct 1 st	G Stephen	Mrs M Green	Mrs M McKay						
15 th	I Peddie	G Stephen	Mrs M Green						
Nov 5 th	Mrs Bousefield	I Peddie	Spare						
19 th	G Stephen	Mrs M Green	Spare						
Dec 3 rd									



HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

This is a service we provide to take hospital visitors to Aberdeen on Wednesdays, the Inverurie area, including Blythwood, Port Elphinstone and Badenscoth, Rothienorman on Thursdays at request of passengers.

Prospective visitors should phone the volunteers on duty between 6pm & 7pm on the day before their chosen run. If for any reason you have difficulty in contacting the volunteers phone: Mrs M. Green, Mrs M. MacDonald, or Mrs R Richardson.

Further volunteers for this list would be very welcome.

Aberdeen 2pm – 5pm	Month	Date	Volunteer
	October	4 th	Mr K Webster
		11 th	Mrs G Silver
		18 th	Mr A McCartney
		25 th	Mr T Fryers
	November	1 st	Mrs M Simmers
		8 th	Mrs M McKay
		15 th	Mr A Donald
		22 nd	Mr A McCartney
		29 th	Mr T Fryers
	December	6 th	Mrs M Simmers

Inverurie 2pm – 4pm	Month	Date	Volunteer
	October	5 th	Mrs E Arthur
		12 th	Mrs R Richardson
		19 th	Mrs E Arthur
		26 th	Mrs M Murray
	November	2 nd	Mrs E Arthur
		9 th	Mrs M MacDonald
		16 th	Mrs M McKay
		23 rd	Mrs M Murray
		30 th	Mr W Dow
	December	7 th	Mr W Dow

Fair Trade Coffee Morning

We will be holding this on November 11th, in the Church Hall, from 10am till 12 noon. There will be a produce stall and the Fair Trade stall will have Christmas gifts and cards. Catalogues will be available.

Please phone Ruth Richardson if you would like to help.

Coffee Morning

The total raised at the Coffee Morning and Mile of 20ps on Saturday 23rd September, was £2,307 – a really wonderful result. Although we didn't make a mile of 20ps there was £1,260 laid down.

Sincere thanks to the Royal British Legion for the use of their premises and car park and to everyone who, in so many different ways, helped in this very worthwhile fundraising effort.

Finally, to all who came on the day and gave so generously our sincere thanks.

Shoes for Romania

Many thanks to everyone who responded to the special appeal made for shoes, both for adults and children, for New Hope Trust to send to Romania. Recently a car load of footwear was delivered to NHT in Peterhead and this was very much appreciated.

Shoe boxes can be delivered to Church on, or before, Sunday 19th November.

Thanks,
Eileen

Bereavement Service

Sunday 8th October 2005 at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall.

This will be the 4th of these special services that has been held in the Church Hall. Families who had been recently bereaved have been invited to share in a short service of thanksgiving for the life of their loved one. Other people have come along to share in this service. It has proved to be a comforting experience.

Again this year we are inviting any of you who wish to share in this special service, because you, too, would like to remember a loved one, to come along to the Church Hall at 3 p.m. on Sunday 8th October 2005

Refreshments will be served after the service. If further information is required please get in touch with the Minister, or Jim and Ray Walker or your own Elder who will be able to give you any further information you may need.

Best kept War Memorial

The accolade as best kept war memorial without garden has gone to Oldmeldrum. The coveted silver rose bowl was accepted at a ceremony in Dunfermline by a local Royal British Legion Scotland Team led by 87 year old Chairman Willie Law. The Memorial was erected just after World War One and is regularly tended by a pair of former Gordons, Ian Fyfe and Sid Ross.



Christmas Parcel Appeal 2006

16th Year of Appeal

For over 16 years The New Hope Trust, based in Peterhead, has worked with the desperately needy in Eastern Europe. Each December they take thousands of “shoe box” sized parcels, wrapped in Christmas paper, full of sweets, toys, hats, gloves, soap, toothpaste and other small gifts to bring happiness and joy to many.

How to pack your “shoe box” present

1. Take an empty shoe box; wrap the box and its lid separately (this is a customs requirement).
2. Fill the box with appropriate items (see checklist). Tear off the facing page indicating what is enclosed in the parcel and put a circle around what age group and gender the present is for.
3. Then attach to the outside of the box. Please attach £2 to the OUTSIDE of each present, as this will help to pay for transport costs. If you would prefer to write a cheque please make it payable to “The New Hope Trust”.

Happy Christmas in Romanian is “Craciun Fercit”

With love from (your name) in Romanian is

“Cu Dragoste de la (your name)”

**Please bring your parcel to the 11am service
at Meldrum Parish Church on Sunday 19th November 2006.**

This shoe box contains:

Small toys Sweets		Gloves Hat	
Scarf Puzzles		Pens pencils crayons	
Colouring Book		Toothpaste	
Soap		Talc	
Comb		Razors	
Brush		Flannels	
Other			

All sweets sell by dates need to be at least to March 2007.

Please do **not** include any of the following:

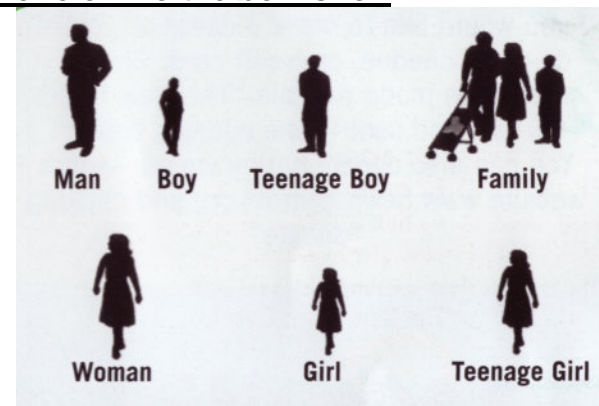
Toy guns, knives etc.

Medicines (vitamins, paracetamol etc.)

Alcohol or tobacco

Breakables such as mirrors, china etc.

Please circle who the box is for:



**Please bring your parcel to the 11am service
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Don't forget the £2 donation to transport costs.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Meldrum & Bourtie Parish Kirk invite you to their Alternative Service in the Church Hall, Oldmeldrum on the last Sunday of the month. Services normally start at 10am unless otherwise stated.

They are open to all.

29th October 06

No service due to Communion

26th November 06

Parables

We look forward to welcoming you.

The Alternative Service is a complementary service which takes place on an informal basis in the Church Hall rather than the Church.

The band 'Reachout' play for us every month and there is always a short talk and plenty of song in this short service.

If you would like to try out this form of service you will be made most welcome. The breakfast services are very informal and a great way to get to know people.

Prayer Calendar



October		
Week 1	Own Church	Remember with thanks those involved with the provision of tea and fellowship in a variety of ways within our church.
	Presbytery	Pray for all ministers and their families. Keep them safe and help them in any stresses and challenges.
	World Issues	Remember all those working in care homes and in supporting the elderly. Grant them patience and strength in all they do.
Week 2	Own Church	Pray for the success of the service for those who have been bereaved. May they know peace and comfort.
	Presbytery	Give thanks for all those working to bring comfort and pastoral care to all parishes and communities in our local area.
	World Issues	Include in your prayers those in the world suffering loneliness, loss and grief. May they be supported with care.
Week 3	Own Church	Pray for the health of all farmers and church family members who have links with the land and its produce.
	Presbytery	Remember the congregations of Upper Deeside and their leader. Be with them Lord and encourage them.
	World Issues	Pray for all the low technology and self sufficiency projects that help people cope with families, droughts and disasters.
Week 4	Own Church	Bless all our church family and all the preparations made for the celebration of communion and the reminder of God's amazing love for us all.
	Presbytery	Pray for the members of Presbytery that they are guided in their decisions and grow in wisdom.
	World Issues	Pray for the world wide congregation of all Christians of all denominations celebrating our love of Christ Jesus.

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November		
Week 1	Own Church	Give thanks for those involved in Alpha courses. Bring them new insights and firm fellowship.
	Presbytery	Pray for the congregation of Udney and Pitmedden and their well-being.
	World Issues	Pray for the safety and success of all missions and mission partners throughout the world.
Week 2	Own Church	Be with all those who have planned and been involved with the service of Remembrance and all those present on the day.
	Presbytery	Pray for all congregations seeking a new minister. Pray for their continued enthusiasm and hope throughout their searching.
	World Issues	Be with us all Lord when we remember all those who have given their lives to protect us and all those currently in danger in the pursuit of peace.
Week 3	Own Church	Pray for all those working away from home, keep them safe and support their families and friends. Be with them in their separation
	Presbytery	Remember the congregations of Culsamond and Rayne linked to Daviot and Rev. Mary Cranfield.
	World Issues	Be with all those throughout the world who are separated from, or working away from their family and friends. Be their rock and support.
Week 4	Own Church	Lighten our hearts and spirits as we pray for all new members and for all babies born recently, their parents and grandparents.
	Presbytery	Remember all those who have become new members and who visit our churches looking for some spiritual connection. Speak to them and make all visitors feel welcome and included.
	World Issues	Pray for all children and families who struggle to cope and who are worried about water, food and shelter – provide for them Lord.



Rotary Club of Oldmeldrum

The Rotary Club is now settling into the new Rotary year with Lara Anderson enjoying her role as President.

We held our Fund Raising Ceilidh Dance on the 26th August at Tarves Village Hall.

A great time was had by all enjoying the home made picnics and the dancing. This has now become a popular event and would be worth putting a note in your diary for next year.

The Oldmeldrum Leisure Garden is now proceeding very well following all the hard work from the volunteers who have worked hard each Saturday clearing the ground. We have received free hire of power machinery and thank you to Ian Grant who has worked as our voluntary digger. Wild flower seeds have been purchased and will be sown in trays in the coming weeks. Anyone wishing to help will be most welcome and for those looking for lighter work may wish to help with the painting of the woodwork before the hedging is planted.

We are looking forward to welcoming students from New York on an exchange scheme organised through Rotary International from the 26th September. The guests will be hosted by Oldmeldrum Rotary Members. They will be given an opportunity to meet with companies and professionals in the Aberdeen area to research and review information that will assist them in their own personal careers.

Further news will follow with our plans for the Autumn/Winter programme.

For further information visit our website on www.oldmeldrum.freeserve.co.uk