

IMPACT



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After being our minister for 5 years, Fee is once again heeding God's call, this time away from Monifieth into a new role. We wish Fee and Scott every blessing as they seek to discern God's will for them. They leave us with our thanks, our prayers and our love.



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The Guild has been busy!
Pictures of the Coffee Morning and Soup & Something Sweet



All items for the next issue of IMPACT should be sent to Jane McCartney, editor, by Friday 26th May 2023

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Church of Scotland - Presbytery of Perth

To all church members.

The new Presbytery starts at a time of many challenges for the Church of Scotland and our world.

In the midst of all the uncertainties we affirm the lasting truth, secure hope and dynamic relevance of

“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever”

It is not a case of “Why don’t they?” but “Why don’t we? Let us...” for all Christians are in the front-line representing Jesus.

The first of the five marks of mission from which all others follow is to proclaim the Good News of the kingdom. Overleaf in simple language is a summary of the Good News all Christians have to share.¹

We deal with an active God, operational in Creation and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He has promised to be at work in and through the lives of all Christians. As we head towards Easter, what a great dimension for our thinking and dynamic for our living: security, purpose, hope and power in and through Jesus!

Isn’t that an exciting thought with which we head up towards Easter in a new Presbytery with a fresh vision!

Donna Hays

Rev Donna Hays – Presbytery Moderator

God's Invitation

God made the world and all its creatures
with people made in His image.

By breaking his laws people have broken contact with God
and damaged God's good world.

This we see and sense in the world and in ourselves.

The Bible tells us the Good News that God still loves us
and has shown this love uniquely in His Son, Jesus Christ.
He lived among us and died on the cross to save us from our sin. But God
raised Jesus from the dead!

In his love, this living Jesus invites us to turn from our sins
and enter by faith into a restored relationship with God
Who gives true life before and beyond death.

Then with the power of the Holy Spirit remaking us like Jesus
we - with all Christians - worship God and enjoy his Friendship and are
available for him to use in showing and sharing his love, justice and peace
locally and globally until Jesus returns!

In Jesus' name we gladly share with you God's message for all people – **"You
matter to God"** and invite you to accept his invitation.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I am aware as I write this that a lot of changes have taken place since I last wrote in the December issue of Impact. Last month Fee celebrated communion with us and led worship for the last time. Fee brought so much to the congregation and community over the past 5 years, with her many gifts of including everyone, of being there for people, of helping us think differently, of nourishing our understanding of God and the world around us, of making connections in the community, doing what she could to offer support for the things we as a society and human beings struggle with, and reminding us that we are all children of God. She made a difference, and we can give thanks for Fee and all she did and I wish her well as she continues on her journey as God calls her onwards from Monifieth.

The Union with Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing is also on the horizon. This will mean changes, not least to the name of the congregation, but also to our worship patterns, and how we be church together.

So, this is a time of change. And with that change can come many different emotions. So whatever you are feeling at the moment, know that that is OK because it is how you feel, it is real for you.

I love the Message version of Isaiah 43, which says:

But now, GOD's Message,

the God who made you in the first place, Jacob,

the One who got you started, Israel:

"Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.

I've called your name. You're mine.
When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you.
When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.
When you're between a rock and a hard place,
it won't be a dead end—
Because I am GOD, your personal God,
The Holy of Israel, your Saviour...
That's how much you mean to me!
That's how much I love you!

That is a hope to hold onto, that no matter what we may be feeling or experiencing, God is right there in the midst of it all because God loves us as children of God. And God is also there in the people around us. A vacancy may feel scary, but this congregation thrives and flourishes because of hardworking, gifted and loving people who *are* the congregation. A union and all the changes may be uncomfortable, but with that comes a whole new family, with lots of other people to love and share life with. So as we approach Easter, and look ahead to Resurrection and all the hope and new life that gives, may we also look ahead to the signs of hope within our congregation and community, and the hope and love and new opportunities already present that we find in one another. Blessings,

Trudi
Probationary Minister

REV FIONA REYNOLDS - AN APPRECIATION BY MONIFIETH PARISH CHURCH CONGREGATION

(AS DELIVERED BY BARBARA BURNSTO THE PRESBYTERY OF PERTH, 4TH MARCH 2023)

When Fiona (Fee) joined us just over five years ago (she was ordained and inducted on 26th January 2018), we quickly realised that we had been blessed with a preacher who is clear and down to earth yet extremely perceptive in her sermons and a worship leader who is creative and innovative as well as deeply spiritual.

Fee soon engaged members of the congregation of all ages with a shared Lenten challenge of finding crosses wherever we looked in the community and further afield. Photos of our finds were shared at services and much discussion came from this. A growing number of church mice was not a problem - most were knitted mice, others wooden or made of fabric. The mice went wandering (with members of the congregation) and photos were shared of their adventures in the UK and abroad, taking MPC far out into the world, including to many other churches and cathedrals.

Fee guided us, as a congregation, to be more focused and purposeful in our support of charities and this has led us to greater awareness of the very real needs of those within our own local community, while still retaining opportunities to support those in need further from home. Local initiatives have included involvement in the ever more needed Pop-Up School Uniform Shop, promoting access to free period products, introducing Food for All, where free vegetables are available on a weekly basis, either for collection in person or delivery. These provide not only much-needed services for local people but an opportunity to share our Christian principles in practical ways.

During her time in Monifieth, Fee has engaged closely with, and supported school communities, finding joy and insight in the responses of young people to her ministry there. Anyone who has seen Fee with a child or group of young people can see the easy way in which she relates to them and vice versa. Within the church building, Fee has introduced a Play and Pray space which is much used and enjoyed by younger visitors and others. Her services of baptism have been true celebrations, welcoming babies and toddlers, with their families and friends, into the MPC community as well as the wider church family. Fee has taken an active interest in groups associated with the church, setting up the hugely popular weekly Community Play Date for under-fives and their carers (mums, dads, grannies, grandads, childminders, friends all attend, I believe), attending BB camp and taking on an active role on the committee of the High Five Club. This focus on young people has also allowed those of us of older age groups to embrace and enjoy Out of the Box stories.

In September 2019, we moved to our long-awaited new building and there was so much scope for community engagement. Fee, along with the Moderator of the General Assembly at the time, Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, literally led us to that new stage in our lives as MPC, walking from one of our old buildings, along the High Street to our new home,

in the centre of Monifieth. The building was open for visitors on a daily basis, with members of the congregation acting as guides, supporting visitors and echoing the welcome to our new hub.

Suddenly, lockdown happened. Along with colleagues from neighbouring parishes, Fee quickly adapted to producing online worship. Initially the services were available via YouTube, with the possibility of being watched by individuals at any time. Fee worked to keep the MPC community together by encouraging people to send in their lockdown photos and it was always good to catch a glimpse of friends we had not seen for weeks, then months. Later Fee organised Zoom coffee mornings, most welcome social events in the midst of the first lockdown. We also moved to services via Zoom, allowing for a greater feeling of togetherness in worship.

Greater use of and comfort with meetings led to a series of Eldership training events. These allowed members of MPC and our neighbours in Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing to get together with Fee to examine beliefs and views and to share experiences. We were also offered different approaches to, and styles of prayer.

Early on in the pandemic, Fee began to offer prayers online - again, an opportunity for people to be together while apart and a means of remembering members of the congregation as we prayed for all on the roll, in sections, along with our prayers for the wider world. This ministry reached far beyond Monifieth, linking up with others in Scotland and as far away as New Zealand. New friendships were made through the shared focus of prayer in times of adversity. As the lockdown continued and more demands were made on Fee and Scott, other members of the congregation shared in this outreach. I know that I am not the only one of that small team to be grateful for the privilege of supporting in this way.

I mentioned previously Fee's engaging and meaningful services of baptism. She has, of course, also welcomed couples to be married in our churches and other venues, from very intimate ceremonies, to a much-streamlined wedding just pre-Lockdown to larger celebrations. Each is planned and carried out with love and is deeply meaningful to those involved. Funerals of all types have been carried out in different circumstances - from those in lockdown, under huge restrictions, to those which held meaning to so many within the congregation and the community. All have been undertaken with deep respect and love.

In her time with MPC, Fee has been interim moderator in a number of different situations. She has also been hugely involved with Safeguarding at Presbytery and National level.

This is only a flavour of Fee's contribution to life in Monifieth and beyond. All of the work and commitment mentioned above has, of course, gone alongside the countless unseen, unacknowledged activities Fee has undertaken.

Thank you, Fee - your preaching has taught us, provoked us, touched us; your living out of Christian love has touched us as individuals, as a congregation and also far beyond. We understand that God has called you away from Monifieth now - along with Scott. We hope and pray that you will both be richly blessed as you find fresh challenges in new settings.

LETTER FROM BARBARA ANN SWEETIN – OUR NEW INTERIM MODERATOR

Hello members and friends of Monifieth Parish Church.

My name is Barbara Ann Sweetin and I am your new Interim Moderator. I am married to Billy and have two children; my son Scott who is married to Suzanne and my daughter Joanne. Scott and Suzanne have two boys who are my blue-eyed boys – well they both have green eyes – Finlay who is 4 years of age and Theo who will be 1 in April. I am not around on a Tuesday as I travel to Glasgow for babysitting duties – which I love!!!

I am currently the minister of East and Old Parish Church in Forfar where I have been for over 12 years now and I really enjoy being minister in East and Old Church. I have a great Kirk Session and my members are very supportive of all we have done and continue to do in our community for members and friends and especially the community. We are twinned with two churches in Europe: Zuglo Church in Hungary just on the outskirts of Budapest and Dubendorf Church linked with Schwerzenbach Church just on the outskirts of Zurich. We visit each other most years taking turn about to travel and host and the next trip is in May this year when we travel to Switzerland.

East and Old Church is about to have a union with Inverarity Church who are going through a disjunction with Glamis Church and added into this mix the Forfar Churches and surrounding rural parish churches are coming down to two Kirk Sessions between them with a view of only having one Kirk Session to run 5 places of worship – complicated? – you got it in one!!!

There is so much going on, not only in individual churches but in Presbytery also, and to me it sometimes feels like we are getting tossed about in so many directions. So many decisions to be made, so many legal aspects to cover and in true Church of Scotland style it appears to take an age for anything to be agreed and then put into action.

I will do my best to steer you through the various aspects of what is required in the coming months and jump through as many hoops as it takes so that you are able to call a minister as soon as possible. I also believe in everyone being kept up to date as to what is happening so I will do my best to keep you informed even if it is only to say – nothing new at this present time. I would like to add a piece of good news about calling a new minister. There are many ministers in charges at this time who are unhappy, or they feel God is calling them to a new charge and a new challenge. I would also add that the Dundee area have had their plans approved so that means once we have the paperwork all in order, you will get permission to set up a nominating committee and get on with the task of seeking a new minister for the new charge you are about to enter into.

If anyone would like a chat about anything or to ask any questions do not hesitate to contact me. Here are my details – Rev Barbara Ann Sweetin, East Manse, Lour Road, Forfar, Angus DD8 2BB

Tel No – 01307248228/07988938476 (mobile is normally best)

Email – bsweetin@churchofscotland.org.uk

Every blessing to you all

Barbara Ann

MONIFIETH PARISH CHURCH – WHAT’S ON – WEEKLY DIARY

Sunday	11:00	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary	Wednesday	18:00	High 5 Club	Sanctuary and Rattray Hall
					19:00	Dog training	Gerard Hall
Monday	11:45 19:15/19:00	Monday Lunches – all welcome Guild/ Ladies’ Group (alternate Mondays)	Rattray Hall Rattray Hall	Thursday	10:00	Food for All	In front of the Church Rattray Hall
					12:00	Angus Breast Buddies	
					18:00	Girls’ Brigade	Sanctuary and Rattray Hall
					19:30	Badminton	Gerard Hall
Wednesday	10:00 14:00	Community Playdate Songs and Memories	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary and Rattray Hall	Friday	13:00 18:00	Angus Council Boys’ Brigade	Rattray Hall Gerard Hall

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES.

The following are provisional dates for our Holy Week and Easter Services which will be shared between Monifieth Parish Church and Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing. We are invited also to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Wednesday 5th. It would be great if you could make some or all of them!

Trudi

Wednesday 5th April	7pm	Holy Trinity Episcopal Church	Stations of the Cross
Maundy Thursday – 6th April	6.30pm	Monifieth Parish Church	
Good Friday – 7th April	Noon 6.30pm	Westhall Farm Monikie Church	Dress for warmth and comfort (wellies may be a good idea)
Easter Sunday – 9th April	6.30am 11.00am 11.00 am 3.00 pm	Blue Seaway, Monifieth Monikie Church Monifieth Church Easter Egg hunt	followed by breakfast at Monifieth Parish Church Murroes Den at (children should be accompanied by an adult)

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

BAPTISM *'Let the children come to me'.*

Ivy Elinor Macleish-Bennett (D.o.B 03.07.22) daughter of Daniel Bennet and Lizzie Macleish

ADMISSIONS

By Certificate of Transference

Mrs. Fiona Gibb, Monifieth (District 4 Malcolm Bell)

Mrs. Jane Lamond, Monifieth (District 60 Vacant)

Mr. Bruce Stewart, Monifieth (district 62 Alison Buchan)

Mrs. Mary Stewart, Monifieth (District 62 Alison Buchan)

By Resolution

Mrs. Janet McLaren, Monifieth (District 12 Alex Lamont)

Mr. Ron MacPhail, Monifieth (District 60 Vacant)

DEATHS *'I am the resurrection and the life'.*

2022

28th November Prof. Ray. Newton, Monifieth (District 37 David Inglis)

21st November Mrs. Jessie Martin, Carnoustie (District 17 Ian Greig)

3rd December Mrs. Judy Mill, Monifieth (District 3 Steve Allardyce)

10th December Mrs. Nan Walker, Carnoustie (District 17 Ian Greig)

17th December Mrs. Anne Tough, Monifieth (District 41 Colin Coull)

25th December Mrs. Kathleen Wood, Monifieth (District 26 Nicola Stewart)

2023

8th January Mrs. Wilma Matthew, Monifieth (District 68 Ian Clapperton)

28th February Mr. Daniel Hutchison, Monifieth (District 44 Celina Heslip)

2nd March Mrs. Muriel Taylor, Monifieth (District 45 Jim Culloch)

5th March Mrs. Amy Turner, Monifieth (District 33 Archie Peaston)

16th March Mrs Mary (May) Angus, Carnoustie (District 17 Ian Greig)

? March Mr William Gibson, Monifieth(District 12 Alex Lamont)

INTERGENERATIONAL TEAM

Over the past few weeks, 18 people from Monifieth Parish Church and Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing have met together to begin to explore how we can become more intergenerational as a church.

Being intergenerational is not just about having lots of different generations present, but about the generations interacting from each other and learning from each other in the core activities of church life. One way of explaining it is as follows:

Intergenerational Ministry occurs when a congregation intentionally brings the generations together in mutual service, sharing or learning within the core activities of the church in order to live out being the body of Christ to each other and the greater community. (Holly Catterton Allen and Christine Lawton Ross)

As a team we have been exploring what this means for us as a congregation – where do we have different generations in our church life and how can we create opportunities for the generations to interact and learn from each other?

We are at the beginning of our discussions, but two projects are being organised for the immediate future. A group from the team is organising a display for the church windows, and another group is organising the Easter Egg Hunt at Murroes Den on Easter Sunday. Do come along to that if you can, and take the time to view the windows.

If you are interested in Intergenerational Ministry it is not too late to come along to the meetings, or for more information, please do speak to Trudi. Or you may want to explore some of Darren Philip's Webinars on Intergenerational Church which were shown during Lockdown. (His PHD was about Intergenerational Church and he was awarded the John Hope Prize for Practical Theology for his work). The first webinar is in 3 parts:

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/z7L-4dz-GY4> Part 2: https://youtu.be/GYare_btjz4 Part 3: <https://youtu.be/88qSNGd8T5c>

BASIS OF UNION WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Over the past few months, as instructed and directed by Presbytery and tasked by the Kirk Sessions, a team of six members of Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing, and Monifieth Parish Church, guided by Trudi Newton, has met regularly to discuss the Basis of Union Document.

This work has included:

- Establishing the Scottish Charity (SCO) number for the proposed united congregation
- Organising the indicative vote for the suggested name of the proposed united congregation
- Proposing the places of worship to be used
- Confirming the parish boundaries of the proposed united congregation

The Basis of Union document also refers to:

- Membership of the Kirk Session of the proposed united congregation
- Management of congregational affairs

This is part of a larger process, which is detailed below:

- Create the Basis of Union Document.
- Basis of Union Document submitted to PMPIG (Presbytery Mission Planning Implementation Group – part of Church of Scotland Headquarters) and the Law Department of the Church of Scotland for approval.
- Basis of Union Document submitted to both Kirk Sessions for consideration and vote.
- Basis of Union Document made available to all members and adherents including a mailshot to all households in both congregations.
- Advanced notice of voting date
- Vote takes place
- Result of vote and Basis of Union Document submitted to Presbytery.
- If all goes to plan, and the union is agreed based on the Basis of Union Document, then the union of the two congregations can proceed. This will include a Service of Union.

Unification of the two congregations allows us to proceed to call a minister for the vacancy in the proposed united congregation of Monifieth South Angus.

LETTERS

We have received letters of thanks from Dundee Women's Aid for the gifts from our members for Christmas. Thanks have also been received from the Brittle Bone Society for the used stamps. All gifts were gratefully received and very much appreciated.

INDOOR BOWLING

The last meeting for this session of the indoor Bowling Club was on Tuesday 21st March. Play will resume again on Tuesday 3rd October at 1.30 pm.

Maira Anthony

FOOD FOR ALL

Our very dedicated volunteers continue to distribute vegetables and baked potatoes at the front of the Church every Thursday from 10am. We deliver to 11 households within the Monifieth area and if you know anyone who could benefit from this service please get in touch. We are very grateful to the Congregation for their kind donations of stock cubes which are given out with the vegetables. Thank you.

Irene Coull Tel:533579.

MONDAY LUNCHES

Monday Lunches is a joint venture between the Church and Monifieth Befrienders. Every Monday a team of very committed and highly skilled volunteers serve warming homemade soup and freshly made sandwiches, followed by tea and biscuits, to anyone who wishes to come. As well as a hot meal, it is an opportunity to meet, chat and enjoy a warm space. This is open to all members of the community and all are welcome. Since mid-December, we have served approximately 600 lunches

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING – forthcoming events

CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday 1st April 10-2pm. Crafters will hire tables and there will be a good mixture. We will have a bottle stall, chocolate stall and baking. Tea and coffee will be available. Donations of baking on the day and bottles or chocolate donations will be gratefully received. I can take these anytime. Entry is free and with donations for the tea/coffee.

CORONATION EVENT

The church will be open on Saturday 7th May with the Coronation on the big screen television if you want to watch it with others. Tea/coffee will be available. The time will follow once we know the schedule. Then on the Sunday 8th May, there will be a buffet lunch (similar to the Jubilee event) after the service. This will be a ticket event for a specific number so you can get tickets once they are available. There will be no charge.

BAKE AND BOOK

This will run from Saturday 1st July to Saturday 12th August, in the Rattray Hall. We will open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am -3pm with baking on offer on the Saturday only. There will be more information in the next edition of IMPACT.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 20th May. More details later.

Lesley McFarlane

FLOWER GROUP

We are indebted to the following for provision of flowers in the church this year.

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
8 th J. McCallum	5 th E. Smith	5 th Flower Group
15 th M. Clapperton	12 th L. Strachan	12 th H. Hood
22 nd M. Kettlewell	19 th L. Duff	19 th C. Cathcart
29 th J. Henderson	26 th E. Smith	26 th M. Whyte

Flower arrangers –

January Morag Clapperton & Nicky Stewart
February Moira Gee & Linda Duff
March Linda Duff & Phyllis Evans

We now have a flower calendar in the foyer and there are a few dates still available if anyone would like to add their name to it.

Contributions are by donation only so any amount, large or small would be appreciated.

Dates available are –21st May, 16th & 23rd July, 22nd & 29th October and 26th November.

Linda Duff

SAM

SAM, (Songs And Memories), is an afternoon of Community Singing where the focus is on having fun making music together, enjoying a blether over a cup of tea and a biscuit and leaving with a smile on your face and a song in your heart. This is a community activity, open to all, regardless of singing ability. It is about friendship and participation, not performance. It is on every Wednesday, with the exception of Wednesday 5th April, (Holy Week) until the end of June, restarting after the summer break on the first Wednesday in September. If you have been thinking about joining in, but not yet done so, please come along. You will be made most welcome and you will certainly meet old friends and make new ones.

If you would like more information, contact either *Jane McArtney Tel 532885 or Valerie Jamieson Tel 532772*

THE GUILD

Strategy - 'Look forward in Faith'

We had a great start to 2023 when our first speaker was Mr. Charlie Webster - the nephew of our old friend Marjorie Dick. Aply helped by his wife, Mr. Webster gave us a fascinating talk and slide presentation on 'A walk through Broughty Ferry's fishing community'. A local man himself he is an author, historian, and story teller and also conducts walks through the community during the Gala Week. He told us about Barometer Cottage, Admiral Fitzroy and the tragedy of the lifeboat 'Mona', and many more interesting tales of the fishing community.

On January 23rd Abby Parkhouse came to talk about Aberlour - Scotland's Children's Charity. She explained the sterling work the Charity does since being established in 1875. They need to raise about three million pounds a year to continue their work employing about 580 staff who are helped by about 500 volunteers. They work across 19 local authorities and amongst other things provide family support and mentoring, work with children whose parents are recovering alcoholics and addicts, provide residential and outreach places and run a Mother and Child Recovery house in Dundee. We hope their fundraising is successful and they are able to continue doing this wonderful work. On February 13th, Mr. Bob Sutherland stepped in at the last minute when our speaker for that evening had to cancel. Bob spoke to us about how to trace your family tree in a talk entitled 'Saints or Sinners - which would you prefer?' Everyone went home that evening determined to find out more about their ancestors. Thank you, Bob, for a most interesting talk and discussion.

Sarah Aitken, assistant archivist in Dundee came to speak to us on February 27th about 'Logie - Scotland's first Council House scheme'. New houses were needed to replace the horrible old tenements in the Overgate which were cold, dark, damp, rat infested, cramped and smoky. The Dundee Social Union found the infant mortality rate there was the highest in Scotland and there was only one toilet per every 8 families. The First World War delayed the construction of the Scheme but building it provided work for the returning soldiers. Sarah showed us slides including one of how the houses looked today 100 years after they were built. Her talk brought back many memories for our members.

On March 13th Rev. Sarah Brown came to tell us about 'UNIDA - Training women for Ministry and Service in Brazil'. UNIDA is one of our project partners. Sarah became involved in the University after her friend Rev. Graham McGeoch, who is a professor there, invited her for a 'holiday' and to be a guest speaker for his students. The University offers theological training to anyone and over 40% of their thousand students are women. Many of the students are poor Afro/Brazilian women from the illegal Favelas built on the outskirts of Vitoria the town where the University is situated. Sarah told us of the difficulties of the women especially during the Pandemic when they were trying to still work and study in a patriarchal country which was denying the existence of the Corona Virus. The University invests in people, not things, and we have to greatly admire these women who are so determined to study to improve their lot in spite of these many difficulties facing them. They hope that some members of the Guild will be able to visit them in the future.

On Sunday March 12th we held our Soup and Something Sweet Lunch, which seemed to be enjoyed by everyone and raised £331.

Our next meeting, on Monday 27th March, is the last of the session and our AGM.

The Guild would like to thank all those who supported our fund-raising events

Anne Jack (Secretary)

VISITING of MEMBERS/PASTORAL CARE

If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from someone from the church, please fill in a card from the table in the church foyer and place it in the box there, or you can phone Ron Grace, (Tel: 532832) who will pass your request on to one of the elders or pastoral visitors. Also, if you know of someone in hospital, please pass that information on too. Obviously with a large congregation, it is impossible for any minister to manage all the visiting, but our elders and pastoral visitors are happy to make a visit where one is requested.

The Pastoral Care Team is seeking new members so if you would like to volunteer to be a pastoral visitor please contact Jane McArtney – Tel 532886

CHRISTIAN AID

Currently, Monifieth Parish Church does not have a Christian Aid rep. If you would like to volunteer to take on this role, please speak to the Session Clerk or any office-bearer as soon as possible.

Christian Aid Week this year is from 14th to 20th May.

BOYS' BRIGADE

Christmas Card Delivery Service 2022 - update

The 1st Monifieth Company of the Boys' Brigade are pleased to announce that this session's Monifieth Christmas Card Delivery Service raised just over £300, with us successfully delivering more than 1000 cards. This is down on last year but follows a general trend with all local charities that were delivering Christmas Cards. The total raised was actually about £375 but once we deducted the expenses, i.e. feeding the boys from the local Chipper/Pizza on the Friday nights that they delivered the cards, the total was still over £300. We would like to thank all those who supported us in this annual fund-raising venture.

There have been some cards which were wrongly labelled or put in the Gerard Hall Box late, even up to 23rd December or cards from outwith our delivery range. We tried our best to deliver these but we ended up paying to have them delivered by Royal Mail.

We would like to thank all those who supported us in this annual fund-raising adventure.

We are also looking into possible ways of improving the service for next Christmas.

Summer Camp 2023

After having a very successful camp last year at our new venue (Boat of Garten Community Centre) we had no hesitation in booking the same site again for this year's camp. This year the Camp is being held from Saturday 1st July until Saturday 8th July. This means our camp has returned to its normal time of year namely the first week in July, so hopefully the number of boys attending should stay quite good. The success of the camp always depends on the weather and having fantastic facilities on site; we can't control the weather but at Boat of Garten Community Centre the facilities are top notch. Returning to using our Marquee/Tents etc., we have been informed by the boys that they enjoy and prefer this style of camping.

Combined 1st Monifieth and 44th Dundee Pipe Band Section News

Last December and January, our young, talented combined Pipe Band was extremely busy, playing at the our fundraiser at the local Tesco's and the Phibby's Annual New Year Dook at Broughty Ferry harbour. The band raised £150 at Tesco's, which helps keep the Pipe Band equipped. At this year's "Dook" it was initially very cold and wet but just before the participants took part in the celebration, the sun came out making it a much more pleasant occasion for all the supporters and the Band. Well done to ALL who took part in these very popular and high-profile occasions. Our Band is now busy gearing up for the new session of competitions: they will be entering the local Battalion Solo and Pipe Band Competition, being held in Morgan Academy, Dundee in May 2023. This is quite a challenging time for all the youngsters and their tutors - we wish them well in all the competitions.

Our Pipe bands are always keen to promote the Boys' Brigade, so if anyone knows of any occasions that might help us raise funds, please contact myself (Archie Peaston) on 01382 532916.

As mentioned previously, you can always find out more about our Boys' Brigade Company from our web site www.1stmonifiethbb.co.uk and Facebook www.facebook.com/1stMonifiethBB

Sincere best wishes,

Archie Peaston (Company Captain)

THY KINGDOM COME GLOBAL PRAYER INITIATIVE

This runs this year from **Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday 2023 (Thursday 18 May – Sunday 28 May)** 'Thy Kingdom Come' Global Prayer initiative was launched in May 2016 and has since grown into a movement which unites Christians from across different traditions to pray for family and friends, neighbours and colleagues, to come to faith in Jesus Christ. The prayers are that those who have not heard the Good News of the love of God for each one of us will hear it for themselves and come to a living faith. Find out more at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is a permanent and necessary part of Church life. Everyone has the right to feel safe and cared for in the Church, and it is also the responsibility of everyone in the Church. Therefore the Church's key safeguarding message is the following:

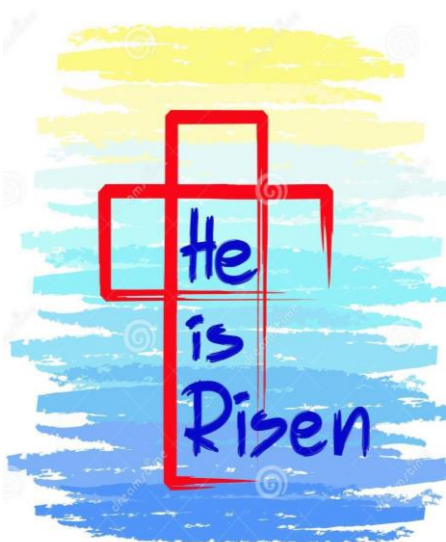
If you suspect or witness harm or abuse, or it is reported to you, you must immediately report it to your Safeguarding Coordinator (or line manager).

Our contact numbers are below.

Karen Morton & Tricia Inglis
Safeguarding Coordinators

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Easter
Greetings and
Blessings to
all our
readers!