

ABERLOUR PARISH CHURCH KIRK NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2005

Church Diary

SUNDAY SERVICES Craigellachie 9.45am
Aberlour **11.15am**

TIG Craigellachie 9.45am

SUNDAY CLUB Aberlour **11.15am**

BIG GROUP 1st & 3rd Sundays in the month, beginning September

SPEYSIDE HOME Sundays at 3.00pm

PRAYER GROUPS Small informal groups have been set up.
Phone 871 027 if you are interested
Boxes for prayer requests are at the back of the church.

DISCUSSION GROUP During September: Mondays in the Manse at 7.30pm. Discussing video "Jesus, then and now,"

28 August Sunday Circle & TIG re-commence
4 September Favourite Hymns – All Age Service
4 September BIG Group resumes
7 September Session Meeting
11 September Guild Dedication Service, Aberlour
26 September **Moderator's visit.** Joint Service with Mortlach, Rothes, Knockando, and Elchies in Mortlach Church.
2 October Harvest - All Age Service
5 October Board Meeting
2 November Session Meeting
13 November Remembrance Sunday, Service for all Ages
20 November Guild conduct morning worship at Aberlour
7 December Board Meeting
18 December All Age Service
25 December Worship for Christmas Morning

Communion Services Last Sundays of February, May, August & November - **everyone welcome.**

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CHURCH REGISTER

WEDDING

18 June David John Martin to Serena Joy Mackay

DEATHS

1 July Graham Leslie, Aberlour

17 July Norman Townsley, Craigellachie

24 July Murray Findlay Pringle, Aberlour

Cuppa at Craigellachie

Come and join us for a cuppa and some home bakes on the third Thursday of each month from 2.15pm to 3.15pm, at the church in Craigellachie. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

The Old Station Tea Room

Although the Tea Room season will not end until Sunday 2nd October, we are enjoying yet another successful summer season. All due, of course, to the dedication of our volunteers. Always there with a smile, warm welcome and a wonderful variety of home bakes with which to greet the many visitors we get from both home and abroad.

This is a very special year for us as The Tea Room will have been open for 25 years. Quite an achievement, and one that deserves to be marked in some way. It has, therefore, been decided that we are to have a small celebration, which is to take place in the Tea Room at 6.30 pm on Saturday 1st October.

An invitation is extended to all Tea Room volunteers, past and present, and to all who have helped over the years by donating goods etc., to come and join us at our celebration.

So that we have an indication of numbers, could anyone intending to be there please let either Judith Butterfield (01340 871087) or Margaret Campbell (01340 881588) know.
Judith B

**Be part of Macmillan Cancer Relief's
World's Biggest Coffee Morning,
where every cup of coffee counts.**

A group of Craigellachie Ladies will be holding their usual event in the Station Tearoom from **10am till 4.30pm** on **Friday 30 September**.

Soup and oatcakes will be served from 12 noon

Please come along and help make a difference to people living with cancer
There will be a chance to win a car, a tombola stall and a cheery welcome for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Edith P

Music in the Kirk

FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER, 7.30pm

The last of our musical evenings for this summer is a concert by ***Moray Concert Brass***. This brass band is made up of young people from all over Moray and includes some talented players from our local area.

It is a privilege for us to have the band playing for us - they are just back from a tour of Italy, and they have also been playing in Glasgow as part of the Festival of British Youth Orchestras.

They will present their varied and exciting programme on Friday September 9th at 7.30pm in Aberlour Church.

Admission will be by donation, and refreshments will be served after the concert.

Property News

The Congregational Board are currently investigating a major redevelopment of Aberlour Church in order to provide better facilities for worship, Church groups and community use. The first stage is upgrading the Church fabric. This will involve removal of pews in favour of modern, (comfortable!) flexible seating. The heating system will also be reconfigured, since the heating pipes presently run underneath the pews.

The Board is applying to the Scottish Community and Household Renewables Initiative (SCHRI) for matched funding to change the heating source from North Sea Gas to Ground Source Heat Pump heating. Long shafts will be buried in the ground to tap into natural geo-thermal heat, which will be pumped up to the heating system.

This is the first renewable heating project in the Speyside Area and the SCHRI are very keen to promote it. It will be an immense benefit to the Church, not only because gas prices are constantly rising, but also because the Church will be kept at an ambient temperature all week long, rather than just on Sundays. Renewable Energy is becoming very important as a clean, and possibly limitless, source of energy and the Board is very pleased to be championing this new technology in our community.

The Board will also shortly be consulting on plans for a new extension on the park side of the Church. It is envisaged that the extension will provide a hall/meeting room, kitchen, office, and, importantly, toilet facilities for people with disabilities. Although the primary use of the extension will be to provide the Church with modern, adaptable accommodation for Church groups - such as is already enjoyed at Craigellachie - it will also be available for community uses and the Board will be inviting any comments during the consultation period.

Euan S
Property Convener



Aberlour Sunday Circle

Are you aged between 3 and 11? Are you bored on a Sunday morning? If so, why not come along to Sunday Circle? We meet at 11.15am at Aberlour Parish Church each Sunday during school term time. We sit in Church for the first part of the service, then we walk along to the Parish Hall where we take part in all sorts of activities (e.g. singing, playing games, listening to stories, drawing) until 12 noon. A warm welcome awaits all comers, new and old.

Margaret S



Craigellachie TIG

Hope you all had a lovely holiday. We are looking forward to a new session of TIG. The format will be slightly different this year, as we have been able to recruit members of the Congregation who will help in our programme, and we will be joining the Congregation for one Sunday per month for an All Age Service. There will be lots of fun for all!

Children aged 3-12 years will be very welcome to come along any week.

Please come along on Sunday 4th September at 9.45 am for our first All Age Service of the session where we will be singing lots of Favourite Hymns.

Margaret W

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DON'T LEAN YOUR LADDER AGAINST THE WRONG WALL!

'LET THE PROCESS GO ON UNTIL.....YOU.....HAVE.....MATURE CHARACTER.....' James 1:4 PHPS

Your life is a direct result of the values that have fashioned it. And those values are critical, because they function as: A) *Your anchor*. Without values you are adrift. Any storm can take you under, any current can carry you places you do not want to go. But with godly values, you have an anchor that holds you steady, even when the weather gets nasty. B) *Your faithful friend*. Your core values are your life-long companions. Abraham Lincoln said, 'When I lay down the reins of this administration I want to have one friend left, and that friend is inside myself'. C) *Your compass*. Seasons change. Relationships change. Circumstances change. Goals change. But values do not! Like a compass, they always point toward the magnetic north. Is living this way easy? No! Doubters will discount you as foolish when you 'walk by faith'. People without family values will not understand your devotion to your family. The carnally minded will not understand your dedication to Christ. Those whose values are different from yours will try to convince you to follow them or lower your standards. Your values will be tested daily!

Speaking about the mid-life crisis that many people experience between the ages of 35-50, Dr James Dobson says, 'I believe mid-life crisis is more of a phenomenon of the wrong value system, than the age of the group in which it occurs. All of a sudden you realise that the ladder you have been climbing is leaning against the wrong wall.' Centring your life around Christ will keep that from happening to you!

Soul Food Reading: 2 Kings 6:1-23; Eph 1:15-23.

Source: The Word for Today, UCB HQ, PO Box 255, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 8YY.
Free issues of the daily devotional are available for the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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GUILD NEWS

Like all committees at this time of year, we are working hard to produce our new syllabus, and with the varying ideas from our members, we hope it will be an appealing one.

In July, the Guild Ladies held a sale of work, raising £227.85, which was a marvellous amount, helping to boost our funds.

On November 20th, the ladies of the Guild are conducting the morning service as our contribution to the Guild Week, which is held by all Guilds. This is quite a challenge, so we hope you will come and support us.

Our first meeting will be on **Thurs, Sept. 8th, at 7.15pm**: a talk about leprosy. Please come and join us, you will be very, very welcome.

Betty H

The Aberlour Church Walking Group

The Walking Group has been venturing further afield. The last three walks have taken us on the coastal route between Hopeman and Lossiemouth with some marvellous scenery to view; to Scalan in Glenlivet with some of us reaching the top of Tom Trumper; and round the Bochel, a hill in Glenlivet.

Our group has no membership – it is open to anyone who wants to come along, on the understanding that each person is responsible for their own safety. So do come and bring your friends. The walks are normally on the second Saturday of each month starting at 11 am. There are leaflets about each walk at the back of our two churches, and posters up outside the Churches and in the window of Aberlour Library. We try to have these up about two weeks in advance. We are grateful to Jane who designs the attractive and colourful posters. We plan to have a meeting on 16 November, 7.30pm in Craigellachie Church Hall, and anyone interested in the Walking Group will be made very welcome.

The next walk is planned for Saturday 10th September, and is a circular walk from Lossiemouth around the estuary. Please meet at 11 am at Gregory Place Car Park, Lossiemouth. The walk is about 6 miles, but those who want to can turn back sooner. Please bring along a snack if you wish to do so.

To get there: Coming into Lossiemouth from Elgin follow the main road towards harbour area. Pass fire station on left and police station on right. Immediately after entering 20mph zone turn sharp right – there is a sign “Seatown Road” at the junction. Continue to end of road where there is a T junction. Turn left here, then immediately right into Gregory Place Car Park.

Our October walk is the Winding Walks, Fochabers on Sat 8th October and the November walk will be at Millbuies, Fogwatt on Saturday 12th November. Full details of the walks will be available in Aberlour and Craigellachie Churches.

For further information or help with transport phone:
David, Maureen or Jane.

We Are Survivors

(For those born Before 1940.....)

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens, before dish-washers, tumble driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes..... and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?). We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a "Big Mac" was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating and 'sheltered accommodation' was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, artificial hearts, word processors, or young men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word.

Before 1940 "Made in Japan" meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker bus to the terminus. In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, 'grass' was mown, "coke" was kept in the coalhouse, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you ate on Sundays and 'pot' was something you cooked in. "Rock Music" was a fond mother' s lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an ice-cream, a 'gay person' was the life and soul of the party, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder there is a generation gap today.....BUT by the Grace of God we survived!

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Aberlour Community Association (Pamela W, Secy)

On behalf of the Association I would like to thank every-one who donated, helped or took part in the events held on the run up to the games. Although the weather was not at its best we had a good turn out at all three events. Well done to all who dressed up and took part in It's a Knock Out, it was a cold and very WET night! (Ha, Ha!!) Special thanks to all who manned the Station Tearoom on Games Week. We benefited to the tune of £623.00.

We eagerly await the judge's decision in the Best Kept Village competition, meantime, thanks to all involved.

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COMMUNITY DIARY

SEPTEMBER:

- 2 Edinvillie Whist Drive
- 8-14 Sale of Withdrawn Stock, Aberlour Library
- 9 Moray Concert Brass, 7.30pm, Aberlour Church
- 9 Whistdrive, 7.30pm, Edinvillie Hall
- 10 Aberlour Church Walking Group, Lossiemouth 11am
- 10 Knockando Scouts Quiz Night, Margach Hall

- 11 Aberlour & Speyside Rotary Club Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, Margach Hall, Knockando
- 15 Cuppa at Craigellachie Church, 2.15-3.15pm
- 16 Whistdrive, 7.30pm, Edinvillie Hall
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- 18 Macmillan Cancer Relief, 10am-4.30pm, Station Tearoom, Aberlour
- 30 Whistdrive, 7.30pm, Edinvillie Hall
- 31 Robin Stewart & Friends Concert, 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church, Aberlour

OCTOBER:

- 8 Aberlour Church Walking Group, Fochabers 11am
- 9 Cuppa at Craigellachie Church, 2.15-3.15pm

NOVEMBER:

- 12 Aberlour Church Walking Group, Millbuies 11am
- 16 Walking Group meeting, 7.30pm Craigellachie Church Hall
- 17 Cuppa at Craigellachie Church, 2.15-3.15pm