

ABERLOUR PARISH CHURCH KIRK NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2008

Church Diary

SUNDAY SERVICES	Craigellachie	9.45am
	Aberlour	11.15am
TIG	Craigellachie	9.45am
SUNDAY CIRCLE	Aberlour	11.15am
SPEYSIDE HOME	Sundays	3.00pm

HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUP –Contact D Anderson (871906) for details

PRAYER GROUPS– If you are interested in joining a prayer group, please contact an elder who will put you in touch with a group. Boxes for prayer requests are at the back of the churches.

- 3 Sept.** Vacancy Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm Craigellachie
- 9 Sept.** Board & Session Meetings, 7pm Craigellachie
- 21 Sept.** Guild Dedication Service
- 5 Oct.** Harvest Thanksgiving
- 18 Oct.** Harvest Supper, Fleming Hall
- 28 Oct.** Session Meeting, 7.30pm Aberlour
- 9 Nov.** Remembrance Services
- 30 Nov.** Communion Services
- 1 Dec.** Board Meeting, 7.30pm Craigellachie

Communion Services:

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

Cuppa at Craigellachie

Come and join us for a cuppa and some home bakes on
18th September, 16th October & 20th November,
from 2.15pm to 3.15pm, at the church in Craigellachie.
All proceeds to Christian Aid.

CHURCH REGISTER

WEDDINGS

25 July Gary Nicoll, Drumblade, to Sandra Wilson, Inch
8 Aug Robert Adam Blewitt, London, to Cheryl Helen Allan, London

DEATHS

31 May James (Grantie) Garrow, Fochabers
26 June Alexander (Lachie) Tweedie, Aberlour
13 Aug David Stables Fraser, Aberlour

Church

Intimations:

Please could all intimations for Sunday services be passed to Linda Cordiner by 6pm on the Friday prior to relevant service. Linda can be contacted on Tel 01340 881244 or email linda.cordiner@tiscali.co.uk

If you would like to receive a copy of the intimations via email please contact Linda.

The Church Fundraising Group

We held a coffee morning on the 17th May, which raised £250.30. Our thanks go to all who donated and worked on that morning.

In all, 32 walkers came along to our Family Sponsored Walk, which took place on June 29th. Special thanks to the tiny walkers with their sponsor sheets, also to all who donated and sponsored. We had a lovely afternoon and raised £381 for church funds.

Alison Hendry has kindly compiled another quiz for us and it can be obtained from local shops.

Date for your calendar: **A Harvest Supper will be held on Sat 18th October** in the Fleming Hall. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

Sheila and Isabel.

Craigellachie Church will be open from 12 noon till 3pm on the first Monday of every month. Come and spend some quiet time for yourself. Everyone is welcome.

Thank You! Special thanks are extended to Gavin Strathdee for loan of trailer and removal of vegetation following tidy up of Craigellachie Church grounds.

Following on from the extracts published in the June edition, here is another short passage from a series of articles written by Mr. A.R. MacGregor in 1973

entitled "Window Gazing". For some these extracts may bring back memories, for others, it will give an insight into Aberlour in days gone by. Judith Butterfield (Editor)

From The Archives

At 111 High Street we had Bailie Francie McKerron who did most of the joiner work in connection with the many houses being built towards the end of last century. On the opposite side there was the shoe shop owned by James Campbell who was for so long "mine host" at the Station Bar.

The Chemist's shop was always at the corner and there have been many changes here during the last 50 years. Mr Fairbairn was the first Chemist I remember. On the opposite corner of Station Road was Ellis the general merchant, draper and tailor and I am inclined to think it was in these premises that the village had it's first Post Office.

Back to the opposite side of the street again and there was the baker's shop occupied by Mr Watson and the merchants shop occupied by James Boyne with the attractive pend separating the properties. These properties were built by Mrs Penuel McConnachie who occupied the merchants shop prior to Mr Boyne who died in 1908. Following Mr Boyne's death this business was taken over by my brother Jimmie who closed the shop, joined the forces and was killed in action in 1919.

William Catto was the baker next door and his son Willie now a retired banker spent a few days in the village this year. The watch makers shop has been with us for as long as I can remember and Mr Ettles was there when I first knew it. He was succeeded in 1908 by J.A.J. Munro, who was so widely known as a fishing tackle dealer and who of course invented the widely used bait the leather eel. Next door again the shoe shop has been, and still is, carried on by the Morrison family and has been in existence for over a century.

The old house at the corner on the opposite side of the street is one of the oldest properties in the village. Known for some time as "Glenmorag". It was the schoolmaster's house until 1897 when the present school was opened. Until then the school was what we now know as the Drill Hall – shades of Charles Grant (Schoolie Grant) the well known composer and Dr Charles S McPherson who subsequently went as Rector to Banff Academy.

Aberlour Parish Church Guild

We had a sunny day for our outing. The visit to Dean's of Huntly for our morning "fly cup" was excellent. Our afternoon in Cullen was enjoyable until Mrs Bradford had a bad fall. We wish her a good recovery and hope she will be back with us soon.

Our Dedication Service is on the 21st September. Thursday 25th September is the first meeting of the new session. We are lucky to have as our speaker that night, Mrs Ann Bowie, former National Convener, and there is a varied programme for the year.

We would love to have some new members. If you would like company or transport, phone Nan or Sheena.

S. Robb.

BANNER MAKING

By the time you read this the first two banners for Craigellachie Church will be on display. However, we have ideas for more designs and if you would be interested in getting involved please contact Jane Tweedie.

CRAIGELLACHIE TIG

We'd like to thank Margaret Williams for leading TIG over the last few years and wish her and her family well in their new home. Linda Cordiner will take on the role of leader from January. TIG will keep going in the meantime, with a rota of adults providing leader/helper cover. If you would like to help out please contact Linda.

Linda C.

Who are we?

Our group **E**njoys various **A**ctivities, such as **D**rawing pictures, **C**olouring in and doing **C**raft work. Sometimes we play board games or do jigsaw puzzles. One week we had to help each other complete an obstacle course while blindfolded! Sometimes we have puzzle sheets to complete or crossword puzzles to do. We **R**ead stories from the Bible and **L**earn about God and Jesus. Each year at Christmas we put on a **N**ativity. Sometimes we **S**ing. We are all under God's **U**mbrella and he keeps us safe. We **I**nvite other youngsters to join us.

Who are we? We are the **Y**oung of Aberlour Parish Church. Rearrange all the underlined letters and you will discover what our group is called! Would you like to join us? Our youngest member is 3 years old and we cater for children up to the end of P.7. We meet on Sunday mornings during term time, starting in the Church, then we go to the Station Tea Room.

For more details phone Margaret Sharp on 01343 843111

Walking Group: Fifty Walks On!

Our first walk was on the second Saturday in July 2004, so we celebrated our fiftieth walk on 9th August. It rained during our walk at Cullen, then we

returned to enjoy a barbecue at Inverfiddich, when the weather was transformed into a beautiful summer's afternoon and evening. Our thanks to Ron and Carol Aitchison who provided the venue and prepared everything for the day, and to Charlie and Anne Cameron for cooking the food.

Our next walks are as follows:

Sat. 13th September at 11 am The Livet Path

Meeting Place: From B9008 for Tomintoul turn left on Tombae road just before Tomnavoulin. Continue for about two miles to Allanreid car park on right.

Distance: 6½ miles – allow 3 hours plus lunch. This is an attractive low level circular walk along the Livet, then across moorland and farmland. Can be muddy in places. Dogs must be on lead most of the way.

Short walk: follow Livet path for about two miles, then return same way.

Sat. 11th October at 11 am: Knock More Mast and Ben Aigen Walk

Meeting Place: Take Arndilly road from Craigellachie. Pass sign to “Arndilly Fishings”, and arrive at entrance to Arndilly House on left. Park in area in front of entrance. Leaving half the cars at Arndilly we will then go in the remaining cars back to the A95. About a mile before Mulben there is a green Forestry Commission sign on the left – we turn off here and go to car park.

Distance: Long Walk 7½ miles – allow 3½ hours plus lunch. Short walk 4½ miles – allow 2 hours plus lunch.

Long Walk: This is to the mast, on to Ben Aigen and down to Arndilly by Speyside Way. A gradual climb most of the way – steeper sections are very short. Ascent over 800ft.

Short Walk: This is to the mast and back to the start, missing out Ben Aigen. It is a gradual climb on a good forestry road. Ascent over 500ft.

This walk involves car sharing, so please come with only two people in a car if possible. Please be prepared to drive from Arndilly to Mulben at end of the walk to take others back to their cars.

Sat. 8th November at 11 am:

Jean Carr's Stone & Slorach's Wood, Fochabers

For further information or help with transport contact:
David/Maureen 871906 or Jane 871515.

Brownie Helper

The 1st Aberlour Brownies are looking for adult helpers to come along on Monday evenings to assist and join in with various activities, including crafts, games, etc. Brownies take place in the Speyside High School Canteen between 6.30pm and 7.45pm.

If you are interested please contact Jody Mair

CRAIGELLACHIE SENIOR CITIZENS

On a dry but cool day, members and friends enjoyed an excellent lunch at the British Legion Club in Turriff, followed by a visit to nearby Delgatie Castle. The 2008/2009 season starts in September with a visit to Deans Shortbread in Huntly for afternoon tea.

New members and friends are very welcome.

Christine L.

Aberlour Senior Citizens In all, 52 members enjoyed our summer outing to Fraserburgh on 10th July. An excellent lunch was had at the Station Hotel, followed by a visit to the Kinnaird Lighthouse Museum.

The new season starts with the AGM on 7th October at 7.30 pm in the Fleming Hall. Following this, we shall have entertainment provided by John Cockburn and Friends.

Dates for your Diary.

4th November. Entertainers – Peter Law and Friends.

15th December – Christmas Meal, with entertainment by The Strathbogie Fiddlers.

New members will be very welcome, come along and support your local association.

Bill Taylor.

TRAIDCRAFT

The new Autumn catalogue of fairly traded goods is now available at the back of both churches with an exciting new range of clothes, fashion accessories, gifts and Christmas cards. You can take one home to have a look through at your leisure & then place your order at the stall.

There are 3 reasons to buy Christmas cards from Traidcraft:

Traidcraft relies on profits from the cards to enable it to continue to transform trade & transform lives

These cards are UK sourced and are printed on certified environmentally friendly card using vegetable inks

Traidcraft works along with Christian Aid, CAFOD & SCIAF in producing the cards - profits directly support the innovative work of these organisations in developing countries.

There are also several new products on the stalls, such as: Muffins - with a different flavour each month

New chocolate bars such as white chocolate with strawberry, & dark chocolate with orange

And Fruit Cakes have been re-introduced for a trial period to see if there is sufficient demand – so to have your cake you need to eat it!

The **Craigellachie Village Council** are very grateful to Gavin Strathdee and his assistant for collecting the bedding plants from the Elgin Nursery in June. Also a big thank you to the people who planted them around the village. We have had a really beautiful show this year.

Dog Fouling signs have been erected around the village. Unfortunately some owners still allow their pets to mess the pavements. Please clean up after your dog.

We are in the process of getting the exterior paintwork at the tennis pavilion done. An application has gone to Colour in the Community for assistance with paint.

Provisional **bingo** dates for your diary are
Saturday 6 and Saturday 27 December 2008.

Brenda C.

Sing your heart out

Holidays may be over, and the nights closing in, but why not sing yourself through September, anyway?

Recent research by Heart Research UK has found that singing can be good for you, relieving stress (for you, if not for your listeners), imparting positive feelings, and even raising your immune system. If combined with some exercise, you can even sing your way through a good cardiovascular workout!

So this autumn why not try:

*playing your favourite music and devising an energetic dance routine that would startle even Madonna.

*stamp the ground as fast as possible while singing your favourite rock tune - the faster the tempo, the faster your heart beat!

*join a local choral or singing group * sing in the shower

*try and persuade your children to sing with you on the way to school

*if you or any of your friends can play a musical instrument, plan an evening that includes a good old fashioned singsong - it's fun!