

## *Welcome:*

Welcome to our Enews update letter. We are hoping to keep all in our congregation up to date with what's on and what's happening in and around the Church. The Kirk News will continue to be published and will have all its usual news and articles. The letter will contain the latest intimations announced in Church.

We will also be looking for stories that you think will be of interest, anyone who would like to contribute can do so by sending their story or news to

## *Upcoming Events:*

All services and events have either been cancelled or suspended until further notice due to the Covid -19 outbreak:

Church of Scotland  
Covid -19 update

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/advice-for-churches-covid-19-coronavirus>

[info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com](mailto:info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com).

You will have two options on how to receive the newsletter:

- 1) We will publish the newsletter on our website
- 2) sign up and receive each issue via email.

We hope you will enjoy reading our Newsletter and look forward to hearing your comments, stories and suggestions.

## *Covid-19:*

Under the enhanced Tier - 4 level restrictions announced on 4 January 2021 Church buildings can no longer open for public worship from 8 January 2021. It is, therefore, disappointing that all our church buildings must now close for worship and private prayer until further notice.

Rev Mary Cranfield will take over as our Interim Moderator from 11 January until Alisa returns from maternity leave. We

## *Galatians 4::*

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup> And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.



will give further updates then on how we intend to go forward from there.

### Reflective Prayer:

There is a winter in all of our lives, a chill and darkness that makes us yearn for days that have gone or put our hope in days yet to be.  
Father God, you created seasons for a purpose.  
Spring is full of expectation buds breaking frosts abating and an awakening of creation before the first days of summer.  
Now the sun gives warmth and comfort to our lives reviving aching joints bringing colour, new life and crops to fruiting.  
Autumn gives nature space to lean back, relax and enjoy the fruits of its labour mellow colours in sky and landscape as the earth prepares to rest.  
Then winter, cold and bare as nature takes stock rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.

### *Church Notices and Intimations:*

**Joining the Church Family:** If you would like to become a member of our Church family or would just like to find out more about the work we do in and about our community please contact the Minister.

**A Loop System** for the hard of hearing operates throughout the Church

**Large Print** hymnbooks are available in the vestibule. Please return them to the vestibule after use.

**Hospital and home visits:** Please let the Minister or your Elder know by giving them a completed pew card as you leave the church or pass your request to your Elder.

**Inverurie Food Bank:** we are providing a collection bin for donations to the Inverurie Food Bank. Items should be of non-perishable food and basic toiletries. The bin will be situated in the vestibule. Please give generously.

**Gift Aid envelopes** (white) are at the end of each pew for members and visitors to use. By using an envelope – if you are a taxpayer – and filling in the details – your offering benefits the church even more and at no extra cost to you! If you normally give by standing order, but are putting some loose change in the plate, please consider using one of these envelopes!

***Click here for this week's Intimations:***

[www.meldrumandbourtiechurch.com/intimations](http://www.meldrumandbourtiechurch.com/intimations)

An endless cycle and yet a perfect model. We need a winter in our lives a time of rest, a time to stand still a time to reacquaint ourselves with the faith in which we live. It is only then that we can draw strength from the one in whom we are rooted take time to grow and rise through the

darkness into the warm glow of your springtime to blossom and flourish bring colour and vitality into this world your garden.  
Thank you, Father,  
for the seasons of our lives  
Amen.