



# Meldrum & Bourtie

## Parish Church of Scotland

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From Your Interim Moderator -

Over the last few years I've spent my Wednesday evenings going to music classes at Aberdeen University run by an organisation called SCAT – Scottish Culture and Traditions. I've always loved the sound of traditional folk music but it's a style I've never mastered, so I thought it'd be good to go along and learn a few new tunes and some different strumming styles. We had some musical friends up from Glasgow a while back and I was telling them about SCAT and playing a couple of the tunes I'd learned. Before I knew what was happening, someone had the fiddle out, someone else produced a recorder. The flute made an appearance, percussion came in the form of a cajon drum, a snare and hi-hat and a bodhran, a second guitar was dug out of the cupboard and soon we were rattling through these tunes I'd been learning on Wednesdays. Luckily for me the other musicians were 'proper' musicians who could sight-read, unlike me who tends to learn things by ear. But we amazed ourselves not only by the sound we made (which was surprisingly good!) but by the fun we had while making it. Everybody messed up at times and nobody was an expert, but



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overall we managed to carry the tunes pretty well. And those who couldn't play weren't excluded because they just got up and danced! It was the most fun, exhilarating time I can remember having in ages and there was a lesson in it for me, I think.

So often we soldier on alone, trying to do our best. But we weren't made to be solo artists. Life is an ensemble piece and we are immeasurably enriched by the gifts and talents of others. We can do far more together than we can apart.

How can we recapture that thinking in the church, I wonder? Seeing it not as an institution to join, but a community to belong to?

Those early Christian communities Paul wrote to in the New Testament would have numbered in their twenties and thirties of people. Everyone was known, no-one was anonymous.

Everyone was invested, no-one was ambivalent. Everyone contributed to the life of the congregation, no-one opted out. I often wonder how the 'music' of church life would change if everyone on our books (who's fit and able) were willing to come along and genuinely get involved. Bringing their own skills and insights to the party, or at the very least, coming along and enjoying the craic. All of us have a role to play – not least in a time of vacancy, when more is needed and expected from our leadership and congregation.

When new folk join a congregation it's generally because they've begun to discern a bit of the 'music' that Christ's making in this place and want to come along and get involved. It's our hope and prayer that in the years ahead, we'll be able to draw more folk into the life of our churches, not for our sake but for theirs. Some will have forgotten the tunes and some may never have heard them, but it's wonderful how quickly you pick them up when you join the circle and start playing.

Yours In Christ,  
Rev Paul McKeown (Interim Moderator)



## **Meldrum & Bourtie Sunday School:**

We have a great programme for kids, who meet in age appropriate groups. Come along and join us and learn more about the Good News of the Bible through games, music, story, drama and crafty stuff!

- **Sunday School starts on Sunday 23 February and will run for 6 weeks:**
- **The Easter Sunday family service will be held on 12 April @11am:**
- **School starts at 11am through to 12noon – meets in the Church Hall:**

Hall doors will be open from 10:45am to allow parents who wish to go up to the Church time to do so. The school will finish at 12 noon, but we will be there for a few minutes after to allow parents time to come down from Church and collect their kids.

### **Other useful information:**

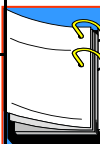
All learning material will be supplied by the Church.

The second Sunday of each month we will be in Church for the Family service. This service forms part of the Sunday School curriculum.

Check out our Facebook page for further information:

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Place	Time	Remarks
<b>February</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bourtie	9.45am	
	Meldrum	11am	
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Evening Service
9 <sup>th</sup>	Meldrum	11am	Family Service
	Wyverie Court	2pm	Transport available
	Westbank Home	2.45pm	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Meldrum	11am	
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Evening Service
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Meldrum	11am	Thinking Day
<b>March</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bourtie	9.45am	
	Meldrum	11am	
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Evening Service
8 <sup>th</sup>	Meldrum	11am	Family Service
	Wyverie Court	2pm	Transport available
	Westbank Home	2.45pm	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Meldrum	11am	
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Evening Service
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Meldrum	11am	Mothering Sunday ASM after the Service
29 <sup>th</sup>	Meldrum	11am	



## Dates for your Diary



Date	Place	Time	Remarks
<b>April</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bourtie	9.45am	
	Meldrum	11am	Palm Sunday
	Meldrum	6.30pm	Evening Service
6th (Mon)	Meldrum	7.30pm	Holy Week
7th (Tues)	Meldrum	7.30pm	Holy Week
8th (Wed)	Meldrum	7.30pm	Holy Week
9th (Thur)	Meldrum	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday
10th (Fri)	Meldrum	7.30pm	Good Friday
12 <sup>th</sup>	Meldrum	11am	Easter Sunday

## QUOTES

A true voyage of discovery doesn't mean looking for new places, but seeing with fresh eyes.

On life's voyage, headwinds can also help us on our way.

Passions are as good for our mental health as blood circulation is for the body.

Of all the best things upon the Earth, I hold that a faithful friend is best.

## **Meldrum Church Duty Rota**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Welcoming Member</b>	
Feb 2nd	C Simpson	E Oliver
9th	H Hay	M Dow
16th	G Simpson	J Simpson
23rd	I Reid	B Reid
Mar 1st	M Kavanagh	A Adam
8th	A Dobson	S Dobson
15th	C Simpson	E Falconer
22nd	I Bousefield	S Bousefield
29th	E Porch	E Oliver
Apr 5th	A McLean	I Reid

<b>Date</b>	<b>Finance</b>		<b>Flowers</b>
Feb 2nd	A McLean	D Davidson	M Mess
9th	B Reid	G Smith	K Duguid
16th	E Buck	M Watt	A Donald
23rd	A McCartney	E Porch	J Simpson
Mar 1st	B Reid	D McClelland	D Davidson
8th	E Ingram	G Smith	L Niven
15th	E Buck	M Watt	T Petrie
22nd	H Hay	B Reid	A McLean
29th	D Davidson	M Kavanagh	D McClelland
Apr 5th	D McClelland	S Dalzell	M Miller

# Bourtie Church Duty Rota

Date	Welcoming Member		Flowers
Feb 2nd	I Peddie	G Stephen	S Peddie
Mar 1st	M Green	I Dunbar	M Green
Apr 5th	M Green	I Peddie	M Green

## Deaths

Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Wilson Drumdarroch Care Home, Inch  
19th November 2019

Mr John (Jack) Sleigh                      West Fingask, Oldmeldrum  
20th December 2019

Mrs Olive Laird  
Morningside Road, Inverurie  
9th January 2020

# Kirk News Articles

All items for the April / May 2020 issue of Kirk News should be in the hands of the Editors, Brian Reid, or Simon Hill by Sunday, 22nd March 2020.

If you know of anyone who does not normally receive Kirk News and would like to, please contact the Editor. (see Contacts table)

# **Prayer Calendar**



## **February 2020**

Lent 2020 begins on Wednesday 26th February. It mirrors the forty days and nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting and resisting temptations. We are all tempted to put ourselves first. Perhaps this Lent, rather than giving up something, we can think about becoming more ecologically aware and putting others and our world first. May we reflect on ways we can live more gently on the Earth, ways that use fewer resources and have less impact. Can we do something, however small, to help look after our Earth and God's wonderful world?

### **PRAYER**

Father God,

May this Lent be a time of inward searching that makes us more able to look with compassion at the needs of our world.

May we be stirred into action and inspired by your love to demonstrate care for our world and all creatures living on Earth. Help us to find ways to conserve resources and use them wisely.

Remind us that there is enough for all if we share.

Prompt us to value everything and to avoid wasting food, water and energy.

Be with us Lord, as we try to follow your ways of truth and love.

Amen



# Prayer Calendar



## March 2020


<b>Weeks 1 &amp; 2</b>	Own Church	Remember and pray for the healing spirit to visit and be with all those in our community who are ill, or suffering in any way. We especially ask for your presence in the lives of the housebound, those in nursing homes and their carers.
	Presbytery	Give thanks for all the Churches in our local Presbytery. Bring the inspiration and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to all those working towards a positive future for our Churches.
	World Issues	Pray for the success of the World Day of Prayer compiled by Christians of different denominations from Zimbabwe. Their theme is “Rise! Take up your Mat and Walk.” Give thanks that this message will be shared in over 170 countries.
<b>Weeks 3 &amp; 4</b>	Own Church	Pray for all the groups and organisations who use our Church Hall. From the youngest babies and toddlers to our more senior folks we ask you Lord to keep them in your care and growing in security and belongingness.
	Presbytery	Remember congregations at Chapel of Garioch and Ellon as they work hard to be a light and source of fellowship in their communities.
	World Issues	Give thanks for all that is good and lovely in our world for Springtime and new life. We pray Lord that you can breath new life into all those individuals and communities struggling as a result of natural disasters and global warming.

# Playlist For Life

If you are caring for/living with someone with dementia and would like to know how Playlist for Life can help.

We can take you through the process of making a personal Playlist For Life which can help transform the lives of people living with dementia and those who care for them.

Please feel free to phone either Eileen Oliver or Mhari Watt for more information.

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# Rotary Club of Oldmeldrum & District



Thank you for supporting Santa and the elves at Christmas time on our street rounds and at the Co-op. Apologies for missing some streets out. Unfortunately Santa's Sleigh was delayed in some areas and didn't have time to complete the planned route before the time on our collectors licence expired. Over the 2 evenings and 2 days we did collect in excess of £1300, that's very generous of you all, thank you. As the year progresses I will let you know how this money and the rest we raise at other events is re-distributed to charities and good causes locally and further afield.

Our next fun and fundraising event will be a Race Night jointly run with Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group (MAIG). This is a fun evening watching "horses" galloping down the hall and leaping over the hurdles. It is an evening well worth coming along to. The date is 6th March at the Royal British Legion Hall and £10 tickets include stovies or mac n' cheese. Would you consider sponsoring one of the 6 races for just £25 or naming one of the 36 horses for only £5? Race sponsors will be acknowledged on the individual race cards given out to everyone. Naming a horse can be a bit of fun and if you want you can make up a name to reflect your company or just something light-hearted. Past examples of horse names are Shotgun Wedding by Batchelor Boy out of Luck and Watafuss by Mountain out of Molehill. To sponsor a race or a horse or **to buy tickets please contact [smithycott@gmail.com](mailto:smithycott@gmail.com) or tel 01651 873034.** Hopefully we will see some of you there.

You might have noticed a wee change to our name. Although we have always been known as Rotary Club of Oldmeldrum, in reality we cover a much larger area so have added 'and District'. Our area is roughly the catchment area of Meldrum Academy. Only a few of our members live in Oldmeldrum instead most live slightly further afield including Daviot, Methlick, Fyvie, Udny, Ellon and Whiterashes. As last year was our 20th anniversary we felt it was time our name should reflect who we are and where we come from.

As always feel free to join us on a Monday evening at the Redgarth Hotel to hear more about our Club and Rotary in the wider world.



## **Christian Aid Planning Meeting**

If you can, please join us in the Church Hall, on Monday February 10th at 7pm. We will be planning our 2020 fundraising for Christian Aid. We warmly welcome all those willing to help and look forward to the sharing of some fresh ideas. Your ideas and prayers could help worldwide and especially the poorest people facing climate change. Working together we can make a difference! Look out for our update in the April/May Kirk News.

Thank You

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## **Things we can do to protect the Earth**

Reduce, re-use and recycle.

Cut down on what you throw away.

Ask, do I need it?

Volunteer for clean-ups in your community and aim to pick up 5 things when out for a walk.

Choose sustainable items.

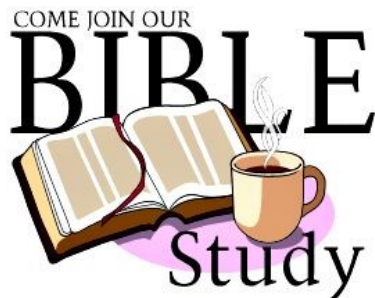
Shop wisely.

Can you buy locally?

Use long lasting light bulbs.

Don't waste water.

Do you really need to drive?



You are invited to join us for cake and coffee (or tea!) to chat and discover more about Holy Week, the last week of Jesus' life. This will be a five week series, running through Lent, and we would love to see you for as few or as many Saturdays as you can manage. Everyone will be most welcome!

**When:** 10 - 11.30am Saturday morning, starting 29th February  
**Where:** Wyverie Court Lounge, Oldmeldrum

For further details please contact:  
Valerie Mitchell



# The Guild



On Monday 25th November we welcomed Graham Ritchie, to talk on Changes in Schools over the last 60 years. Mr Ritchie started teaching in 1975, at Inverurie Academy. He told us there were less staff and more pupils then compared to today. The exam system has changed from 'O' Levels and Highers, to Standard Grades in 1977. The belt was banned in 1982. We could all remember our time at school and could relate to the changes. A very informative talk, which was enjoyed by all.

The Christmas Party on Monday 2nd December 2019 was held at Morris's Hotel, where we enjoyed a beautiful Christmas Lunch, served by welcoming staff. Everyone brought a gift and took one home. It was a lovely social afternoon, which was enjoyed by all.

On 13th January 2020 Ellie and Keith Ingram came along to show slides and tell us about their holiday to Russia in 2018. They cruised from Moscow to St Petersburg. We were shown slides of Red Square; Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kremlin Tour; beautiful frescos in the Churches; lovely gardens in the towns they visited. They also visited the home of a local lady and had a tour of a School. It was a very interesting and enjoyable talk.

## **Syllabus:**

February	10th	Hats can tell stories by Isabel Gregory
March	6th	World Day of Prayer Church Hall @ 7pm
	9th	Talk on Woodland Trust by Barbara Crane
April	13th	Growing up in Kemnay by Alan Petrie

(Meetings are held at 2pm, unless noted otherwise)



# 75TH ANNIVERSARY VE DAY



MAY 8  
1945

MAY 8  
2020

## 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### AFTERNOON TEA

£10 PER ADULT  
300 TICKETS AVAILABLE

There will be juice & crisps for sale for children, but they will not be entitled to a seat.

#### KIDS DISCO

£1 PER CHILD

Juice & crisps will be offered, no food.

PRIMARY 1 - PRIMARY 3

6pm - 7.30pm

PRIMARY 4 - PRIMARY 7

8pm - 9.30pm

Children must be dropped off & collected by parent(s)

### SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### MARQUEE

FREE ADMISSION

Midday - 5pm

Join in the fun for the afternoon

#### DINNER DANCE

£50 PER PERSON OR  
£500 FOR A TABLE OF 10

Saturday 7.30pm - 1am

250 TICKETS AVAILABLE

### SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### BBQ

£10 PER ADULT  
+ £5 PER CHILD (SMALL BBQ)

Sunday 11am - 3pm

250 TICKETS AVAILABLE

*Winston Churchill*



**THE SALES OFFICE WILL BE OPEN IN THE LOWER TOWN HALL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

1ST FEBRUARY 10AM - 12NOON. 29TH FEBRUARY 10AM - 12NOON. 14TH MARCH 10AM - 12NOON. CASH ONLY.



A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION



**VE DAY**

75th ANNIVERSARY

8-10 MAY 2020


**SAVE THE DATES  
& CELEBRATE**

AT OLDMELDRUM PLEASURE PARK

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

2.30PM  3PM

TOAST TO THE NATION'S HEROES  
PIPER - THE BATTLE'S OVER

3.30PM  5PM

AFTERNOON TEA  
(TICKETED EVENT)

6PM  7.30PM

P1-P3 DISCO


8PM  9.30PM

P4-P7 DISCO

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

NOON  3PM

AN AFTERNOON OF DISPLAYS,  
ATTRactions, FUN & GAMES  
FOR ALL THE FAMILY

7.30PM  1AM

1940s STYLE DINNER DANCE  
(TICKETED EVENT, FULLY LICENSED)

DANCING TO  
'THE McANDREW SISTERS'  
& 'THE LAST RESORT'

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

10AM  10.30AM

CHURCH SERVICE  
IN MARQUEE

11.30AM  3PM

BBO  
(TICKETED EVENT)

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

MUSIC BY  
JIM & MARISHA ADDISON

TICKETS FOR ALL 3 EVENTS GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2020. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.