



Meldrum & Bourtie

Parish Church of Scotland

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Rev Matthew Rodger;

Dear "Friends",

I have put the word friends in inverted commas because I wish to emphasise how much I feel that I am among "friends" when I come to be with you on Sunday and when I visit you in your homes. Thank you for the warmth of your welcome, I am most grateful. Indeed, I feel that if I were thirty or forty years younger, I would be submitting an application to fill the vacancy.

The vacancy is, of course, the reason why I am with you. It is good that you are being allowed to go forward to fill the vacancy, and it is important to keep your Selection Committee in our prayers.

There is a story told of Albert Einstein on a train journey searching for his ticket and not finding it. The ticket collector told him not to worry about it. "I am worried", replied Dr. Einstein "and I do need to find my ticket, because I don't know where I am going". Your Parish Profile will undoubtedly help potential applicants to know whether they would wish to journey to



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Oldmeldrum, and it will be a huge help to members of the Selection Committee as they seek to match Profile to Candidate. Of one thing you may be certain, the Holy Spirit will be actively involved.

Meantime, please think of me as your Minister and remember the underlying meaning of minister is servant. I am delighted to be able to help you. Don't be backward in shouting "help".

With every good wish,
Rev Matthew Rodger.

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Rotary Club of Oldmeldrum



After a very busy spring and early summer, July and August are two of our quieter months when we aren't involved in any events but that doesn't mean we are not still active "behind the scenes", even our Santa Sleigh needs a lot of forward planning, and importantly some refurbishment now to ensure it is safe and ready when needed.

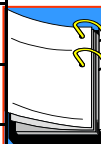
Most of you will know that Meldrum Amenities Improvement Group (MAIG) has entered this year's Beautiful Scotland Competition. The theme for the year is Intergenerational Working with a focus on horticulture, environmental responsibility and community. We are really pleased to be able to support MAIG's application by showing how Rotary, as well as other local organisations, work together for the benefit of all of us. The judges will visit the Community Garden on South Road, and Rotary will do a presentation about how we work with MAIG, schools and other local groups. We wish MAIG good luck with the Competition and hope all their efforts to make Meldrum a lovely place to live are rewarded.

Although the Rotary organisation has been in existence for well over 100 years our club has only been going a short time. This year is our 20th anniversary which we plan to celebrate with a dinner and ceilidh at Haddo House. With a lot of support from people in Oldmeldrum and all the surrounding areas we have achieved a tremendous amount over the years including providing funding to local and international good causes, managing activities to support young people to develop their skills and running events just for fun. So thank you Oldmeldrum we couldn't have done nearly as much without your support.

If you are interested in giving your time and skills to help us do even more then contact us on Secretary@Oldmeldrum.rotary1010.org to find out more about what we do.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Place	Time	Remarks
August			
4 th	Bourtie	9.45am	
	Meldrum	11am	
11 th	Meldrum	11am	Family Service Fairtrade Stall
	Wyverie Court	2pm	Transport available
	Westbank Home	2.45pm	
18 th	Meldrum	11am	
25 th	Meldrum	11am	
<i>BBQ Lunch in Pleasure Park follows immediately after Service</i>			
September			
1 st	Bourtie	9.45am	
	Meldrum	11am	
	Meldrum	6:30pm	Evening service
8 th	Meldrum	11am	Family Service Fairtrade Stall
	Wyverie Court	2pm	Transport available
	Westbank Home	2.45pm	
15 th	Meldrum	11am	
	Meldrum	6:30pm	Evening service
22 nd	Meldrum	11am	
29 th	Meldrum	11am	



Date	Place	Time	Remarks
October			
6 th	Bourtie	9.45am	
	Meldrum	11am	
	Meldrum	6:30pm	Evening service

Kirk News Articles

All items for the October/November 2019 issue of Kirk News should be in the hands of the Editors, Brian Reid, or Simon Hill by Sunday, 22nd September 2019.

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

Deaths

Mrs Evelyn Laird	Oldmeldrum	3rd May 2019
Mr Christopher Allen	Oldmeldrum / Aberdeen	June 2019
Mr David Troup	Aberdeen	11th July 2019

Meldrum Church Duty Rota

Date	Welcoming Member	
Aug 4th	A Adam	E Oliver
11th	B Webster	C Simpson
18th	G Simpson	J Simpson
25th	A Dobson	S Dobson
Sep 1st	M Kavanagh	A Adam
8th	A Gartly	C Simpson
15th	I Reid	E Falconer
22nd	I Bousefield	S Bousefield
29th	E Porch	M Dow
Oct 6th	B Webster	A Gartly

Date	Finance		Flowers
Aug 4th	L Niven	G Smith	T Petrie
11th	S Dalzell	D Davidson	A McLean
18th	D McLelland	E Buck	L Niven
25th	A McCartney	A McLean	M Paterson
Sep 1st	M Watt	B Reid	E Buchan
8th	S Simpson	A McLean	E Buck
15th	B Reid	E Porch	C Donald
22nd	G Smith	L Niven	A Donald
29th	D Davidson	W Paterson	E Arthur
Oct 6th	E Buck	D McLelland	M Spence

Bourtie Church Duty Rota

Date	Welcoming Member		Flowers
Aug 4th	M Green	I Dunbar	M Green
Sept 1st	S Bousefield	M Green	S Peddie
Oct 6th	M Green	I Peddie	M Stephen

Playlist For Life

If you are caring for/living with someone with dementia and would like to know how Playlist for Life can help then come along to our Drop-In information afternoon on Friday 30th August 2019 from 2pm-4pm in the Church Hall.

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.

NOTICE FOR SENIOR MEN GOLFERS

Church Senior Open Stableford will take place at Oldmeldrum Golf Club, on Thursday 10th October 2019.

We hope this event will be as successful as it has been in previous years.

Prayer Calendar



August 2019

Week 1	Own Church	Give thanks for all those who have enjoyed a holiday break and experienced refreshment.
	Presbytery	Pray for the minister and parish of Ellon for the outreach in their area.
	World Issues	Pray for all those who are refugees and travel not for pleasure but of necessity. Keep them safe.
Week 2	Own Church	Pray for members of our congregation who teach and work in our schools. Pray for pupils beginning a new year, at school, with its new challenges.
	Presbytery	Pray for our reader and our interim moderator. Thanks for our locum minister. Remember our vacancy team and pray for their support.
	World Issues	Pray for students and pupils throughout the world and for those who would like the chance to study.
Week 3	Own Church	Give thanks for all those involved in the Guild and pray for the fellowship of their meetings.
	Presbytery	Pray for parishes without a minister, or with a new minister that they move forward in strength.
	World Issues	Pray for all members of charitable organisations and Aid Agencies who give up so much to bring caring and hope throughout the world.
Week 4	Own Church	Give thanks and pray for those who quietly work to make Meldrum a better place – pray for all those involved in the Community Cafe and with the gardens and floral displays.
	Presbytery	Pray for Rev. Mary Cranfield and the people of Culsamond, Rayne and Daviot.
	World Issues	Pray for believers of all denominations. Foster understanding and common beliefs so that our similarities are more than our differences.

Prayer Calendar



September 2019

During July and August the New Scottish Hymns Band have launched their new album “Joy will follow” at a number of venues throughout Scotland. We were thrilled to have them with us in Oldmeldrum in July at the beginning of their tour and for the church to be filled with joyful voices and singing. They are the new and living face of an old tradition that we know and cherish.

In the book of Psalms King David played music and sang before the Lord as we still do today. Lets give thanks for these treasures, old and new, for they speak to our hearts and raise our spirits.

PSALM 100 - A Hymn of Praise

Sing to the Lord, all the world!
Worship the Lord with joy;
Come before Him with happy songs!
Acknowledge that the Lord is God.
He made us, and we belong to Him;
We are His people, we are his flock.
Enter the temple gates with thanksgiving;
Go into His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him and praise Him.
The Lord is good;
His love is eternal
And His faithfulness lasts forever.

Lord,
Bless all those with the gift of music. Let the words of the Psalms and of Hymns move our hearts and inspire us as we listen and sing. Help us to come closer to you in our singing and prayers.

Amen

The Gospel Writers: Part 4 – John

Only two books of the Bible start with “In the beginning ...” Genesis and John’s Gospel. This is no accident, Genesis describes the beginning of the universe while John emphasises the new beginning that is in Christ. This highlights the difference in emphasis between the first three Gospels, recording Jesus’ life, and the fourth which concentrates more on His teaching. Indeed, John’s has often been called ‘The Spiritual Gospel’.

John was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome and, probably, first cousin to Jesus. The evidence for this lies in two places: “there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene.” (John 19:25) and “Some women were watching ... Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome.” (Mark 15:40) Mary’s sister and Salome appear to be the same person, making John and Jesus first cousins.

Along with his older brother James, John was a fisherman. We know that James was older because the convention of the time meant he was always named first. John was also a disciple of John the Baptist, whom he left to follow Jesus (John 1:35-39).

Initially, John was hot-headed: when some Samaritan villages rejected Jesus, he asked for fire from heaven to be sent onto them (Luke 9:54-55), he tried to stop a non-disciple casting out demons in Jesus’ name (Mark 9:38) and, through their mother, he and his brother asked to be seated beside Jesus in heaven (Matt 20:24). Their hot-headedness saw Jesus name the brothers ‘Boanerges’, meaning ‘Sons of Thunder’ (Mark 3:17).

John calmed with age, becoming part of Jesus’ inner circle with James and Peter. Only these three were privileged to witness the raising of Jairus’ daughter (Mark 5:37; Luke 8:51), the Transfiguration (Matt 17:1; Mark. 9:2; Luke 9:28) and were the closest to Jesus praying in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:37; Mark

14:33). With just Peter, John was sent to prepare for the last supper (Luke 22:8), went into the High Priest's courtyard after Jesus' arrest (John 18:15-16) and ran to the tomb after hearing Jesus' body was gone (John 20:2, 3). But perhaps the most telling sign of how John had changed is that Jesus turned the care of His mother over to him (John 19:26-27).

John was a pillar of the early church. Alongside Peter he was present and active on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14), healed a lame man (Acts 3:1-5) was arrested and brought before the Jewish Council (Acts 4:3) and went to Samaria to impart gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14, 15).

In later life, tradition relates that John was banished after being plunged into boiling oil and suffering no injuries - all who witnessed this miracle were converted to Christianity. Secular sources tell us that John spent his last years preaching in Ephesus and to the seven churches of Asia. Finally he was imprisoned on Patmos, a small, rocky Greek island where he lived in a cave, cut off from those he loved, because he refused to remain under the same roof as a heretic called Cerinthus. It was in this cave that John's final work, Revelation (the only prophetic book in The New Testament) came to him directly from Jesus. Once again, John's love for Jesus resulted in him being entrusted with something special, not Jesus' mother this time, but His Revelation.

Tradition relates that, near the end of his life John constantly repeated his final lesson, "Little children, love one another." As an old man he addressed those he taught as 'children' – younger in both age and faith, a remarkable change in John a 'Son of Thunder' who became 'The Disciple Jesus Loved'.

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Family Picnic

Sunday 25 Aug 2019:

Sunday Service in Church on the 25 August:
Service starts at 11am.

Followed by a barbeque lunch
at the pavilion
in Meldrum leisure park:



There will be
games & competitions for all.

Family & friends are all
welcome to join us.



If you would like to join us please let us know
either by email to
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Or

Go to our Facebook event page and sign up.
(See Contact₂List for details)