

Aberlemno Guthrie & Rescobie

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Church Services

December

10.00am Aberlemno 11.30am Guthrie

January

10.00am Rescobie 11.30am Aberlemno

February

10.00am Guthrie 11.30am Aberlemno

March

10.00am Rescobie 11.30am Aberlemno

Christmas Services

16th December – Family Services

10.00am Aberlemno 11.30am Guthrie

(Toys etc for needy children may be left under the Christmas Tree
at these services)

23rd December

10.00am Aberlemno 11.30am Guthrie

24th December

Carol Service 8.00pm Aberlemno followed by tea in Church

Christmas Day

10.30am at Rescobie

30th December

United Service at Aberlemno 11.30am

Our Christmas retiring offerings this year are for Lippen Care

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The Manse
Guthrie
Christmas 2018

Dear Friends,

If time passing quickly is a sign of getting older then I have been feeling my age this week as I thought about what to write in this Newsletter. Christmas seems to be upon us even sooner than ever and as always our Churches will be busy as we celebrate this most special time.

Our Christmas offerings this year will be for Lippen Care, a charity which has touched the lives of many of our members and their families. This year the Strathmore Hospice bedrooms have been refurbished and Lippen Care are funding the post of a Senior Palliative Care Nurse to develop and strengthen adult palliative and end of life care across Angus. I know that you will show your traditional Christmas generosity to support this very worthy cause.

At this time of year we take time to remember those we have lost and those who have been bereaved. This year we have decided that on the 9th December at our morning services we will include a time of reflection and light a candle for them. If anyone you know would like to join us they will be most welcome.

I don't know how many Nativity Plays I have watched over the years but they are always special. One of the key moments is when Joseph is told that there is no room in the Inn. Perhaps that is something we should be thinking about at this time of the year. What do we have no room for in the lead-up to Christmas? Everyone seems so busy, even retired friends seem to have no time to spare. May I suggest three things we should make room for this year?

1. Make room for those in need. Not just by supporting charities, worthy as that is, but by giving some of our time for someone who is lonely or sad or far from loved ones at this time of getting together.
2. Make some room for yourself too. Give yourself time to reflect on the important things in life, not just on shopping lists and busy diaries. Take time out to think what these celebrations mean to you.
3. Make room for Jesus. The birth of Jesus is a great act of love which takes place in the simplest of ways. The message of Christmas is so important in today's world.

With very best wishes for a joyful and peaceful Christmas for all of you.

God bless you and all those you love

Brian and Christine

Sunday School Dates

Aberlemno

3rd February and 3rd March at 11.30am

Guthrie and Rescobie

3rd February at Guthrie at 10.00am and 3rd March at Rescobie at 10.00am

New members always welcome. Contact Mr Ramsay for details.

Mrs Eleanor Lawson

After more than forty years of service as Church cleaner at Guthrie Church Mrs Lawson has decided that it is time to retire. She has carried out her work with great dedication and real affection for our historic building. Along with husband Alec she has gone far more than any job description would ever list. The Minister, Kirk Session and Congregational Board wish to place on record their appreciation of Mrs Lawson's service. We are delighted that she has kindly agreed to continue to look after the Guthrie Flower List.

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Classical Christmas Concert

On Sunday 16th December at 3.00pm in Rescobie Church there will be a concert by the Strathmore Singers led by Mr Roger Clegg. Admission will be by donation and the Singers have kindly agreed that all proceeds will go to the church. Please join us and tell your friends about this event which will be a wonderful addition to our build up to Christmas in our parishes.

Guthrie and Rescobie Guild

The Guild thank you all for the support we had at the Church stall. With the Whisky Board and stall we raised £749 which was a great result. Winners of the Whisky were Frances Davidson and Bill Glass. By the time you read this our Afternoon Tea will be over so we hope the ones who supported us on the 21st enjoyed the pancakes and traybakes. We thank you for joining us.

On 2nd December at 2.00pm Bon Accord from East and Old in Forfar will entertain us with Christmas music in Guthrie Church. We do hope you can join us and get into the Christmas Spirit. Thanks for the Sunshine Bags that have been returned, others can be handed in to Rev B Ramsay or any Guild member.

*When everything's in chaos
Pause for a little while
In the middle of the muddle
Just keep calm and smile.
If someone offers a helping hand
Let them share your load
It's when we walk with others
That we find the even road.*

The Guild members wish you all a happy festive season and a healthy and peaceful New Year. Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

J Smith

Aberlemno Hall Committee

The Hall Committee are currently busy with preparations for the Craft Fair on 24th November – hope you managed to come long, that you found something good to buy and caught up with friends for a tea and a chat.

This summer saw the introduction of open days for the Pictish Room. This obviously requires somebody on the premises and after the success of Susan's efforts this year we plan to formalise opening which will be advertised on our website to encourage visitors – probably on a monthly basis when the Stones are uncovered. Aberlemno School also paid us a visit and we are preparing a flyer to let other schools know what we have to offer. There will also be a talk and hopefully a walk as part of our heritage promotion.

Our Secretary – Jacqui Thornton – has been busy improving our website (which takes bookings and payments online) and she very kindly spoke to the Federation of Village Halls about her experiences – good and bad. Sharing our skills is always worthwhile. On that topic, a conversation with one of our Communities Officers raised the topic of learning how to make best use of a tablet or ipad. The hall doesn't (yet) have wi-fi, but if anyone is willing to host a training session or would like to know more just get in touch with me. Any other suggestions or ideas for activities/events please let us know.

A current initiative is Local Resilience – you may be aware of local efforts such as the Flood Group in Edzell; the Resilience Plan at Eassie and Nevay Hall or the community defibrillator in Glen Ogilvie? Well, Angus Council Emergency Planning Team is keen to support other resilience groups and while not a Hall function, the Hall could be a central location in time of crisis (major road accident, severe weather etc) and the resilience plan/group would work with emergency services to identify local need, pass on information and order/distribute anything such as bottled water etc. It may be possible through this and with community support to acquire such things as a defibrillator or a generator. We shall see – but if you are contacted please get involved to make our community stronger.

I would also like to give our condolences and support to David Cohen following the sad passing of Betty – a stalwart of the Hall Committee for many years and with Cyril a community activist of long standing.

Finally, on behalf of the Hall Committee I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year – when it comes.

Isabelle
Chair
Aberlemno Hall Committee
Please visit us at <http://www.aberlemno.org/>

GUTHRIE HALL

As always the annual and recent craft fair held in Guthrie Hall was very well supported by this community and lots of visitors from all corners of Angus. The generosity of local folk never ceases to amaze with the hall making over £600. The amount of money allows us to keep hall rentals at 2004 prices and goes towards the cost of insurance which of course goes up year on year and is by far our biggest ongoing expense. A huge thank you to all for a lovely and generous donations handed in towards the tombola.

The Hall Christmas Dance/Party is on the 7th of December. Please come along and join in. Bring your own food and drinks.

Steven Carcary holds Scottish dancing evenings every second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 7.45pm to around 10pm. All welcome. For more details contact Steven on 07952026633.

The Men's Club meets every Tuesday evening. All welcome. Please contact Neil Ross 01241 828323 for more information.

Aldbar WRI hold their meetings in the hall and would welcome new members. Contact Mrs Daun for more information 01307 464935.

Angus Embroiderer and Textile Artists hold meetings regularly at the hall. Please phone Pat Beaton on 01241 828092 for more details.

Guthrie Hall is available for private hire for wedding receptions, parties, meetings and club activities – very modest rates which we have held as low as possible since 2004. Good off road parking and a superb venue with first class facilities. **Please telephone Christine Shand on 01307 819473 for more details.**

Events for 2018/19

Christmas Dance Friday 7th December at 7.30pm with Steven Carcary. Please bring your own refreshments of food and drink.

Flower show will be held in August 2019. Details and schedules will be in the first newsletter of 2019.

Aberlemno Community Council

Following recent elections your Community Council has just started a new term of office that will continue until October 2022. Your Community Councillors are listed on the Community Council page of www.Aberlemno.org.

Whilst on the page you can also read the minutes of the previous meetings and get the date of the next meeting.

Each year we're given a small grant to spend within the community and are looking for worthy causes. The money can be used for small projects in the area that will be of benefit to local people. Currently the Community Council makes a contribution to, amongst other things, Lippen Care and the local website, www.Aberlemno.org, which has details about future events at the hall, the church services and the minutes of the Community Council. If you would like to influence how the grant is used, please come along to a meeting and let us know what you think, you'd be most welcome.

We're also looking for young people to join us so do come along if you would like to influence decision making in your local area.

Date for your diary: 16 February 2019. There will be a Crime Prevention event at the Aberlemno Village Hall. Watch the website for more information.

Your Community Councillors would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Chantal Fenton
Secretary

Poppy Collection

Our Poppy Scotland Collections at Remembrance this year were as follows:

Aberlemno Church	£116.09
Rescobie Church	£48.82
Aberlemno School	£16.18

Mrs Anona Gow would also like to thank those who went out collecting in our area and all who donated to this most worthwhile of causes.

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ABERLEMNO **TREASURER'S REPORT**

At our Harvest Thanksgiving service on 21st October a variety of tins and dried food were donated and thereafter delivered to the local Foodbank.

The retiring offering of £96.50 was sent to the Guild Office at 121 George Street for the Malawi Project. They have asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone.

The hospitality of the Canmore Bowling Club for our yearly Quiz was very much enjoyed by all who attended. We also had our 'interval' quiz, thanks to Lovina and once again Rev Ramsay enjoyed his role as our resident quizmaster! The total amount raised was £178.

From our Remembrance Day service held on 11th November, we were able to send £116.09 from our retiring offering to Poppy Scotland.

During 2018 our fund-raising efforts have been very enjoyable and successful. A big thank you to all; those who worked so hard and all those who supported our Church both financially and otherwise.

My very best wishes to you and yours for Christmas and the New Year.

Lorna Hooghiemstra
Treasurer
November 2018

GUTHRIE & RESCOBIE CHURCH **TREASURER'S REPORT**

With two months to go to the end of the year, it is a little early to say whether or not there will be a surplus for 2018. In the 21 years that I have been Treasurer we have only had three deficits and I am hopeful that we will avoid one again this year.

What has helped each year have been the special events that have taken place during the year. The recent craft fair tea takings and hamper money raised £375 and £128 respectively and all those involved must be thanked for their time and efforts over the two days.

We have a great community based round our two churches and are extremely fortunate, like Aberlemno, in having Brian Ramsay as our Minister.

The future of our Churches very much rests on all of us in encouraging the next generation to join us and take up the mantle.

James Osborne
Treasurer
November 2018

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PARISH REGISTER

Aberlemno

Baptism

Lottie Mabel Yarr, daughter of Nicola and Jeffrey
on 14th October 2018

Weddings

Nikki Reid and Wayne Stewart at the Invercarse Hotel on
12th October 2018

Death

Dr Sarah E Cohen (Betty) MBE, Mansfield on 3rd November 2018

Mrs Joan Meiklejohn, Pitkenney on 11th November 2018

Guthrie & Rescobie

Baptisms

Ben Liam Pattie, son of Lynsey and Liam on 26th August 2018 at
Guthrie

**Any items for the December Parish
Newsletter should be given to Mr Ramsay
by 17th February 2019. Thank you.**