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Church Services

December; Aberlemno 10.00 A.M., Guthrie 11.30 A.M.

January; Rescobie 10.00 A.M., Aberlemno 11.30 A.M.

(Only at Aberlemno on 3rd)

February; Guthrie 10.00 A.M., Aberlemno 11.30 A.M.

March; Rescobie 10.00 A.M., Aberlemno 11.30 A.M.

Christmas Services

20th December Family Services- Aberlemno at 10.00, Guthrie at 11.30
Toys for needy children may be brought to these services, in black bin bags.

There will be no Carol Service on Christmas Eve

Aberlemno Church will be open for private prayer from 2-4 on 24th
December.

We are also recording an online Carol Service which will be on YouTube under the name 'Aberlemno Church Carol Service 2020'. Details will also be on the Aberlemno.org website under "Kirk."

Christmas Day- Rescobie at 10.30

27th December- United Service at Guthrie at 11.30

3rd January – United Service at Aberlemno at 11.30

Our Christmas retiring offerings this year will be for the Maggie Centre.

The Manse,
Christmas 2020.

Dear friends,

Even with the slight lifting of restrictions this is going to be a very different Christmas. For the first time in 60 years there will be no carol service at Aberlemno on Christmas Eve and no carols will be sung at any of our Christmas services.

One of the positive results of what has been a difficult and for many a very sad year is that we have come to realise the things that really matter in our lives. We have come to appreciate, even more than normally, our families, our friends, those who care for us in the N.H.S, Care homes and in the community, and those who have helped with our needs when we were in lockdown.

Despite our churches being closed this year we have managed a few special celebrations, marking Harold Jackson's remarkable 60 years' service as an Elder, Helen Gardiner's 30 years as Guthrie and Rescobie's first female Elder and 200 years of worship in Rescobie Church. Three special days which meant a great deal to me personally.

This will be a quieter Christmas for all of us but perhaps that will offer us time to reflect upon the real message of Christmas, that God showed His love for us by sending a little helpless child who would grow up to teach us to cherish so many of the qualities that we have come to appreciate in this strangest of years. The Christmas message of love, peace and goodwill still shines, no matter how dark life may seem.

I look forward to singing lots of carols at Christmas 2021.

God bless you all and may you have a Happy Christmas,

Brian and Christine

GUTHRIE AND RESCOBIE WOMAN'S GUILD

Hello friends. When we had our meeting in March who would have thought that it would be our last meeting for 2020? It has been a strange year with no meetings and no fund raising as we usually have. We have to be thankful for the lovely countryside we live in and the friends we share it with.

At the Millennium we were told that all things were to stop and the changes it would bring but it has taken 20 years for this to happen, changes like many of us have never seen before. As the year is drawing to an end may you all keep safe and well. Remember, especially this year, the best things in life are free. Smiles, love, laughter and memories of family and friends. Today, be thankful and think how really rich you are. Your family and friends are priceless. Your time is gold and your health is wealth. Until we meet again, keep safe. Joyce Smith.

GUTHRIE AND RESCOBIE TREASURER'S REPORT

We have been fortunate this year during the Covid Restrictions in still having interesting and rewarding services conducted by Brian Ramsay at both Guthrie and Rescobie Churches, even though there have been no hymns and we have had to say behind our different masks the Lord's Prayer quietly. We recently celebrated the 200th anniversary of the first service at Rescobie Church when Brian told us that no less than 300 may have attended. No wonder Rescobie had to have a large church with balconies for seating which have since long gone.

On the financial front we are naturally struggling this year to cover costs but thanks to some recent generous donations and givings I am hopeful that the shortfall will not be too much and with vaccines not far away we can look forward to better times next year.

James C Osborne FRICS

Aberlemno Treasurer's Report

I would like to convey my thanks to everyone, from near and far in the UK and as far afield as Tokyo, who kindly donated funds to keep our Church afloat during these difficult times. The planned fund-raisers for 2020 had to be put on the 'back burner' but they are certainly something to look forward to when we return to some kind of normality.

I'll end with a local saying, to wish for 'cannier times' for us all in the year ahead.
Lorna Hooghiemstra, Treasurer.

Guthrie Hall

It has been very sad but fully understandable that our lovely hall has been closed since March. The committee are hoping to be able to make the hall available for let as soon as restrictions allow. We are currently putting in place all requirements as stipulated by the authorities and hope to be able to welcome groups and private lets as soon as possible.

Aberlemno School

The School are looking for a Spanish speaker in our community to help with a school project next term. If you can help please let Mr Ramsay know and he will pass on your details to the teacher involved.

Aberlemno Village Hall

"Amazon Smile" is now live for Aberlemno Village Hall donations - take a look at the home page on our website for more information. As we all head towards Christmas, with many of us shopping on-line this year, it would be great to spread the word on this for anyone that might want to support the Hall at no cost to themselves. Please visit us at <https://www.aberlemno.org/>

Parish Register

Aberlemno

Wedding; Nicola Orr to Ross Horne on 8th of August 2020.

Deaths;

Mrs Gracie Stewart, Priory Cottages, Lunanhead on 26TH March 2020.

Mrs Nan Jolly, South Grange Care Home, formerly of Craiksfolds, on 30th April 2020.

Mrs Helen Watson, Whitemyre, on 21st July 2020.

Mrs Gina Allan, Forfar, formerly School Rd., on 7th September 2020.

Mr Gordon Stewart, Storyville, formerly of Forestry Holdings, on 22nd October 2020.

New Communicant; Miss Sarah Trainer

Elders Ordained; Mrs Beth Trainer and Mr Raymond Kennedy.

Guthrie and Rescobie

Deaths;

Mrs Elizabeth Adam, Meigle Care Home, formerly of Colliston, on 16th April 2020.

Mr Kenneth Kelly, Kemnay, formerly of Aberlemno, on 4th July 2020

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