

# **Aberlemno Guthrie & Rescobie**

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## **Church Services**

### **December**

10.00am Rescobie 11.30am Aberlemno

### **January**

10.00am Aberlemno 11.30am Guthrie (United Service at Aberlemno on 5<sup>th</sup>)

### **February**

10.00am Aberlemno 11.30am Rescobie

### **March**

10.00am Aberlemno 11.30am Guthrie

## **Christmas Services**

**8<sup>th</sup> December A candle for Advent, remembering loved ones**

10.00am Rescobie 11.30am Aberlemno

**15<sup>th</sup> December – Family Services**

10.00am Rescobie 11.30am Aberlemno

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Carols and Poems for Christmas 10.00am Rescobie 11.30am Aberlemno

**Christmas Eve**

Lessons and Carols 8.00pm Aberlemno followed by tea in Church

**Christmas Day**

10.30am at Guthrie

**29<sup>th</sup> December**

United Service at Rescobie 10.00am

5<sup>th</sup> January United Service at Aberlemno 10.00am

Our Christmas retiring offerings this year are for The Scottish Air Ambulance

# **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**The Manse  
Guthrie**

**December 2019**

Dear Friends,

In these last few weeks a number of people have said to me that their favourite part of Christmas is Christmas Eve. I know exactly what they mean because it has always been very special to me. Why is it that we enjoy it so much? Perhaps because the bustle of the lead up to Christmas is over. Or is it because it is a time when distant family members arrive? For some there is not the pressure of preparing a feast of turkey and all the trimmings which will take up much of the following day. All of these play a part, no doubt, but I think that there are two things that make Christmas Eve so special.

One is that it is a simple part of the celebrations; Carols and Lessons and Mincemeat Pies, old favourites shared with friends and family. The rushing about and panic stops and we have an opportunity to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

It is also a time when we look back and remember Christmas Eves in years gone by and the loved ones we shared them with; a reminder that this is a celebration of love, that Love did indeed come down at Christmas.

I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas Eve and that you keep its spirit throughout the Christmas Season.

I am very pleased to announce that Ian Wilson has kindly agreed to take on the role of Session Clerk at Aberlemno. I am sure you would all like to join me in wishing Ian well in his duties.

Wishing you a Joyful Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year,

Brian and Christine

### **Rescobie Church 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Rescobie Church celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Dedication on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and we will be celebrating this with a special service and other celebrations. More details will be announced in due course.

### **Guthrie and Rescobie Sunday School**

A few months ago the Minister hosted a meeting in the Sunday School Room and the visitors all commented on how lovely the Sunday Schools art-work was. Our Sunday School may be small but it is very creative and good fun. New members are all very welcome. Our next dates are;

12<sup>th</sup> January – Guthrie at 11.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> February - Rescobie at 11.30am  
8<sup>th</sup> March - Guthrie at 11.30am

## **ABERLEMNO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

This year for the Christmas Family Service, the Sunday School will be sharing a Christmas Show & Tell with the congregation. They will each share an object or symbol of Christmas from their family; perhaps a precious tree decoration, a treasured recipe or tradition, a magical storybook or a place which captures the meaning of Christmas for them.

The Congregation are warmly welcomed to join in by bringing their own object to 'show and tell'. No need to prepare anything in advance - the children will be delighted for you to join them in this festive sharing of stories about how we celebrate the birth of Jesus in our homes in Aberlemno and beyond.

Our Sunday School Dates are 5<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.00am, and March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.00am.

One of our Sunday School helpers, Eddiesa has passed her BSL (British Sign Language) Level 3, sponsored by Radio Tay and in November went to ITV studios in Gateshead to do BSL T.V. presentation training. Well done Eddiesa.

Our other helper, Holly, is pursuing her dream career in Agriculture and is doing very well and loving her work.

## **ABERLEMNO TREASURER'S REPORT**

At our Harvest Thanksgiving service on 24<sup>th</sup> October, a variety of tins and dried food was donated and thereafter delivered to the local Foodbank. The retiring offering of £40.40 was sent to Crossreach for their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They have asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone.

Lovina very kindly arranged the venue at Canmore Bowling Club for our yearly Quiz night on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Around 50 people attended a very enjoyable and successful night. Rev. Ramsay excelled himself in his role as our resident quizmaster! The total amount raised was £203.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we held a Coffee Morning in the newly refurbished Aberlemno Hall. Despite the sombre November weather, the fund-raiser was a resounding success. We raised a grand total of £786.30

From our Remembrance Day service held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, we were able to send £69.72 from our retiring offering to Poppy Scotland.

We have had a good response during 2019 in our fund-raising efforts which help greatly towards our financial situation. A big thank you to all who gave up so much time and energy to make these events successful. Thanks also to family and friends who supported us.

My very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Lorna Hooghiemstra,  
Treasurer  
November 2019

## ABERLEMNO SCHOOL

Aberlemno Parent Council would like to invite friends, family and members of our local community along to our Burns Celebration on Sunday 19th January 4-6pm. The primary school children will perform "Wee Red Riding Hood" a Scots pantomime, followed by food and Scottish country dancing! Tickets can be purchased at the school office or contact our Heather Watson (chairperson) on 07774338921 or email [Heatherandbillyw@sky.com](mailto:Heatherandbillyw@sky.com).

### GUTHRIE AND RESCOBIE TREASURER'S REPORT

With two months to go to the end of the year, it is a little too early to say whether we will escape a deficit for 2019. In the 22 years I have been Treasurer we have only had 4 deficits and it would be great if we can avoid one this year.

What has helped each year have been the funds that we have generated for the Church from various Special Events that have taken place during the year. Once again, can I thank our wonderful stalwarts who have helped with our Special Events, especially those who worked so hard to provide refreshments at the recent Craft Fayre.

Walk-£715  
Teas Event- £629  
Duck Race- £100  
Barbecue-£180  
Craft Teas- £382 **Total £2006**

We have a great community based around our two Churches and are most fortunate, along with 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 C. Osborne  
Treasurer 2019

### Grandmothers (by an 8 year old boy)

A grandmother is a woman who has no children of her own,  
So she loves the boys and girls of other people.  
Grandmothers have nothing to do, they only have to be there  
If they take you for a walk, they go slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars..  
They never say "Come along quickly" or "Hurry up for goodness sake."  
They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie up my shoe laces.  
They wear spectacles and sometimes take out their teeth.  
They can answer any question,  
For instance, why dogs hate cats and why God is not married.  
When they read to us they never leave anything out.  
They do not mind if it's always the same story.  
Everyone should have a grandmother especially those who do not have television.  
Grandmothers are the only grownups who have plenty of time.

A little old-fashioned perhaps, but still food for thought and lovely.  
(From St. John's Church Newsletter)

## **GUTHRIE AND RESCOBIE GUILD**

The Guild would like to thank everyone who helped and supported us on the Church Stall at the Craft Fair. We raised a total of £661, slightly down on last year but still a good effort.

The Whisky winners this year were Brian Ramsay and Wilma Milne from Froickheim. Our next fundraiser is our Afternoon Tea and we hope for a good turn-out on the 20th November. To those who came to support us, thank you. The sunshine bags are still being returned, the total will be reported later.

You are always very welcome to join us at any Guild meeting. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Guthrie Church Hall. As we head into Christmas just a little reminder;

The best things in life are free - hugs, smiles, love, laughter and good memories with friends and family.

A child is going to remember who was there, not what you spent on them. Kids outgrow toys and outfits but never outgrow your time or love.

We wish you good health and peace in the year to come.

Joyce Smith

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November was National Power of Attorney Day. You may not realise how important a Power of Attorney can be until it is too late!

### **What is Power of Attorney**

A Power of Attorney is a written, legal document giving someone else (your Attorney), authority to take actions or make decisions on your behalf (the granter). You choose the person(s) you want to act as your Power of Attorney and what powers you want the Attorney to have. A Power of Attorney is intended to ensure that your financial affairs and personal welfare can still be dealt with/protected in the event of you being unable to act on your behalf.

Nobody likes to think of a time when they can't make decisions for themselves. Setting up your Power of Attorney is pretty easy and can be indispensable during difficult times.

Think you don't need Power of Attorney as you've got a will? Sorry, but a will is for after you're gone and Power of Attorney looks after you while you're still here. Start the conversation, talk to your partners, friends, family – those that matter, visit [www.mypowerofattorney.org.uk](http://www.mypowerofattorney.org.uk)

## **CAROLS AT THE MART**

Come along and join us for carols and refreshments on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 p.m. in Forfar Mart. Collection for RSABI (Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution).

# ABERLEMNO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

£1,200 is up for grabs for local projects and new ideas that address local *Health and Wellbeing* priorities in the Aberlemno Community Council Area.

Who can apply?

Anyone who lives in or has a project/group in the Aberlemno Community Council area can apply.

For more information and to download an application form search the Community Council page on [www.aberlemno.org](http://www.aberlemno.org) or send a request by emailing [aberlemnocommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:aberlemnocommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

Fill in the application form and submit it to the email address on the application form or post it to the address on the application form by the deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you are an applicant, you or someone who can represent you must be able to attend the voting event on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 to present your ideas to voters.

Who decides who gets funding? The people who live in the Aberlemno Community Council area do!

The Steering Group will host an event on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 for everyone who has made an application for funding and everyone who lives in Aberlemno Community Council area is invited.

- At the event those who made a funding application will be asked to tell people what it is they want the money for.

- Those residents of the Aberlemno Community **Council area who** attend the event will be asked to vote for the projects they like best.

- Money will be given to the group with the most votes, then the group with the second most votes, then third and so on until the £1,200 has been allocated.

Will there be monitoring of the grants? Yes, the Steering Group will ask people to show how the money was spent.

Do the group have to be constituted? No.

What if a group doesn't get funding? The Steering Group and the Communities Team will work with any group who wants to progress their project to try to identify other funding. Go on, try your luck!

## ABERLEMNO HALL

It's been a busy spell at the Hall. Lots of hard work by lots of people have made huge improvements to our Hall – as many of you who attended the Church coffee morning will have seen. We have almost completed redecorating throughout so thanks to all the committee, family and friends who have put in all the hours. Our bright shiny new kitchen is a joy to behold (you don't actually get to USE it!) and many will be pleased to hear the dishwasher is now ready to go. A special word of thanks to Caroline who has kept the Hall functioning throughout.

Our Christmas Fair was on the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov (10am-1pm) with a mix of new and familiar stalls and lovely home-baking. Next weekend (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.) we have wreath making sessions in the Hall which should be fun. Check out online at <https://aberlemno.org/> and also look at the funding available to local projects through the joint participatory budgeting opportunity. Please remember the hall is there for the community to hire, use for community activity and for meetings/events. Anyone is welcome to join the committee and help make it a space for all.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support throughout the year, and we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy 2020.

## **GUTHRIE HALL**

We recently held our AGM and I have to report there was one resignation but otherwise there were no changes to the committee or office bearers. We desperately need some younger members of our community to join us to help put forward some fresh ideas and to ensure we are giving a service that caters for all. More importantly we need younger folks to ensure that this amazing, well used and fabulous facility remains viable for decades to come. If you think you could come along to three meetings a year and in addition help out at some of our fund raisers, then come along to our next meeting on Monday 3rd February 2020, we would love to see you and there would be no pressure to do anything unless you want to. No matter how young or old (we value new committee members irrespective of age) there is a warm welcome awaiting.

A huge thank you to all who came along to the craft fair at the end of October. A buzzing event which raised £600 for hall funds. Without such fund raisers there would be no Guthrie Hall. Thank you.

Our next fund raiser is our annual Christmas dance held on Friday 20th December please come and support this fun evening. By popular demand Steven Carcary is supplying the music. Many years ago we made this bring your own drink and nibbles meaning we have been able to keep the price of the tickets to a very modest £6 and of course by bringing your own drinks keeps the cost to you at a sensible level. Tea and biscuits are available at half time.

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 2019**

Christmas Dance Friday December 20th at 7.30pm with Steven Carcary. Please bring your own requirements of food and drink. Tea will be served.

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**PARISH REGISTER**

**Aberlemno**

**Baptism**

Nicholas Anthony Ramsay Kilbane, son of Amy and Patrick on  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**New Member**

Mrs Alison Fawcett, Edzell. By resolution of the Kirk Session

**Death**

Mr James Hendry, Forfar (formerly of Nether Turin Cottage) on  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Mr James Stewart, Forestry Holdings, on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Rev Harry Anson, Balbinny on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Guthrie & Rescobie**

**Deaths**

Miss Edith Laird, Forfar, on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019  
Mrs Isabella Rae, Letham on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

**Any items for the March Parish Newsletter  
should be given to Mr Ramsay by  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Thank you.**