

Aberlemno Guthrie & Rescobie

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March

Aberlemno-10.00am Guthrie- 11.30am

April

Aberlemno-10.00am Rescobie-11.30am

May

Guthrie-10.00am Aberlemno-11.30am

June

Rescobie-10.00am Aberlemno-11.30am

July

United Services at 10.00am

5th Guthrie 12th Aberlemno
19th Rescobie 26th Aberlemno

August

United Services at 10.00am

2nd Guthrie 9th Aberlemno
16th Rescobie 23rd Aberlemno 30th Guthrie

September

Aberlemno 10.00am
Rescobie 11.30am

Holy Week Services

9th April Maundy Thursday Communion at Aberlemno at 7.00pm
10th April Good Friday Service at Guthrie at 7.00pm

Communion Services

Aberlemno 31st May 11.30am 6.30pm
Guthrie 3rd May 10.00am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The Manse

Guthrie

March 2020

Dear Friends,

As we emerge from what has been a wild beginning to the year, with storm Dennis having just subsided as I write this letter, hopefully we will have a lovely spring to lift the spirits. As you read through the parish news you will see that it looks like being a busy year with an exceptional variety of events, not only for our churches but also for Aberlemno and Guthrie Village Halls. (Hopefully we will hear soon of events at Reswallie Hall as, for the first time in a number of years, we have a full quota of Trustees there.)

These events are important fund-raisers for our Churches and our village halls but they are much more than that. They are opportunities for us to come together in friendly and enjoyable situations. They enable us to keep a sense of community and belonging which is all the more vital in today's world where more and more communication has become electronic and busy lives which seem to mean that chatting with our neighbours over the garden wall has become a thing of the past. I hope to see all of you at some, if not all of these events. I also hope that you may use them to invite that neighbour who might seem a bit lonely or is new to our area to come along.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Mr Alec Lawson at the end of January. Alec was a most faithful and diligent Elder of Guthrie and Rescobie Church for more than 41 years and carried out a number of extra duties, many on his own initiative. He was also a good and caring neighbour. He will be sadly missed in our churches and our village. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones.

Finally, I have been approached by someone who would like to become a communicant member and intend to organise a class. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please let me know.

God bless you all,

Brian

A WIDOWER'S VALENTINE CARD

At the end of the day, I might go out to rest
On the white garden seat that once we would share
And there in the glow of the sun in the west
I would seek the sweet comfort of feeling you near
The geese flying low to return to their homes
And the owl's solemn call to its mate from the trees
Might wonder perhaps, why I'm sat on my own
While others could share with this old man his ease.
But no; with his memories that man's not alone –
And oft times to his children , and their children too,
Who come north to be near, to what's also their home,
its above all the knowledge that whatever we do
Will be done in the love that we have for each other,
And the love handed down to us all by your mother.

Sunday School Dates

Aberlemno

5th April 3rd May 7th June (Prize-giving)
6th September

Guthrie and Rescobie

3rd May 7th June 21st June (Prize-giving),
6th September

New members always welcome. Contact Mr Ramsay for details.

ABERLEMNO TREASURER'S REPORT

I begin by extending my heartfelt thanks to our Minister, Rev. Brian Ramsay for his invaluable advice and guidance during 2019 in my role as Treasurer.
(He really does like me asking all my 'wee' questions.....)

Our retiring offerings from the Family service and the Christmas Eve service amounted to £243.80 for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance based at Perth Airport in Scone. This sum was gratefully received and they have asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone.

At the time of writing, the final accounts for 2019 are in the last stages of being audited and, according to my calculations, I am very pleased to say that we ended the year with a surplus. This is due, in the main, to the offerings and donations, given in a variety of ways, and also from our successful fund raising events. It is very encouraging and certainly shows how much Aberlemno Church is part of our lives.

Our 'Smartie Saver' continues to be a success and during 2019 raised around £600 so we will continue with this fundraiser.

As we all know, fund-raising is an essential part to enhance the strength of the finances in our Church and I would like to thank all the helpers and our families and friends who supported the events during last year.

We are beginning our fund raising efforts this year with our annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th April, with a return to Aberlemno Hall for the venue. It was such a success at the 'tail-end' of last year and lovely to see the Hall full to capacity. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Lorna Hooghiemstra
Treasurer

ABERLEMNO SCHOOL

Aberlemno Parent Council would like to welcome all families and friends of our school to a Quiz at Aberlemno Village Hall on Sunday 7th June from 2.00-4.00pm.

Aberlemno Countrywise Fundraising Event
Saturday 8th August 2020
10am till 4pm

We know this is an early post but gives everyone plenty of notice; a few members of Aberlemno Church are organising a local Countrywise Family Fun Day to raise funds for our Church.

There are lots of fun family friendly activities and stands planned, including tractors through the ages, dry stone dyking demonstration, vintage tractor and horse ploughing, wood carving and arts and crafts. Refreshments will be available in the local hall.

Anyone who has any vintage farm machinery hidden in the shed is more than welcome to show it! Please feel free to tell everyone you know to come along and support a local family event.

We will need tea makers, cake bakers, coffee waitresses(and waiters), dish washers, burger chefs, donation collectors and parking attendees, to name a few, so please contact any of the organising committee for enquiries or ideas:

Mark Hooghiemstra	07974 976285	markfromaldbar@gmail.com
Raymond Kennedy	07541 093681	RJKennedy183@gmail.com
Sandy Spence	07967 654163	cropping@balglassie.com

Here's to hopefully a great (sunny) family fun day.

GUTHRIE AND RESCOBIE GUILD

Our A.G.M was in January and with the support of Guild Members, Church members and friends we had a balance of £1,824.39 in the bank. This allowed us to give £1,300 to the Church and the projects; Sailor's Society, World Mission, Free to live Trust, Crossreach £100 each. There was also a Hoover bought for the Church Hall. We will hand out the Sunshine bags again in the hope we have some sunshine. Last year the bags raised £148.21.

March 6th World Day of Prayer in Guthrie Church at 2.00 p.m.

March 10th Judith King will tell us about "When we wish upon a Star"

April 14th Ann Firth when we will have seated exercise.

May 12th Tea and chat to arrange next year's syllabus. Come along with your suggestions.

May 21st. Songs of Praise at Kirriemuir Old and St. Andrews at 7.30 p.m.

Our afternoon tea will be on the 18th of November at 2.00p.m. in Guthrie Hall.

The Guild hope you have a good year and thank you for all your support. If you would like a syllabus please contact Rev B Ramsay

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.

ABERLEMNO VILLAGE HALL

Aberlemno Village Hall are looking forward to Spring and a series of events. We start with a rail and accessories sale at the end of March. Loved clothes and new accessories will offer a whole new wardrobe for spring. Be green and reuse our quality clothing or you can donate via any Committee member. (We donated some of our winter coats to the Voluntary Action Angus appeal - it seemed a good option). The Stones will be uncovered at the start of April and we will open the Pictish Room on a regular basis. Meanwhile we are planning our plant sale for the end of May. We will be participating in the Rivers and Coasts festival in the last week of June. So lots to look forward to in the near future - watch the website for details. And remember it's not just for the Hall but the whole community.

Thanks must go to the Aberlemno Community Council for their continuing support. Not only with the aberlemno.org website but also our successful funding bids for induction compatible pots to go with the new cooker and some new tables. Finally our AGM will be in May and all are welcome to attend...or even better come and join us.

Isabelle Davies
Chair Aberlemno Village Hall Committee

Dates for Your Diary

Aberlemno

21st March 10.00am - 12 noon in Aberlemno Hall; Learn to make girdle scones and pancakes with our own "Mary Berry", Mrs Helen Ramsay. Costs £5.00 and includes cookery demonstration, Tea/Coffee with freshly made scones and pancakes.

4th April 10.00am – 12 noon in Aberlemno Hall, Church Coffee Morning. Usual stalls, tea/coffee, scones and our famous homemade pancakes.

15th April 2.00 - 4.00pm Daffodil Tea in the luxurious surroundings of Turin Castle. Tickets £12.50. Ticket only as numbers are limited. Our thanks to Turin Castle for the generous offer of their facilities and decoration for the event. Contact Mr Ramsay for details.

8th August Aberlemno Countrywise- see separate article for details.

Guthrie and Rescobie

28th March 2-4pm Vintage tea in Guthrie Hall. Come and enjoy the vintage atmosphere and lovely home-baking. Tickets; £5.00. Donations of tombola gifts very welcome.

16th/17th May; 2-5pm Scotland's Garden Scheme at Gardyne Castle, by kind permission of William and Camilla Gray Muir. Admission £5.00, children free. Guthrie and Rescobie Church will receive 60% of income from this event. We are very grateful for this kind offer

15th November 11.30am at Rescobie Church. A special celebration service to mark the 200th Anniversary of the dedication of Rescobie Church. There will be a soup and sandwich lunch. We would also like to invite former members and anyone who had been married or baptised at Rescobie Church. If you know of anyone please tell them about this service. More details nearer to the time.

Sponsored walk and barbecue. Both these events will be taking place this year but at the time of going to print dates had not yet been fixed.

GUTHRIE HALL

The finances for our little hall are very healthy so this year we have decided to freshen up all the internal paint work. This will mean the hall will be closed for a week during the month of July. If anyone in the community has a party, wedding or other event that they would like to hold in July, please contact the secretary so it can be factored into the schedule and no one is disappointed.

It seems like ages ago but the Christmas dance we held on the 20th December was very well attended and raised £300. A huge thank you to Steven Carcary who supplied the music and to all of you who came along. A good night was had by all. As always this is the time of year when we set the dates for our hall fund raisers so there are a few dates for your diary below. Please support what you can as any money made will help pay for the running costs. We are often asked why we don't put up our hall hire costs and dispense with fund raising. Firstly, we keep hire costs low (there has been no increase since 2004) so all in the community can afford to use the hall. Secondly, the fund raisers are about making a small profit but more importantly they are about the community getting together.

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 2020

BBQ 21st June starting at 1pm

Craft Fair 24th and 25th October 12pm to 4pm both days

Christmas Dance Friday December 18th 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

Kristopher Alexander Jackson, son of Crystal and Byron on
9th February 2020

Death

Mr William Cameron, Letham on 20th January 2020

Guthrie & Rescobie

Baptism

Frank James Reid, son of Margaret and Sam on
1st December 2019

Deaths

Mr Alexander Lawson, Langlands Terrace, Guthrie on
30th January 2020

**Any items for the September Newsletter
should be handed in to Mr Ramsay by
16th August 2020 please**