

# **Aberlemno Guthrie & Rescobie**

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## **Church Services**

### **March**

**Aberlemno 10.00am Guthrie 11.30am**

### **April**

**Aberlemno 10.00 Rescobie 11.30am**

### **May**

**Guthrie 10.00am Aberlemno 11.30am**

### **June**

**Rescobie 10.00am Aberlemno 11.30am**

### **July**

**United Services at 10.00am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Guthrie  
10<sup>th</sup> Aberlemno  
17<sup>th</sup> Rescobie  
24<sup>th</sup> Aberlemno  
31<sup>st</sup> Guthrie**

### **August**

**United Services at 10.00am**

**7<sup>th</sup> Aberlemno  
14<sup>th</sup> Rescobie  
21<sup>st</sup> Aberlemno  
28<sup>th</sup> Guthrie**

### **September**

**Aberlemno 10.00am  
Rescobie 11.30am**

### **Holy Week Services**

**14<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday Communion at Guthrie at 7.00pm  
15<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday Service Aberlemno at 7.00pm**

# **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

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March 2022

Dear friends

This will be the final time I write to you as your minister as I am retiring at Easter. I have so many happy memories of my times in these parishes but, of course, there have also been sad times that I have shared with a number of families too. It has also been a privilege to share in special moments such as Weddings and Baptisms.

I have been most fortunate with the support I have received from devoted and hard-working Office Bearers, Elders, Board Members, Sunday School Staff, Newsletter Editors and Church Organists over the years. That support has enabled us to keep our congregations strong, even in the last two very difficult years.

When we came to our parishes we received a very warm welcome, and the support and warmth shown to me by the members of our congregations has remained very wonderful over the years, as has the interest and concern for Christine and our family. It has been a very special time and the friendship we have enjoyed has been heart-warming.

As we go forward we face a changing world and also a changing Church. Things will not be the same and this might mean difficult adjustments. However, the Christian qualities of care, compassion and love remain the most important things in life no matter how much things change.

Thank you all for your friendship and support over the years. It has been very special.

May God bless you and your loved ones,  
Brian and Christine

Mr Harold Jackson

It was with deep sadness that we heard on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January of the death of Harold Jackson, a man who has been at the heart of our community in Aberlemno since the 1940s, serving in countless ways and carrying out many acts of kindness and support.

He was an Elder of our Church for more than 60 years, Session Clerk for 36 years and a very faithful member. He was a man of deep Christian faith but did not talk about it much. Instead, he showed it in his actions and his attitude to others.

Harold gave me the most marvellous support in all kinds of ways but like many of you I will remember him most of all as a dear, loyal and caring friend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rose and their family.

Brian

On behalf of Aberlemno parish I should like to wish Brian and Christine a very happy retirement. Brian has given unstinting service to the congregation.

We look forward to seeing you at the retirement party on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7:00pm in Guthrie hall.

Ian Wilson,  
Session Clerk

As you will all have heard by now the Rev. Brian Ramsay is retiring on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022. On behalf of Guthrie and Rescobie congregations we wish Brian and Christine a long and happy retirement.

On a personal note as Session Clerk it has been a pleasure to have worked with Brian over the past 38 years. We will all have an opportunity to meet with Brian in Guthrie Hall on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00 p.m.

Arthur Smith,  
Session Clerk

### **Dates for Your Diary**

#### **Garden Teas at Balgavies House**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May from 1.30pm to 4.00pm. More details will be announced in due course.

#### **Afternoon Tea**

We are hoping to restart our informal afternoon teas at Rescobie Parish Room on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of March from 2.00pm. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Contact the Minister for more details.

## **Guthrie and Rescobie Guild**

On this road called life

You have to take the good with the bad

Smile with the sad.

Love what you have and remember what you had.

Always forgive, but never forget.

Learn from your mistakes, things go wrong

People change but just remember, the journey goes on.

Dear friends

I am sad to say that the Guild has not restarted and doubt it will. We can't expect speakers to come to a company of six. The pandemic has taken its toll. March 2020 was our last meeting never thinking that Covid would still be with us. The Guild has raised thousands of pounds for the Church over the years with the support of church members. That is something to be proud of. I know things have to change, nothing stays the same. If there is someone out there who would like to take up the running of the Guild I am sure that they would get all the support they need. I wish you all well in these uncertain times. Keep safe and look forward to the sunny times ahead.

Joyce Smith

On behalf of the congregation of Guthrie and Rescobie I would like to record our thanks for all the support the Guild has given to our Churches. I would also like to thank Joyce and Maureen for all the work they have done in recent years to keep the Guild going. On a personal note, I have many happy memories of Guild meetings and events. Thank you.

B.R.

### **Aberlemno Treasurer's Report**

At the time of writing, the final accounts for 2021 are in the latter stages of being audited and, according to my calculations, I am very pleased to say that we ended the year with a surplus. During the Covid situation and uncertainty, this is a great achievement. When the Church was closed, the congregation and others changed the way in which their offerings and donations were given to ensure that the Church remained financially sound. I would like to thank everyone who is supporting our Church.

Our retiring offerings from the Family service and the Christmas Eve service for Betel UK amounted to £221. This sum was gratefully received and they have asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Minister, Rev. Brian Ramsay for his invaluable advice and guidance over the past 8 years in my role as Treasurer. Over the years, I bombarded him with lots of 'wee' questions. It took some time before he started to run away from me when I started my question!! Joking apart, I wish Brian and Christine a long and very happy retirement. Much deserved.

Lorna Hooghiemstra  
Treasurer  
February 2022

### **Guthrie and Rescobie Church Treasurer's Report**

24 years ago, Brian Ramsay entrusted me with the role of Treasurer for Guthrie and Rescobie Church. With Brian's never-ending encouragement we have, apart from 3 hiccups where we made a loss for the year, gone from a position of having to seek help from 121 George Street back in 1997 to our current financial position of strength with a good balance sheet. Not only that, with generous donations, we were able to build at Rescobie, a Millenium Parish Room to go with the church to be proud of with kitchen, hall and toilet facilities replacing the 100 year-old dilapidated hut that leaked which served as a meeting room and had a rabbit warren underneath it.

As Brian approaches his retirement this Easter we all have much to thank him for his dedication and service over the last 38 years. Thank you, Brian for being our rock and Minister and we wish you and Christine in the future a happy retirement.

James Osborne  
Treasurer

## **Christmas Collection**

The services at Guthrie and Rescobie this Christmas raised £600 for Betel U.K. Thank you for your generosity.

## **ABERLEMNO VILLAGE HALL**

The hall is now more or less back to normal and available and if you are planning an event you can book online. Our AGM will be in May and details will be posted online and all are welcome to attend. If you would like to take an interest in the Hall you can email us (see website) and someone will contact you for a chat if you wish.

It is with great sadness that the Hall Committee received the news of the death of Harold Jackson. A mainstay of the Committee for many years he and Rose continued to support the Hall in lots of ways after he stood down. A well known and much loved figure he will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with Rose and the family.

Many of you will know the huge embroidery of the Parish that hangs in the Hall. It was stitched by the Aberlemno WRI members between 1952 and 1956, carried from home to home by the local postman. We would love to gather information about those that contributed so if you know of any of those involved or anything at all please get in touch. Our email address is on the website (at [aberlemno.org](http://aberlemno.org)) or give me a call on 01307 830295.

Hoping to see you at the Hall in the future.

Best Wishes  
Isabelle Davies  
(Chair, Aberlemno Hall Committee)

## **Guthrie Village Hall**

The committee of Guthrie Hall would like to wish Brian and Christine all the very best with Brian's forthcoming retirement and thank Brian for his many years of service as a Guthrie Hall trustee. Brian has been advising and supporting the committee since the early 1980s and his wise words and gentle approach have always been of great help in steering us towards running a successful community asset. Brian has attended almost every meeting and supported all our fund raising events. Brian will be sorely missed as trustee. Thank you, Brian, from us all.

We are hoping that now restrictions have been relaxed somewhat, that Guthrie Hall will be able to return to nearly normal. As a community hall, it is here for all of you to hire and we look forward to your support. Please contact Christine Shand on 01307 819473 should you have any queries.

On the basis that normality has nearly returned the committee are hoping that some limited fund raising and community events can be put into place. There is a possibility we may organise a summer BBQ but we have no date or agreement set. We will certainly publicise this well in advance if restrictions allow us to go ahead with this.

Christine Shand,  
Hall Secretary

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## **Aberlemno**

### **New Communicant**

Jackie Leslie, Craichie

### **Wedding**

Fiona Ramsay and Lee Ramsay on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 at  
Aberlemno Church

### **Death**

Mr James Dean Jamieson, Corbiehall on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Mr Harold Jackson, Craigesk on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## **Guthrie & Rescobie**

### **Elder Ordained**

Mrs Pauline Sinclair ,Guthrie at Guthrie Church on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### **Deaths**

Mrs Joyce Macauley, Forfar on 29th November 2021  
Mrs Margaret Rugg, Lownie on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022