

Aberlemno Guthrie & Rescobie

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Church Services

September

10.00am Guthrie 11.30am Aberlemno

October

10.00am Rescobie 11.30am Aberlemno

November

10.00am Guthrie 11.30am Aberlemno

December

10.00am Rescobie 11.30am Aberlemno

Harvest Thanksgiving

20th October

10.00am Rescobie 11.30am Aberlemno
(gifts for needy may be brought on the day)

Remembrance Services

10th November

10.00am Guthrie 11.30am Aberlemno
(Retiring Offering for Poppy Scotland Fund)

Communion Services

Rescobie 27th October 10.00am
Aberlemno 24th November 11.30am and 6.30pm

Candle for Advent

Last year we included this time for remembering loved ones in one of our morning services. This proved very popular and we are planning to do so again on Sunday 8th December at both Rescobie and Aberlemno.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Guthrie

August 2019

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Dear Friends

We are living at the moment in times of unprecedented political uncertainty. In such times it is important to hold fast to those values in life of which Paul wrote in his Letter to the Colossians;

“So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another....”

In so many ways we are so fortunate to live and work in an area such as ours, aware of the circling year, of seedtime and harvest, nature and its wonder, and the value of community. We are daily reminded that amidst change and upheaval there are things that we can hold fast to, not least friendship, care and concern for others.

This has been a sad and difficult year for a number of families in our parishes and they remain in our thoughts and prayers. However, it has been heartening to hear from these families of the love, kindness and support that they have received. That is far more important than the childish squabbles of the politicians.

As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, it is going to be a busy Autumn in Churches and parishes. I look forward to sharing in these activities with you.

God bless you all

Brian

Mr Lyall Ramsay

Our community and congregation at Aberlemno were shocked and saddened to hear earlier this year of the passing of Lyall Ramsay, Session Clerk and Elder at Aberlemno. In my time as a minister I have been most fortunate in the Session Clerks I have worked with and Lyall was no exception to this. He was ordained an Elder in November 2009 and became Session Clerk in January 2012. He carried out his duties diligently and thoughtfully with warmth and kindness. He worked away quietly, checking that everything was in order and ready for services, funerals, weddings and other meetings.

More than that he was a loyal and faithful friend. One of our visiting preachers said to me when he heard of Lyall's death, "You have lost your right-hand man at Aberlemno." How true that is. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen and their family.

Brian Ramsay

Aberlemno Hall

After a quiet summer the Hall is gearing up to a busy spell. We have a visit from a Pictish warrior on Saturday 24th August....the Pictish Room is open from 12.00-3.00pm (no charge but donations welcome). Come and find out more about the people who left such amazing carvings behind them. Talk to someone who knows....

The following week we are preparing the Hall for redecorating. If you can spare some time please come along and lend a hand...or a scraper...or polyfilla skills. We will be working from 10.00am to 4.00pm and the kettle will be on all that time, so do drop in and no-one is expected to be there from start to finish. We're looking forward to our new look. With the help of a generous donation we will target the kitchen next!

And there's more. We are taking part in the Angus Doors Open event and the Pictish Room will be open 11.00am-3.00pm on the 14th and 15th September. We are being supported by Norman Atkinson who will lead a walk around the Stones at 1.30ish on the Saturday and at the same time on the Sunday John Borland from the Pictish Arts Society will be speaking about Early Medieval Sculpture in Highland Perthshire. Further details of Doors Open Day can be found online - there's lots going on.

Looking further ahead, dare I mention the Christmas Fair on 30th November and a wreath making session at the beginning of December. Sorry...

Isabelle Davies

Aberlemno Treasurer's Report

Our coffee morning was held on 6th April in the Guide Hall in Forfar and raised a total of £661. Thanks go to everyone involved for all their hard work and to friends and visitors who supported this yearly event.

During Christian Aid week, a retiring offering from our service on 12th May enabled us to send £79.10 towards their cause. A letter of thanks has been received.

On 21st July, our 'Strawberry Walk' took place. Starting off at Balgavies, the group headed east towards Millden. Our thanks go to Tom Samson who had kindly offered to open the Mill and show everyone the 'Mill at Work'.

After the return walk to Balgavies, everyone then drove in a 'One Way' direction to Cotton of Pitkenedy because Helen's strawberry tarts and all the 'fancies' were there to be savoured! Thank you to Helen and her helpers. The sum raised was £342.

The total raised to date for the 'Smartie Saver' this year is around £400. It's a great way to raise funds and involves no labour-intensive work. There is no set 'end date' to this fundraiser and tubes of Smarties are always available on the front pew in the Church.

Our next fund-raiser is our Quiz night which will be held on Thursday 24th October 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Canmore Bowling Club in Forfar. Let's see if the warm, sunny weather we've enjoyed this summer has inspired us to know all the answers!

I hope to see you all there.

Lorna Hooghiemstra
Treasurer
August 2019

GUTHRIE AND RESCOBIE TREASURER'S REPORT

It is not always easy in August with five months to go to predict where we will be at the end of the year. Last year there was a small deficit, only the fourth in my twenty-two year treasurership and we must do all we can not to have a repeat this year.

On the positive side we have had the walk which raised £715 and a marvellous tea party in May in Guthrie Village Hall which raised a wonderful sum of £629. Grace Stewart and her team did a great job feeding so many tables. Congratulations also to Sandy Stewart who spent hours putting together the lovely cake stands which were filled with scrumptious cakes and all sorts of delicious eats. We were transported back to the days when tea parties were once in vogue.

James Osborne
Treasurer
August 2019

Guthrie and Rescobie Guild

Summer is almost over and the Guild restarts in September with the dedication Service in Guthrie Church at 10.00am on Sunday 8th September. The Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm in Guthrie Church Hall. We have speakers on various topics. Everyone is most welcome. The Church Hall is looking very smart after being painted with a donation from Guild funds.

Thank you to everyone who has a sunshine bag. They can be handed in at Harvest Thanksgiving or at the October Communion or any time after.

Dates for Your Diary

Stall at the Craft Fair **26th-27th October**. All those willing to help please contact Brian Ramsay or Joyce Smith. Donations for the stall can be handed in on Saturday morning at the Hall.

Guild afternoon tea in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20th November at 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing you. Your Church benefits from your support.

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you see a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

J.Smith

GUTHRIE HALL

The Hall has had a busy summer being the venue for private parties and a wedding. Sheena and Tony Adams who have served on this committee for many years tied the knot deciding to hold their reception in the Hall. I have never seen it look so beautifully decorated. The Hall is a fabulous venue for a small wedding.

We held our annual fund raising BBQ in June. Despite unsettled weather it was well attended with everyone sheltering in the hall. Over £200 was raised for funds so thank you all who supported this event.

The flower show was held in August. This raised over £200. The Hall looked lovely with beautiful flower displays. Huge thanks to Nancy, John, Linda and Bud who were the main organisers and doing all the work giving the committee a break. A big thank you to Maggie Long who held a magnificent plant sale, which raised over £80. Finally thank you to all who joined us on the day.

Our next event is the annual craft fair at the end of October. We look forward to seeing you all.

Steven Carcary holds Scottish dancing evenings every second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 7.45pm to around 10.00pm. All welcome. For more details contact Steven on 0795202663

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

Craft Fair Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th Oct – 11.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday and 12.00 to 4.00pm on Sunday. £0.50 entry. Tea and cake will be served for a small charge.

Hall AGM 11th November at 7.30pm. Please come and tell us what you think and how we can improve things. We would love to see you and there will be no pressure to join the committee unless, of course, you wish to do so.

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

ABERLEMNO COFFEE MORNING IN ABERLEMNO

The Congregational Board of Aberlemno Church have decided to see if there would be interest in a Coffee Morning in Aberlemno. We are going to hold one in Aberlemno Village Hall on Saturday 2nd November from 10.00am-12 noon.

We will have the usual stalls and delicious pancakes and scones as always. Do come along and support us if you can.

ABERLEMNO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Aberlemno Primary school were the national winners of the School-Community Partnership Reading Journey award at the First Minister's Reading Challenge. The judging panel were impressed by the partnerships that we have built around reading for enjoyment and how our local community have supported our journey. Thank you to all of our volunteer reading buddies and the businesses who sponsored our project to increase children's access to books. Our staff, families, learners and local community have worked together to promote a strong reading culture which inspires all to read for enjoyment. We hope to continue to strengthen this partnership. Aberlemno Parent Council welcome all families and friends of our school to our Treasure Hunt on Sunday 8th September. First car will leave at 1.30pm and there will be tea and cakes on your return!

Mrs N.Yarr, Head Teacher

I am sure we would all like to add our congratulations to the staff, pupils and volunteers of Aberlemno School on their success at national level. They are a credit to our community and we are very proud of what they have achieved. B.R.

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Aberlemno

Baptism

Thea Ivy Duncan, daughter of Lucy and John on
14th April 2019

Transfer

Miss Frances Urquhart, Edzell to Edzell Lethnot

Deaths

Mr Lyall Ramsay, Cotton of Pitkenney on 1st April 2019
Mr James Morrison, Forfar (formerly of Beech Cottage)
on 2nd April 2019
Mrs Marion McDonald, Silver Rigg on 6th July 2019

Guthrie and Rescobie

Weddings

Lisa Ross to Sam Walters on 12th July 2019 at Guthrie
Church
Sheena Lawrie to Tony Adams on 2nd August 2019 at
Guthrie Church

Deaths

Mr John Minnaar, Redroofs on 16th March 2019
Mr David Young, Edzell (formerly of Nethermuir) on
9th June 2019
Mrs Margaret Wood, Forfar on 10th July 2019

**Any items for the December Newsletter should
be given to Mr Ramsay by 17th November 2019**

