

News from the Pews

The Newsletter of Markinch Parish Church Vol 100 November 2013



MARKINCH PARISH CHURCH



Minister:

Rev. Alex R Forsyth TD BA MTh



A warm welcome is extended to all visitors and newcomers to the community to share in the worship, work and witness of the congregation.

Church Service

Sunday 11am

www.markinchchurch.org.uk

Communion Sunday

The Minister and Kirk Session invite you to share in the celebration of

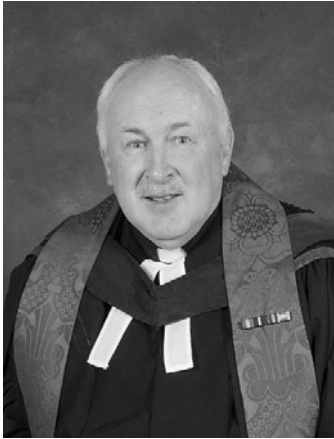
Holy Communion

on Sunday 17th November 2013 at 11.00 am.

Your Elder is _____

Contact Details _____

The First (Last) Word from the Minister



You often see the Latin expression, "Tempus Fugit" on the face of antique clocks. Usually it is translated as - "Time Flies." It certainly does!

Looking back over eleven years here at Markinch and over forty years as an ordained minister I wonder where the time all went.

Markinch and its folk will always be special for us both. When we arrived here over eleven years ago, we were grateful for the warm welcome and firm support of so many folk.

Church rules prevent me from living in Markinch or being involved in ministry at Markinch. This means I am not allowed to conduct baptisms, weddings or funerals in Markinch or for folk who are Markinch church members.

Understandably Jean and I are excited about our retirement but we are also well aware of what we are leaving behind as we move on from being minister and organist to being your friends.

We are not moving far. We have a house in Scaraben Crescent in Glenrothes. So no doubt we will see you around the town.

So as we move on know that the love and the life we have shared together will always remain special for us and I hope something of our lives and our work will remain special for you.

I want to record my thanks for the privilege of being your minister. Thank you for being a 'Partner in Learning,' for being in church Sunday by Sunday, for allowing me to be part of critical moments: birth, baptism, marriage, and death, the times of joy, happiness, and the times of sickness, loss, and profound grief. It has indeed been a great privilege.

Thanks too for your care and concern, your love and your prayers.

Over the years you have heard me quote from the life and work of Ignatius Loyola the 16th century soldier, priest and theologian.

Ignatius used to counsel his colleagues to proceed with charity and moderation, "without hard words or contempt for people's errors." I commend his wisdom to you for the days that lie ahead along with his famous prayer.

"Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; / To give, and not to count the cost, / to fight, and not to heed the wounds, / to toil, and not to seek for rest, / to labour, and not to ask for any reward, / save that of knowing that we do thy will.

With every blessing for the future

Alex & Jean

Our new address:-

49 Scaraben Crescent
Formonthills
GLENROTHES
KY6 3HL

Church Website - www.markinchchurch.org.uk

The Sunday Bulletin, which includes the weekly intimation sheet, is available for download from the website every week so even if you are unable to attend church you can still be kept informed of what is happening in your church.

Social Networking with Markinch Parish Church

We now have a Facebook page and many of us share church events and stories via our Facebook account. You can join us to find out what we have planned, view photos of events and make comments on a variety of topics.

Go to **www.facebook.com** and search for ***Markinch Parish Church***

Church Hall Bookings

Anyone enquiring about booking the church hall should contact Karen Wood on 01592 750327 or collect a booking form from the notice board in the church hall.

Session Clerk's Report Minister's Last Service

Alex's last service at Markinch will be held on Sunday, 22nd December at 11am. We will also celebrate communion during the service. There will be refreshments in the hall after the service. Please note, we are expecting a larger than normal congregation, so if travelling by car, please leave a bit earlier to avoid parking problems.

During the service, a presentation will be made to Alex and Jean on behalf of the congregation. If you would like to contribute towards gifts for Alex and Jean, please send donations to the church treasurer, Nancy Munro at 4 Laurieston Park, Glenrothes, KY7 6YJ.

I'm sure you will all join in thanking Alex and Jean for their dedicated work for us all at Markinch for the last 11 years. They will be missed by us all around Markinch.

John G Wood
Session Clerk

Visiting The Elderly In Local Care Homes

As many of you know there are visits made to Markinch Church Members who reside in Care Homes around Fife. Please could you let me know of all members known to be in Care Homes as I feel sure that not all are on our list. Contact Meg Sankey: Home: 01592 749633 or Mobile: 07834729420

Glenrothes YMCA is spearheading Foodbank in Glenrothes

Requests for food parcels are increasing. In response to this appeal, a box can be found in the vestibule and if you would like to make a donation of non-perishable foods, please place it in the box on a Sunday and we will ensure that it is delivered to the Foodbank on a Monday.

If anyone would like to donate to this appeal, please hand it in and we will add it to the delivery each week from the church. The idea is to be able to provide a person with a complete meal, but they can only take tinned and dried products rather than fresh meat dairy and bakery as it cannot be stored appropriately.

The supermarket budget brands are ideal for making a contribution without breaking the bank.



From the Parish Register

Baptisms

- 17.08.13 Finlay Joseph Barratt
15.09.13 Jacob James Howie

Weddings

- 03.08.13 Pal Kildemo & Lise-Lotte Koivunen
16.08.13 Thomas Donaldson & Stephanie Barnes
17.08.13 Matthew Consitt & Eilidh Clark
17.08.13 Anthony Pavier & Dawn Aitken
24.08.13 David Ellsworth & Debora Manserra
05.10.13 Gavin Rose & Fiona Hobson
06.10.13 Ryan Nanney & Susan Mackie
03.11.13 Damien Whyte & Louise Clowry

Funerals

- 10.08.13 M Jack
11.08.13 A Knight
28.08.13 T C Cameron
28.08.13 Thomas Cameron
02.09.13 E Barclay
09.09.13 R Farmer
14.10.13 W Matthews
19.10.13 D King



Treasurer's Report

A donation of £14000.00 was received to clear our Ministry and Mission for 2012. The total Income to date is £73826.00 which is £17095.00 more than at same date last year.

Expenditure to date is £69585.95 which is £20269.00 more than last year.

£18900.00 is still due for Ministry and Mission for 2013.

We appeal to everyone to review their commitment to the Church as we experience a very difficult time ahead.

Nancy Munro.
Treasurer.

Sunday School

The Sunday School needs **your** help. We have staff and a wide range of quizzes, word puzzles and craft activities covering Bible characters and stories - all we need are **children!**

Only a few young families attend Church so if you know of any who might like to bring their children or allow you to bring them please let them know they'd be very welcome.

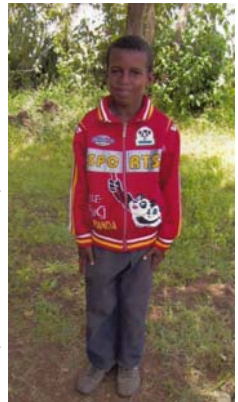
Surafel - Our Sponsored Child

As you will see from the photograph Surafel appears to be looking well.

We have sent a Christmas card and letters from the Sunday School children along with money for the aid worker to buy a small gift for him. (This will probably be clothes or food).

Thank you for your continued support which helps provide education and medication for his epilepsy.

A new calendar will be in place shortly but any money left from this year will be carried forward to next year.



The minister introduced the theme for his sermon by saying, "The theme for this Sunday is *The Milk of Human Kindness.*"

A voice from the back of the church said in a loud whisper, "And let's hope it's condensed!"

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Take Time

Take time to work, it is the price of success.

Take time to meditate, it is the source of inner-strength.

Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to be a good friend, it is the pathway to happiness.

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

Take time to look around, life is too short to miss the view.

Take time to love and be loved, for this is of God.

author unknown

Knitted Coin Boots

As part of the fundraising activity, we are appealing for people to knit the pattern shown below. These are coin boots that we would like to carry out activity with later in the year. Using any spare wool that you might have, please knit as many boots as possible and hand them in to Marianne Sankey, Meg Sankey or Karen Wood.

Using no.8 (4mm) needles cast on 24 sts

Purl 1 row

Next row: K2, (inc K wise into next st, K 1) to last 2 sts, K2 = 34 sts

Beginning with a P row, work 9 rows

Shape top of foot:

1st row – K13, (K2 tog) 4 times, K13 = 30 sts

2nd and every following alternate row Purl

3rd row – K11, (K2 tog) 4 times, K11 = 26 sts

5th row – K9, K2 tog, 4 times, K9 = 22 sts

7th row – K7 (K2 tog), 4 times, K7 = 18 sts

Next row purl

Work 10 rows in st st

Next row – K1 (WFD K2 tog) to last st, K1

Knit 3 rows then cast off

The Rotary Shoebox Scheme

The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares.

Once you have filled your box, please add £1 coin to the lid and write what age group and gender each box is for. Shoeboxes can be collected from the Church Hall. Contact Tracy Thomson on 01592 775752 or John Wood on 01592 750327 for details. Additional information online at www.rotaryshoebox.org



Please contact Tracy Thomson to book you tickets
Email tthomson01592@hotmail.com or Tel. 01592 775752

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY - EVERYONE WELCOME

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER

The Youth Club are organising their annual Christmas Party and would like to invite you to bring your children/grandchildren along to join in the fun.

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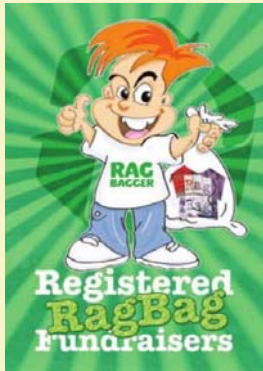


Rag Bag Collection

The Rag Bag Collection continues to provide us with a small continuous income, but we continue to look for any textiles, curtains, bed linens, towels, clothes, bags, belts and shoes. Please ensure that all donations are placed in a tied plastic bag.

If you cannot transport your collection or have a large donation that you need assistance to move, please do not hesitate to contact Marianne to arrange collection. Tel. 0780 1279899

Please feel free to ask neighbours, family, colleagues and friends to contribute to this as well.



Christmas Gift Wrapping Service



From Sunday 17th November 2013 there will be a team of people offering a Christmas Gift Wrapping Service. This will be available in the church hall on Thursday mornings from 10 - 11.30 am and on Sundays following the service from 12 - 1 pm.

This service will be provided at a cost of £1 per item or 50p per item if you provide your own wrapping paper. This will run until Sunday 22nd December.



Bruce Davies

Award-winning singer songwriter and interpreter of fine songs

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Saturday 30th

November

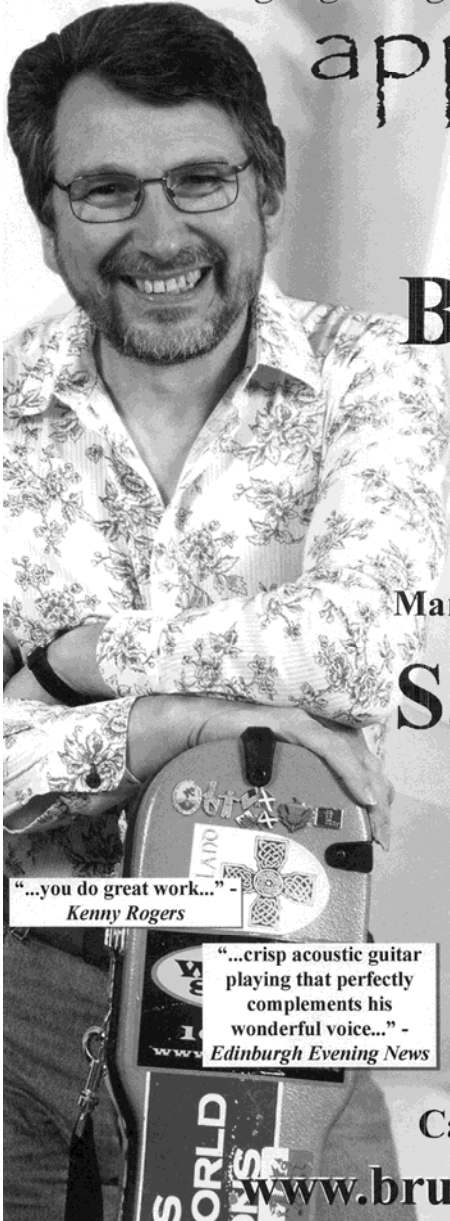
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Kenny Rogers

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Edinburgh Evening News

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Research on Markinch Parish Church 2013/14

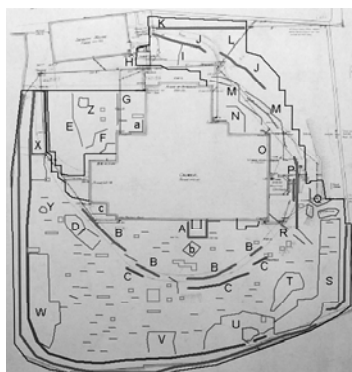
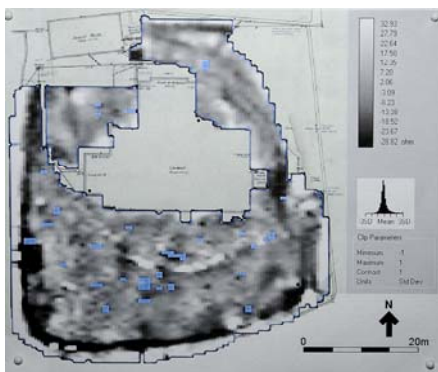
What do we know? During 2013, the Church Sub-Committee of Markinch Heritage Group has concentrated upon the use of Session Records and Heritors' Minutes to date the north and south walls of the church. A construction date has been determined for the north wall, but work still remains to fix a date for the 17th/18th century south wall. It is also not clear how much or how little was removed from under the kirk when it was substantially altered in the 1600s. There is pre-Reformation evidence of a richly decorated family tomb belonging to the Beaton (Bethune) family and there may be traces of other burials.

Revealing the old kirk. A recent resistivity survey in the church yard carried out by Dr Oliver O'Grady and measurements of the tower undertaken by RCAHMS will be followed up with radar work under the main place of worship and careful removal of 19th century plasterwork and rotting timber around the great arch on the ground level of the tower. An outline of the shape and size of the 12th century nave and chancel which is beginning to emerge will be tested further using non-invasive equipment.

What do we hope to find? The current work will also seek further information on any pre-Romanesque building, with further work in the churchyard and under the present day church building. Reports on excavations connected with renovations in the 1880s refer to a possible early carved stone and a watching brief will be kept for this and other signs of the site's early use as a place of worship.

Current and future work is being financed by the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership drawing upon Heritage Lottery Funding, as well as generous contributions from the Hunter Archaeological Trust and the Community Fund of Fife Council.

This information courtesy of Bruce Manson MA (Hons), MSc, F SA (Scot)



The pictures above show some of the findings from the resistive measurements performed recently in the churchyard. As we went to print with this newsletter, Dr O'Grady and members of MHG had just completed two days of investigations in the church sanctuary and vestibule using a ground-penetrating radar system. We hope to let you know their findings in a future copy of the newsletter.

Church Flowers

The flower team would like a few more people to join them, either to organise the flowers for a Sunday or to help distribute the flowers as not every flower lady has transport. Contact Teresa Henderson on 01592 754892.

We also ask for names from anyone in the congregation of the elderly, sick, bereaved or anyone who they think might like a visit so that we can brighten up their Sundays with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

As there are only 52 Sundays in the calendar year, flower donators who wish to choose certain dates may find themselves sharing. It is inevitable, on occasions, that more than one person will want the same date. The more flowers in our church on a Sunday the better, as more people will enjoy the gift of church flowers.



TOP TEN HYMNS EVENING

The ten top hymns evening was a great success with a small but dedicated band of members in very good voice. Thanks to organist Jean Forsyth and 'Bingo Caller' John Sinski for allowing the evening to flow.

The hymns in reverse order were:-

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| 528 | Make me a channel of your peace |
| 530 | One more step along the world I go |
| 556 | I need thee every hour |
| 557 | O love that wilt not let me go |
| 167 | Guide me O thy great Jehovah |
| 465 | Be thou my vision |
| 550 | As the deer pants |
| 555 | Amazing grace |
| 154 | O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder |
| 251 | Here I am Lord |

Wine and Cheese Evening

Everyone is welcome to come along to a Cheese and Wine Evening in the Church Hall on Friday, November 15th at 7.30 pm.

Non-alcoholic refreshments will also be available.

Tickets £5.00 each from Bryan Gould or Harry Gould.



Run Up To Christmas - Ceilidh And Hog Roast Supper in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support

at Balbirnie House Hotel on Friday 22nd November from 7.30pm to 12am

Tickets, priced £25 each, must be purchased in advance

Glass of bubbly and canapés on arrival - ceilidh and disco

Contact Blair Wilson on 07582 534156

or email blairatmacmillan@gmail.com

Book Reviews - Fact and Fiction

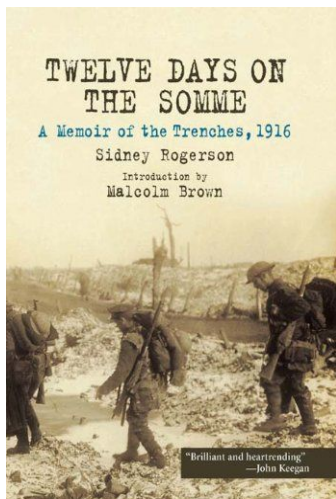
Twelve Days On The Somme by Sidney Rogerson.

The Great War lasted from 1914 to 1918, and, with the Centenary of its outbreak being commemorated next year, there are already many books on the topic, and more still to be published.

Sidney Rogerson went to the Somme, in France, in November 1916, and this book is his story of his twelve days there, towards the end of that battle.

The Battle of the Somme began on July 1, 1916, and lasted until November, 1916, with British casualty lists that affected almost every town and village in the land, largely due to the 'Pals Battalions' of the British Army.

Sidney went in November, with his West Yorkshire Regiment, serving as an Officer in the muddy trenches on that part of Western Front, and met up with various other Regiments and nationalities there.



For me this was a very informative read, some two hours of interesting memoirs from life in the trenches during a brief episode of the Great War.

I was helped by having just returned from the Somme the week before I read the book, so I could identify readily with places such as Fricourt, Peronne, Thiepval and La Boisselle.

Anyone interested in what it was like to be an ordinary soldier in the trenches during the Great War will find this an interesting and informative read.

Harry Gould

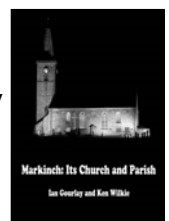
Markinch : Its Church and Parish

By Ian Gourlay and Ken Wilkie

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Lee Child – Gone Tomorrow

Jack Reacher, age 43, is a superhero of Lee Child's fertile imagination. He is six feet five inches tall, weighs between 16 - 18 stones and has a fifty inch chest. Reacher had an army career as a military policeman. Made redundant, he left the service while holding the rank of Major and being awarded several medals for bravery. Reacher has excellent levels of fitness without the need to exercise, eats junk food and drinks copious quantities of black coffee.

Reacher is in a New York subway carriage when he sees a woman acting in the tell-tale manner [to an ex-military policeman] of a suicide bomber. She is Susan Mark, an employee in the Human Resources Unit of the Pentagon. Susan shoots herself and Reacher needs to find out why.

Susan Mark's brother is a serving New York policeman. Her son Peter was kidnapped and killed by the female leader of a terrorist cell. Reacher is chased by Government agents, members of the same terrorist cell and becomes involved with John Sansom, an ex-military man who is looking to be elected to the U.S. Senate. During a covert U.S. operation against the Russian invaders in Afghanistan in March 1983 Sansom was photographed with a young revolutionary named Osama Bin Laden. Sansom needs to ensure that photograph does not reach the public domain.

Some parts of the book are unrealistic. Reacher is rendered unconscious by federal agents using a dart gun and wakes up in a cage tied down at the wrists and ankles. He manages to escape. He has no permanent home and travels across the USA with only a toothbrush in his shirt pocket. Reacher purchases new sets of clothing rather than doing laundry.

Lee Child is a genuine storyteller and I find it difficult to put his books down.

Ian Gourlay



Remember - This is **YOUR** newsletter !

If you have any interesting news, stories, poems etc, please hand them to Ken Wilkie or email ken.wilkie@lineone.net or call 01592 760042

The deadline for the next issue is 26th January 2014

JUST A COMMON SOLDIER (A Soldier Died Today)

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbours, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,
Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

© 1987 A. Lawrence Vaincourt

Although he has written many poems, Larry Vaincourt is best known for this moving poem, which has been reprinted thousands of times worldwide, including publications in Canada, the U.S., Britain, Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa and Singapore.

For years the poem has been broadcast nationally every Memorial Day on American radio.

The American Legion has posted it throughout their many branches, the Australian Legion included it in their video tribute, Victory in the Pacific, and it was a central part of the 2009 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. In 2008 it was carved into marble for an American Veteran's Memorial.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

We will be repeating the very popular hamper raffle at Christmas. The hampers being raffled are listed below. Donations for these are requested and the people collecting the donations are listed against the specific hampers. Please give generously once again. All donations need to be handed in no later than Sunday 17th November.

The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Meal on the 6th December 2013 and the results posted in the bulletin on Sunday the 8th December 2013.

Christmas Food Hamper	-	Sunday School
Sweetie Hamper	-	John Sinski
Deli Hamper	-	Karen Wood
Kids Hamper	-	Fatima Johnston
Golf Hamper	-	James House
Beer Hamper	-	Marianne Sankey

On-going Fundraising Events

Many thanks to the participants of the recent fundraising planning meeting, whether they were able to attend the event, sent ideas for events or simply offered their support for activities that were planned. Anyone can contribute to fundraising activities, whether you are good with ideas, planning or project managing, all help and support is gratefully received. Please contact me with any suggestions or activities that you would like to run. Even small events add up financially over the year.

The next formal fundraising meeting will be hosted by Marianne Sankey at 10 Loch Venachar Gardens, Glenrothes on Tuesday 15th April 2014 at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome. We can help with transport where necessary.

Jigsaw Lending Library

Available in the church hall following Sunday Service at a cost of £1 per jigsaw. If you require any information about this activity please contact Meg Sankey on 07834 729420.

Communion Coin Collection

At each Communion Sunday Service there will be a coin collection in the vestibule. This is to work towards the total amount required for the installation of a lift at the church steps. We have individual collection boxes for you to take home or to work, and fill between Communion Services. These can be handed in at the start of the service and collected again on your way out.

Collection boxes can be emptied any Sunday or Thursday morning by seeing Marianne Sankey, Karen Wood or Meg Sankey. Additional boxes will be made available for anyone who wishes to take one to work, or give to their extended family or non-members who would like to help.

If you cannot collect a box but would like one, we can deliver and collect them by telephoning Marianne Sankey on 07801 279899.

Craft Items

Craft items are on sale for church funds. If you have any unwanted craft items, fabric, threads, wool, half-finished projects that you would like to donate to the fundraising effort, contact Marianne Sankey, Meg Sankey or Karen Wood.

Fundraising and Social Diary Dates

10th November 2013

15th November 2013

17th November 2013

17th November 2013

17th November 2013

24th November 2013

29th November 2013

6th December 2013

6th December 2013

15th December 2013

22nd December 2013

17th January 2014

15th March 2014

15th April 2014

26th April 2014

Hamper Raffle Tickets on Sale

Wine Tasting

Communion Coin Collection

Christmas Gift Wrapping Service Starts

Final Date for Donations for Hampers

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Haggis Drive

Christmas Meal at Balbirnie Golf Club

Christmas Hamper Draw

Guess the Dolls Birthday Draw

Final Day of Christmas Gift Wrapping Service

Quiz Night

Rosyth Concert Band

Fundraising Meeting

Spring Fayre & Daffodil Tea

Territorial Army Becomes Army Reserve

You may not be aware but the Army is going through a period of change. The Territorial Army is becoming the Army Reserve and increasing in size. As a result we are scaling up and are looking for more new recruits than ever!

231 Evacuation Squadron in Glenrothes is part of 225 Medical Regiment and is looking for local people who would like to make a difference and who are willing to make a part-time commitment whilst learning and developing their skill set and knowledge base.

The Army Reserve attracts all sorts of types of people. 231 Evacuation Squadron has Bus Drivers, Engineers, Nurses, Labourers, Security Personnel, Shop Assistants, Scientists, Clinical Professionals, Students and unemployed personnel to name but a few. They come from a wide range of personal circumstances too, including mums, dads, married, single etc.

People mainly join the Army Reserve because they want to do something a bit different with their spare time and they want to play a part in providing national security at a local level. They want a challenge and to learn new skills whilst gaining qualifications. They want to meet new people and spend time with like-minded individuals.

The majority of Army Reservists get a great deal of satisfaction out of their service. This is evident when they complete a training course or gain good results for their efforts. It is a very rewarding job, especially when you interact with the community or help in humanitarian missions. They also travel a great deal, whether it is Kenya delivering medical aid to the community or Austria representing the regiment at the Army Snowboarding championships. Oh and by the way, they get paid for doing it!

We currently have many vacancies in Glenrothes ranging from medical posts to drivers, chefs, mechanics and even HR personnel to deal with the pay and administrative tasks. We don't expect applicants to be super fit as we can provide assistance with raising your level of fitness before we send you for your assessment. If you can run 1.5 miles, do some press-ups and sit-ups then you're almost there. You don't even need any qualifications before you join. We will provide you with all of the training you'll need to occupy a position within the Army Reserve

If you would like to know more about the opportunities we have to offer you can call us on 01592 775360 or email us at 225MED-231-RecNCO@mod.uk or why not pop in for a chat at the squadron training centre in Baltimore Road, Glenrothes? We're here to help.



Taking care of the detail

There is never a right time to lose someone we love, never a right time to have to make arrangements for their funeral, to say goodbye in a way most suitable to them and those left behind.

In the midst of grief the responsibility of making arrangements can seem overwhelming. Crosbie Matthew Funeral Directors can help you shoulder the burden. We are an independent family-run business with over 70 years experience of supporting bereaved families in Fife and beyond. Arrangements can be made at our purpose built premises in Nicol Street, Kirkcaldy which offers comfortable arrangement rooms and a dedicated service room with lift access. Alternatively we can visit you at a time suited to you in the comfort of your own home.

Professional

Crosbie Matthew's professional team of funeral directors are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to personally answer your calls and guide you sensitively at your time of loss.

Support

Practical advice and support can be given on paperwork required for registration, and covers everything from press notices, floral tributes and catering to order of service sheets and attendance cards.

Personalised

We can help you with the type of service you require, your choice of officiant who may be a minister, civil celebrant,

family member or friend; your options for music, poems, hymns; personalised order of service sheets with photographs if you wish. We are here to discuss any other ideas you may have to make the funeral a more personal tribute.

We pride ourselves in listening to you and helping you to arrange a funeral best suited to your and your loved ones wishes.

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We have a comprehensive range of granite stones, vases and markers which can be tailored to your own design. We can also help with renovating, cleaning and adding inscriptions to existing stones. We also have a variety of traditional and more modern urns, jewellery and ornaments for cremated remains.

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