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Welcome to Our Church Centre Magazine.

As I write this, the signs of spring are increasingly visible around us and, in the church season, we are in the midst of Lent. Lent is the 40 days preceding the greatest celebration in the Christian calendar, Easter Sunday, when together we say "Christ is risen, Halleluiah!"

The 40 days of Lent, remembering the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, has in the past often been a time when Christians will give up some luxury, like eating chocolate, as a way to remember and recall the Ministry of Jesus.

Rather than giving something up during Lent, I would challenge you to take something up during Lent. Why not take up the challenge of the "Count Your Blessings" Christian AID resource? Based on the beautiful hymn 'When I needed a neighbour, were you there?' Christian AID's Count Your Blessings guides you through Lent to Easter with daily ways to give thanks for life's blessings. You'll find inspiring opportunities to give, act and pray for our global neighbours.

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/lent-easter/lent-calendar>

But before we get to the Easter Sunday celebrations of Christ risen from the tomb we have the, at times difficult, journey of Holy Week. Holy Week can be a rollercoaster of emotions, the joy and cries of "hosanna" as Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, that during the week so quickly turn into cries of "crucify him" on Friday as Christ is led out to die. The silence and despair of Saturday as Jesus' dead body lies in the tomb, transformed to Easter Sunday morning cries of joy as an empty tomb declares Jesus is risen, Jesus is alive.

To help us journey through Holy week we have several different events;

Tuesday 11th April 7pm - Big Read Matthew at the Manse, Stanley.

We read through the Gospel of Matthew from start to finish, bring your favoured Bible translation.

Thursday 13th April 7pm - Maundy Thursday informal Communion service in Bankfoot Church Centre.

Good Friday 14th April 7pm Tenebrae Service Luncarty Church Centre.

A service of light and darkness.

Easter Sunday 16th April - 8am Little Glenshee Easter Service & Egg rolling followed by Bacon rolls in the Church Centre (Who will have the best decorated Egg?)

Easter Sunday Service 11.15am Bankfoot Church Centre

As we reflect on our own lives, Church and Community about the meaning of Easter and look forward to the year ahead, may the new resurrection life of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, empower each and every one of us to burst forth in new life, in blooming beauty, to God's Glory.

Every blessing
 Your Minister and friend
 Adrian

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April –	3 rd – 17 th Café closed Saturday 8 th Spring Fayre
Easter –	Tuesday 11 th Big Read 7.00pm at Stanley Manse Maundy Thursday 13 th Communion 7.00pm Bankfoot Good Friday 14 th Tenebrae Service 7.00pm at Luncarty Easter Sunday 16 th 8.00am Little Glenshee; 11.15 Church Service
May –	Sunday 7 th Communion Bankfoot Saturday 13 th Village Gala Sunday 14 th BB Service
June –	Saturday 10 th Indoor Garden Party.
July –	Sunday 16 th Joint Communion Service at Stanley
Aug –	Monday 31 st July – Sunday 6 th Holiday Club
Sept –	Sunday 10 th Joint Communion Bankfoot Thursday 28 th 7.30pm Community Quiz Night Teams of 4, £5 per person with supper.
Oct –	Sunday 1 st Harvest Thanksgiving
Nov –	Saturday 4 th Craft Fayre

May hangs up her duster

*MAY has decided it's time to slow down,
Albeit years later than most,
She can now have a lie in and do as she likes,
So we thank her and give her a toast.*

*For years she tended the church up the hill,
Keeping it dusted and clean,
Then carried on caring for our lovely new place,
Shining windows and glass she'd be seen.*

*Thank you MAY for your service over the years,
Now rest and enjoy your free time,
You have family around you and friends always
near,
Who wish you well through this little rhyme.*

**ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT MAY ! GOOD HEALTH
AND GOD BLESS.**



Bankfoot After School Club is based at the Hub, Bankfoot Church Centre.

We have use of Indoor and Outdoor facilities to provide an after school care facility during term time, Monday to Friday from 3pm till 6pm.

After School Club is a privately owned service first opened in 2010 to serve the needs of a growing community. Over the years, the Club has earned praise for its continuous improvement in after school club care AND consistently high levels of parent satisfaction.

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After
School **Club**

Bankfoot Wednesday Club

Although our president and Secretary are often out of the country, they do not leave us in the lurch as they book all the artistes for the season before they go and, on their return, add very much to the fun with, for instance, an Afternoon Tea provided by Diana, followed by some daft games.



Everyone had been asked to wear a hat and even the men rose to the occasion.



The Wednesday Club is indeed enjoying a year of very varied and wonderful entertainment. We have had everyone singing along with our own Ian Petrie on guitar and letting us hear some of our own compositions. Andy Paterson, returned by popular request, with “Cartoon Capers” and all enjoy his film and quizzes. In November Eddie Rose made us laugh so much that I was quite worried about some of our ladies!

Our Christmas outing was to “Scrooge” at Pitlochry Theatre, an excellent show. As Jenny and Diana were away we had a New Year Party on their return which again was a huge success. In February, Susan Stark taught us how to bake bread and we all went home with beautiful rolls, brioches etc. Firm favourite, Alex McIntyre entertained with accordion music and the Barbershop singers came to our early March meeting. On March 15th Joan Blue with the Kilgraston School Scottish Fiddle group were joined by singer Gill Murray with her ukulele, Pete Stewart with his button box and Primary 1 children from our local school. Club Open Day was on 29th March with a sales table. The Club closes for this session in May after what has been a hugely enjoyable and well attended season.

Meetings are on Wednesdays, twice a month at 2.00pm and all over 50's are assured of a warm welcome.

The Guild

The Guild will be finishing this season with a concert by The Barber Shop Singers. This will be held in Bankfoot Church Centre on 6th April at 7.30 p.m. The cost will be £5 (including refreshments) which will go towards Guild funds. Everyone is welcome and we do hope that you will come along to this concert.



The Guild meetings will commence again in September. A list of our speakers will appear in the next edition of this magazine. Again, all are welcome to attend any of our meetings.

Community Centre Support Group

We are a newly formed group of young women, 30 -50ish, from the village which is willing to support the community centre areas within the Bankfoot Church Centre building.

The group is headed by three elders, certainly by age, but also of the church. Our aim is to raise funds to help with the ongoing maintenance and running costs of this wonderful facility.

Our first fundraiser was the “Gift Day”, Dr Jim Simpson’s idea, but organised and run by the Group. This was a great success and those who came along on the day for tea/coffee enjoyed a friendly and happy time. Our thanks go to those who contributed either by handing in or sending in donations. No words can describe our appreciation and grateful thanks.

Funds raised so far – just under £11,000

On a personal note, I would like to thank Dr Jim Simpson for his idea and penning the lovely letter for us. Massive thanks also to all the ladies of our Group for your ideas, enthusiasm and energy. Your input is very valuable and just what is needed. The quiz winner was Amy Browne of Bankfoot- thanks to all who participated.

Look out for us at the Gala on 13th May – A stall with chocolate fountains, crepes with delicious fillings etc. Well worth a visit!

Look out as well for exciting and different events in the future.

Please support these young ladies in their endeavours for our community centre.

Once again a huge and heartfelt thank you. Etta Lundie, Chairperson

Many Thanks

When the teacher asked her class how satellites can stay up in outer space, one wee lad said, “There is no gratitude there.”

His answer would not have been correct even if he had used the word gravity.

I write this brief note of thanks for the magazine, because I would not like those who contributed so generously to my appeal to help with the upkeep of our fine Community Centre, to feel there is a lack of gratitude on my part. I am deeply grateful for the amazing response not only of church members and friends of the church, but of the people of Bankfoot. Though the Centre is a very costly building to run and keep in good repair, our community would certainly be much the poorer without it.

Dr James Simpson

Christian Aid

This year Christian Aid week is from 14th to 20th of May.

After the Church Service on the 14th there will be a soup, bread and cheese lunch.



During that week there will be the usual house to house collection in Bankfoot. If you can spare time during that week, it would be wonderful if you would be willing to help with the collecting. More collectors are really needed. The people of

Bankfoot have supported the work of Christian Aid so well in the past and I'm in no doubt that it will be the same this year. The needs of millions of people are as great as ever.

Thank you in anticipation. Helen Simpson.

A minister was opening his mail one morning. Drawing a single sheet of paper from an envelope he found written on it only one word: 'FOOL'.

The next Sunday he announced, 'I have known many people who have written letters and forgotten to sign their name.'

'But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name but forgot to write a letter'.

Church Flowers

A very big thanks to those who donate flowers on a Sunday or money for the Flower Fund. I would also like to thank Vic Hawkins for supplying the photos from Fiona's collection and Liz for compiling the lovely flower calendar for 2017.

If you would like to put flowers in the church, please add your name to the Flower Calendar in the Foyer or contact:-

Annie



Adam was talking to God. "So you've created light and you've created darkness. You have made the earth revolve round the sun in 24 hours. What are you going to do now?" God replied, "I'm going to call it a day."

Crossreach's Heart for Art Groups provides wonderful dementia friendly art classes in communities all over Scotland.



Our group at Bankfoot Church Centre was one of the first established and thrives with the support of local volunteers. Our group has a variety of experienced artists as well as those who have never picked up a brush since school. However, art is really the by-product of a positive ethos, with chat, laughter, tea and the most recent addition of Rod Stewart himself to spur us on. The collection of art work that has been created over the past year is so varied in style and subject matter and we are looking forward to sharing this with the community later this year in our exhibition. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on this....



Crossreach Daycare News

We had a very successful raffle in December- thanks to everyone who bought tickets. The raffle of the beautiful handmade patchwork quilt and matching pillows raised enough funds for us to buy a new TV for the Centre.

At present our crafting activities include rug making and patchwork cushion covers.

We have a few staff vacancies at present. Please contact the Centre if you are interested in joining our team. We would also welcome volunteers who might be interested in getting involved, perhaps demonstrating different skills or giving a talk. Lorna Smith 07771345244

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Bankfoot Parent & Toddler Group

Our group finished 2016 with our annual Christmas party at Active Kids, Stanley.



The party was well attended with about 20 children who enjoyed an hour of free play within the indoor play area. Santa then arrived with presents for the children, followed by a hot buffet and party games.

Much fun was had by all!

On 23rd November toddlers held a Christmas morning. We had a few stalls selling some lovely festive goodies such as Usbourne books, Martin Ward photography, Sparkle Rose and our pre loved children's clothing.

We have had a quiet start to 2017 but it has been so nice to welcome along some new faces to the group. Some of our three year olds have moved on to school nursery and some others are due to start after Easter.

Little Blooms are scheduled to visit after the Easter break and spend a morning teaching the children about spring time through various sensory activities such as; storytelling, planting plants, singing songs and arts and crafts.

Messy Mitts are also due to visit in May, bringing us a morning filled with messy play. Bankfoot Parent & Toddler Group continues as a well-attended and friendly group.

Our weekly sessions are held between 9:15 and 11:30 every Wednesday morning.

*Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin,
When he smiled I realised, I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile, then I realised its worth.
A single smile just like mine, can travel the earth.
So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get Bankfoot infected.*



Walking Group

The Bankfoot Stride for Life health walk celebrated its 3rd birthday on the 9th February with a great turn out from the walkers who all enjoyed their usual walk and the birthday cakes afterwards. The cakes which were baked by Nico and Liz and were a "taste sensation" with all the walkers doing their best to have a bit of each cake!



The walks last no more than an hour at a moderate pace, which allows all walkers to walk at a pace that is comfortable for them, hopefully enjoy a chat and conversation whilst out in the fresh air and then back to the centre for a cuppa afterwards.

***Walks take place on Thursdays
10.30am and are free so come
along and give it a try!***



For further information please contact Colin Melville on 454628 or email camelville@liveactive.co.uk
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Worth Thinking About

*As I was lying around, pondering the problems of the world,
the following occurred to me!
If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat.
A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while
A tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years.
And you tell me to exercise?? I don't think so!*

New Thursday morning Yoga Class in Bankfoot Church Centre

Sue Atkinson will be teaching Thursday morning yoga classes from 10.00 -11.30am beginning on the 30th March. Sue has over 12 years' teaching experience and also holds classes in Perth, Dunkeld and Pitlochry. Her classes are friendly and fun and no previous yoga experience is necessary. So if you would like to release tight muscles and get your body moving with more ease and enjoyment come along and give it a try.

Cost is £7 per class. To join you can simply turn up on a Thursday morning, or for more information contact Sue



Badminton Club

Membership continues to be steady with about 30 adults but we've lost several intermediates.

On the positive side, we started a junior section earlier this year and have 14 children in Primary 5-7 registered with a weekly turnout of 10-11.

Unfortunately the league team has struggled a bit this year with injuries and illness to contend with. They finished in 6th place out of 8 in the league and were knocked out of the Campus Trophy in the first round. Better luck next year.



This year we are celebrating the Club's 50th year in its current form and would like to invite all former and current members along to a Social Evening on Wednesday 17th May from 7.00pm at the Church Centre.

Please come and join us and share your memories over a drink and something to eat. If you have any photographs or other memorabilia relating to the Club please hand them into the Church Centre for my attention or hand them to any Club member. Please ensure that your name and address are firmly attached so that we can return any items.

If you require any further information about the club or the Fun Evening please contact Alan Fleming 1 or come along on a Wednesday evening between 7 and 10. We look forward to seeing you.

Geared for Growth Ladies' Bible Study

Despite our advancing years, the group continues to meet regularly and all greatly enjoy the times we spend together (as well as time spent on our own "homework"). We have just finished a series on the Epistles in John and will be starting a new series after Easter.



This might be an opportunity for new members to join us? We meet every second Tuesday from 10.30 am till 12.30 am in the Logiebride Room (usually). Contact Pat for more information.

Freezer Order

I have my own system for labelling homemade freezer meals.

Forget calling them 'Veal Parmigiana' or 'Turkey Loaf' or 'Beef Hotpot'.

If you look in my freezer you'll see 'Whatever', 'Anything,' 'I don't know' and, my favourite, 'Food.'

That way when I ask my husband what he wants for dinner, I'm certain I have what he wants!'

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