

## Services during Easter / Holy Week

### Tuesday 22nd March 6.30pm

Compass Easter Concert Bankfoot Church Centre

### Wednesday 23rd March 7.30pm

"The Big Read" John's Gospel McFarlane's at 2 Yew Gardens, Luncarty

### Thursday 24th March 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday Communion Bankfoot Church Centre

### Friday 25th March 8 pm

Tenebrae Good Friday Service Stanley Village Hall

### Easter Sunday 27th March 8am

Little Glenshee Easter Egg service (Clocks Change)

10am Stanley Village Hall Easter Sunday Service

11.15 Bankfoot Church Centre Easter Sunday Service

## Welcome to our Church Centre Magazine.

As I am writing this, we are in the midst of our journey through Lent, looking towards Holy Week and then onto the celebrations of Easter Sunday morning. This Lent we are reading through the Gospel of John, and so our Lent Bible studies are focusing on John's Gospel. 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 to journey through Holy week we have several different events;

On Tuesday evening we will, with the help of some of our Young People from Compass, be celebrating with an Easter Concert.

On Wednesday reading the whole of John's Gospel together in another "Big Read"

On Thursday remembering the last supper with our Maundy Thursday Communion

On Good Friday holding a Tenebrae Service

Then the joy of Easter Sunday morning, is the joy of our faith. Jesus Christ who through his death and resurrection opened the way for us to be forgiven, to be reconciled to God. So that we can know, wherever we are in our journey of life, whatever emotions we experience, that Jesus journeys with us. Jesus calls us by name into new life this Easter time. Jesus is risen, He is risen indeed.

As we reflect in our own lives, Church and Community on 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

### \*\*\*\*\* Future Dates \*\*\*\*\*

**Spring Craft Fayre** - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 11.00 – 3.00pm

**Afternoon Teas** - last Tuesday of the month from April to September

**Communion** - Bankfoot Church Centre Sunday 1st May 2016

**Joint Communion** - Bankfoot Church Centre Sunday 26th June 2016 (No service in Redgorton and Stanley)

**Bankfoot Gala** - 21st May 2016 Please contact Roland Marsh for further details.



## BIBLE TEASER



Can you find 16 books of the Bible in the following passage?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu: kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books are not capitalised. The truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a difficult job. I want it to be a most fascinating time for you. Yes, there are some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a pastor or maybe a deacon to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. One little elderly lady says she brews a cup of tea so that she can concentrate better. Now see how well you can compete. Relax now, there really are sixteen books of the Bible in this text!

### **A Short Prayer**

*Before you sleep , gently lay*

*All your fears and angst away*

*Place your worries and your care.*

*In the trusting hand of prayer*

*Say this to-night and sleep peacefully*

*Knowing that God never sleeps.*



## CHURCH REGISTER DEATHS since last magazine

Miss Kirsty Bailey

Mrs Esther Kennedy

Mrs Aileen Langton

Mrs Violet Cargill

Mrs Annie Ferguson

### CHRISTIAN AID

It seems no time since I was in the Perth Christian Aid Offices handing in Bankfoot's wonderful donation of £1215 to the Christmas Christian Aid appeal, the result of the 'Bake -off' which our youth leader Karen organised and the village Carol Service. Thanks to all who contributed in any way.

**This year Christian Aid Week is from May 15th to 21st.** Once again 20,000 churches will unite to deliver 7 million envelopes. Last year over eleven million pounds was raised. This year I desperately need a few more people to help with the Bankfoot house to house collection. If you could spare a couple of hours to help, I really would be most grateful.

On Sunday 15th May there will be a soup, bread and cheese lunch in the cafe after the morning service. Come and join us. You can be assured of a very warm welcome. Helen

## Church Flowers

A very big thanks to anyone who donates flowers on a Sunday or money for the Flower Fund. Those people who receive them will know that we are thinking about them. It is always lovely to receive flowers and having a visit as well makes it extra special.

If you would like to help, please add your name to the Flower Calendar in the Foyer



## Hello!

It is hard to believe but I have now been **Bankfoot's youth worker** for a whole 9 months! So far I have experienced my first ever Polar Explorer Holiday Club, had a live Skype chat with a real polar explorer, attempted to build a life size igloo from milk bottles (and recycled them), sung lots, been freaked out by the crazy frog wi-fi dance routine, become an expert at sharks and fishes and man hunts, made windsocks, volcanoes, big banners, lanterns and been told repeatedly by the young people at Union that I can't make pancakes. (Which I so can!)

I have talked about how much God loves us, our feelings, looking after our minds and putting mistakes behind us - God wants us to live life to the full!

We have had the **Big Bankfoot Bake Off** and raised £650 for Christian Aid's Refugee Crisis Appeal and the nativity '**Love Shine a Light.**' The very patient, dedicated volunteers and young people would probably like to add, that I have also spent a lot of the last 9 months looking for my clipboard, keys, phone, wallet....and my 2 boys aged 2 and 5 in the soft play area. (Sorry!)

But by far the best bit has been getting to know all the amazing young people - loads of talented, lovely, kind, decent, creative and smart young people in our area and it has been brilliant getting to know them.

This year so far we have **Compass and Union** going on as usual. I am hoping to run a program for young people to help us talk about our mental health and God. And finally I don't know what the theme is yet but **Holiday Club in Bankfoot** this summer will be from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August 2016. You can check out all the things we have and will be doing on the new church website - look under the heading 'young people' for more information.

Finally, I really have to say thank you for making me so welcome, thank you to all the volunteers who give up so much of their time to run these groups and apologies in advance for whatever 'great ideas' I come up with next.....

Karen Kelman Youth Worker



## Hall Lets and Café Management

Mike continues to do a sterling job looking after the bookings for our wonderful facilities. He is a vital member of the Hall Lets Committee and he and his small team of helpers also set up and take down for all events as well as opening and closing up the centre. Mike is always looking for more help - "could this be YOU?"

I am resigning as chairperson for this committee and Alex Melville has agreed to take the chair. Thanks Alex. Heather Varancé and Liz Fleming are joining this committee. I wish Alec and his committee all God's blessings as they continue his work for our wonderful centre. Etta (chairperson)

## Bankfoot Boys' Brigade

All companies meet from 6.00 – 7.30pm on Fridays. We would warmly welcome any boys who would like to join us.



## Perth Food Bank



If you would like to donate any items to the Food Bank but can't manage to take them in to the Bridgend base, then you can leave them in the box in the Foyer and they will be taken in for you.

As well as non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries are welcome.

## And words for thought....

PRESBYTERIAN when you arrange the letters gives BEST IN PRAYER

ELECTION RESULTS rearranging the letters gives LIES – LET'S RECOUNT

SLOT MACHINES when you arrange the letters gives CASH LOST IN ME

## A BIG THANK YOU

At the service on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, Dr Simpson highlighted the debt we owe to the many volunteers who keep our church running –who help in the kitchen, who organise the special afternoon teas, who care for the fabric, who cut the grass, who undertake the booking of the halls, who prepare the orders of services and edit the magazine, who work with our young people, and do countless other jobs –volunteers who save the church thousands of pounds every year.

Believing that a word of appreciation and thanks never goes amiss, he decided to write a little hymn in honour of our volunteers. He hoped the quality of the singing would be far better than the quality of his poetry. The hymn was sung to the Scottish tune the Rowan Tree.



O for a thousand tongues to sing  
A song for people who,  
Deserve our warm thanks, for all  
The countless things they do.

Chorus

*Come let us all our voices raise  
To thank those people here  
Whose quiet deeds are perfect praise  
Whose dedication clear*

Some tend the grounds, some serve the teas  
Some guide our young folks too  
They serve their neighbours and their God  
In the small deeds they do.

Chorus

For every church needs people who  
Step in and play their part  
Who offer time and energy  
Who give with all their heart.

Chorus



### Beauty Tips

*For beautiful eyes ---look for the good in others*

*For beautiful lips---speak only words of kindness*

*And for poise --- walk with the knowledge God walks with you*

# Can You Help?



**Badminton Club**



Another busy season is nearing the end. The club has 39 members of which 7 are teenagers and as usual club nights have been well attended.

Our league team is likely to finish mid division and are through to the final of the Campus Trophy. The annual club competitions are underway and the season will end in May. Several new members have joined the club this season with two regularly playing for the league team. There have been some visitors to the club this year and they are always welcome.

If you are interested in playing and want to find out more about the club please contact Alan or come along on a Wednesday evening between 7 and 10.00pm.

**Country Dancing**



The country dancing group have enjoyed a very successful season under the guidance of our teacher Jane, with 3 new members who have embraced new dances and new techniques.

We invited fellow dancers from other groups to join us in our open evening when everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We always welcome new members and it does not matter if you're experienced or a complete novice - come along and enjoy the fun. The club starts back in the autumn on Monday evenings.

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*A man was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost two thousand pounds, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'*  
*'Really,' answered his neighbour. 'What kind is it?'*  
*'Twelve thirty'*



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**Guild**

Auchtergaven and Moneydie Guild are just coming to the end of this year's session. We have had a number of interesting speakers during these months talking on various subjects. We finish this month with our AGM.

During the summer we hope to meet up with our twin guild from Aberdeen and also to have an outing to Pitlochry Theatre.



On 7<sup>th</sup> April we are holding a Fiddle Concert with the Gateway Fiddlers entertaining us. All are welcome. The cost is £5 (including refreshments) and the concert begins at 7.30pm.

*Hope to see you there.*

**Heart for Art**

John is a professional artist from Crossreach who is great at bringing out our artistic talents. He comes to support our group which meets on alternate Wednesdays. We have access to high quality art materials, easels, palettes, canvasses, acrylic and watercolour paints, pastels, etc. These are provided by Heart for Art at no cost to participants. Many of the group have no previous art experience, but the "can do" attitude in Heart for Art means we have seen some lovely paintings produced. Our volunteers have discovered that chatting, being helpful, making tea and being friendly and encouraging is more important than artistic experience, though we are all better at mixing colours than we were!

If you or somebody you know is facing the early stages of dementia then Heart for Art could be just the thing to brighten your day (and your walls). New participants and volunteers welcome. Contact Nan for details.

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## Bankfoot Wednesday Club

This club continues to thrive with nearly 40 members and we meet fortnightly in the Auchtergaven Room from September to May. There is very varied entertainment from 2pm to 4pm - music groups, comedians and interesting speakers as well as fun and games together with a raffle and tea/coffee/biscuits/chat break.

Our schedule of events can be found around the village, including NISA shop board. At the end of the year, we have an outing (Pitlochry Theatre Show & picnic in recent years) and always a Christmas Party for our members who have paid their £5 annual subscription. Fortnightly entrance fee is £1. The club is open for anyone over 50 and we always welcome new members. Please feel free to join us at our next meeting .

## Geared for Growth Ladies Bible Study Group

This group continues to meet on a fortnightly basis - Tuesday mornings at 10.30 am. We are currently studying "Future and Hope - what the Bible's all about." All ladies welcome.

Details from Pat Urquhart

## Bankfoot Baby & Toddler Group

As usual throughout every year we keep close links to the local nurseries and participate in reciprocal visits to enable those children stepping into pre-school to meet others who will join them at school. This will continue in 2016 and beyond to allow an easy transition from our group to pre-school. As we say goodbye to our 3 year olds we would like to welcome anyone wishing to bring their child to our group. Your first visit is free and thereafter £2 or £1 for under 6 month olds, this includes a snack and tea/coffee for the parents. We meet every Wednesday at Bankfoot Church & Community Centre from 9.30am—11.30pm and look forward to welcoming new families. This year we have also introduced a preloved clothes shop to the group with all proceeds going to charity. We are looking into more charity fundraising ideas and will announce all new events on our Facebook page.



## Bankfoot Guiding on Wednesday evenings

In January **1st Bankfoot Rainbows** took part in a sewing challenge - each girl made either a finger puppet or a small stuffed animal. In February, a magic carpet challenge relating to six continents. Eg dot paintings for Australia, sky scraper sky line for North America eating with chopsticks for Asia and having fun with a piñata for South America. During February the girls enjoyed a visit to Tesco's Farm to Fork. March will see the girls looking at the three remaining continents in order to complete the challenge pack.

1st Bankfoot Rainbows celebrating their first year of opening and our district's trophy for the Biggest growth in the county - with special thanks given at the county AGM to Marie O'Brien with the opening of 1st Bankfoot rainbows and 1st Bankfoot Guides.

**Bankfoot Brownies** have had a fun start to 2016 starting off by completing the Chinese New Year Badge and a trip to Tesco for Farm to Fork. They also had an awesome sleepover at Glasgow Science Centre - sleeping under the stars along with 380 other Brownies from across Scotland!

Future plans involve an Easter Egg Hunt with family to finish off the term and our annual weekend away to Dalguise.

The **Guides** are slowly growing in numbers and making lots of different crafts, baking and making sweets for their confectioner's badge.

They all had an awesome time at Edinburgh Zoo, as this was their 'mountain top moment' in Guides, making their promise together with all the members of our unit. At the moment they are putting together and planning their forthcoming Bingo Tea and are all very excited about their annual trip to PGL Dalguise - especially as it's their first year as Guides.

Contact

Marie O'Brien (Guider in charge)

# Afternoon Teas

Last Tuesday of the month commencing 26<sup>th</sup> April

From 2.00 – 4.00pm

Sandwiches, scones, pancakes, meringues, cakes, tea or coffee

£6.50 per person

To book your place-

Contact:- Evelyn on 710534 or the Cafe



## Our Daily Bread Café

Hello again. I hope you have managed to come along and visit Heather at the café over the winter months. Heather and her team will be happy to welcome you for a cuppie and a scone or some homebaking. You might choose homemade soup or a filled roll/sandwich or a toastie. On Fridays, Cathy and Sheena will also welcome you with a smile (Cathy tells me she insists on it!!!) Thank you girls.

Café is open from Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm (last orders 1.15pm)  
Friday 9.30am to 1.00pm (last orders 12.45pm)  
We still need a few more volunteers. Could YOU help Heather just 2 hours a week or fortnightly or even monthly.  
Please contact Heather at the café or call Liz



Heather and I would like to say a massive thank you to all the ladies who help in the café and a warm welcome and thank you to our new ladies. Your help is greatly appreciated.

It is with a heavy heart that I am giving up the Café Management. My time with Heather has been a very happy one. We have built up an easy and true relationship. Thanks Heather you've been great. Heather has agreed to take on a little more responsibility and will be able to help Liz Fleming who has agreed to take up the post of Café Management. I wish her and Heather all success in the future. (LOOK AFTER MY GIRL LIZ.) Etta (Café Management)

## After School Club

Opening times: 3pm until 6pm (Mon-Thur) and 3pm till 5.30pm (Fri)

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After School Club Kids have come up with a wonderful idea to make Easter Hampers to donate to the Elderly who attend the Bankfoot Church Day Centre. We recently had a visit from Zoolab who brought along lots of creepy crawlies! We surprised the kids with inflatable fun from Micro fitness. This went down very well. Some said it was "awesome!"



[www.afterschoolclubperthshire.com](http://www.afterschoolclubperthshire.com)

Based in the Hub at Bankfoot Church Centre,  
we collect children from  
Auchtergaven, Murthly & Stanley

## Traidcraft Stall - Dates

- 20<sup>th</sup> March
- 24<sup>th</sup> April
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- 26<sup>th</sup> June



## Bankfoot Wednesday Club OPEN DAY

March 30th 2016, 2pm to 4pm

Please join us to chat to other club members and find out about our club. We will have plants and baking stalls, a guest presenter, a raffle and tea/coffee/biscuits to enjoy. Entrance fee £1.



## Church Catering Group

The ladies of the group continue to work alongside the Hall Lets Committee fulfilling all the catering requests. They continue also to donate soup, homebaking and their time to all of these events. Our successful Afternoon Teas return on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April and will continue through the summer months until and including September. WE would love to see all our regulars back after the winter break and of course look forward to welcoming new faces. The cost will remain £6.50. To reserve a table please call Evelyn.

We are holding a "Spring Craft Fayre" on Saturday 23rd April ,so please come along and enjoy browsing and shopping at the stalls - old faces and new faces. Enjoy also a bite at the café, from a tea/coffee and scone to a light lunch.

Some may have heard, that it is with regret, that I am resigning from this committee as convener and would like to take this opportunity to thank all my wonderful committee for their loyalty and hard work. My thanks also to all of you who have supported all the events we have done. I am handing over this mantel to a very capable Margaret Swingler and I wish her and her team (including newest member Sue Ross ) all my best wishes with all that they do in the future. Etta ( convener)

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3 year old in church: 'Our father, who does art in heaven, Harold is his name. Amen.'

## Challenging weather



This winter has been notable for the almost continuous rainfall and the grey, dreary days.



At least the Church Centre has been warm and dry inside. Outside has been a different matter- large amounts of water have been lying in the lower carpark at times and behind the building has been flooded on several occasions. Only once did the pump need to be used but levels were frequently very high and needed to be continuously monitored. We are grateful to the people who do this work.

Thanks also to the snow plough drivers – not too overworked this year – but still important for the safety of the users.

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*Bertha Belsh, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belsh all the way from Africa.*

*During the absence of our minister we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J F Scubbs supplied our pulpit.*

*For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.*



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## Spring Craft Fayre



**Saturday**  
**23rd April**

**11.00—3.00pm**

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*Raffle*

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