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OCTOBER 2017



BANKFOOT CHURCH & COMMUNITY

BUILDING TOGETHER

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE CENTRE

Alice Melville has purchased a new defibrillator unit for the Church Centre.

When thinking of what would be a fitting way to remember her husband Alex, who died last year, she came up with the idea of this potentially life-saving device. Alex had been such a central figure in developing and running this centre for the community that it is fitting that he will be adding another benefit to our facility.

The unit will be accessible in the Foyer whenever the centre is open and a familiarisation session will be available to learn more about it.

David Booth Scottish Ambulance Service
Community First Responder with Alice Melville
and the new Defibrillator.



BOOKING THE CENTRE

**For conferences, training days, wedding receptions, parties,
sports and meetings.**

see website

CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday

4th November



Craft Stalls — something for everyone;

Christmas Hamper to win;

Prize Raffle; Music;

Snacks and Light Lunches;

Ample Free Parking;



Doors open at 11.00am

Finish at 3.00pm

BANKFOOT CHURCH CENTRE

SC 010247 www.bankfootchurch.org

BANKFOOT COMMUNITY CENTRE SUPPORT GROUP

VARIETY CONCERT

FRIDAY 24TH November 2017

7.00pm (doors open 6.15)



Tickets £10
including wine, soft drinks & savoury nibbles
at the Interval

Available from Centre Café, or

Etta on 828298 or Monica on 787314

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Welcome to our Church Magazine.

It is Harvest time and at harvest we stop and give thanks. Give thanks to God for all the good gifts of the harvest and give thanks to all who work so hard throughout the year to bring the fruits of the harvest to our table. In our Harvest Thanksgiving service we say thank you to God for the harvest and for all of the people involved in harvesting, in bringing the food we eat to our tables, from our local farmers and producers to the many people from all over the world who work to enable us to have such a good and varied diet.

In recognising God's abundant generosity to us, we should also recognise our responsibilities to be good stewards of creation. Ultimately we are recognising our dependence upon God and our interdependence upon one another. Recognising that underpinning all of our achievements is God's abundant generosity in the rich resources of God's creation. God's clear intent is that the fruitfulness of the land is to be shared by all, for the good of all.

When in our society the most vulnerable are also prospering, when the rich resources of the harvest are reaching down to the poorest and most disadvantaged, then and only then, is society truly honouring our creator God, Lord of the Harvest. But when in our society the rich resources of God's creation are being misused to make the rich richer and the poor poorer, then God is dishonoured and our humanity, made in God's image, is diminished.

That is why this harvest time we are encouraging folk to support Perth Food Bank as they provide support to local families who are struggling. Also to support Traidcraft who through fair trade help to support some of the poorest farmers in the world. These simple, everyday actions seek justice for the poorest in our society and around the world. It's about living out our faith, not just in church on a Sunday, but in simple, everyday activities like how we shop and spend our money.

Your friend and Minister, Adrian.

"Messy Church", what's it all about?

Christ-centred - all ages - creativity - hospitality – celebration

Our Messy Church events are a fun way of being church for families.

Messy Church happens all over the world and is a church, not a craft club, which helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour. All Messy events include finally sitting down to eat together so the atmosphere is fabulous, with so many families and people of all ages together.

Why not come along to our next Messy event?

A fun way of being church for all ages.

***** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY *****

October:- Session Wednesday 25th at 7.00pm

Kirk Players Open meeting on Thursday 26th at 7.00pm

Communion on Sunday 29th at 11.15am

November:- Craft Fayre Saturday 4th 11.00am – 3.00pm

Remembrance Sunday 12th 10.50am at the Monument then
11.15 at the church.

Variety Concert on Friday 24th at 7.00pm

December:- Carols for Christian Aid Sunday at 7.00pm (date to be confirmed)

Christmas Afternoon Teas –on Tuesday 12th

Other events in December will be included in the Church Christmas Card

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CAROLS FOR CHRISTIAN AID

The annual Carols for Christian Aid will be on a Sunday evening at 7.00pm early in December. The evening of music and stories will be a lovely start to the Christmas season. It's always been a well-supported occasion and once again everyone will be most welcome.

We all know from our televisions of the awful suffering of so many people throughout the world and the monies we send from that evening helps a little to make life a bit easier for some. Please come and support us. Helen Simpson



Afternoon teas

Special Christmas Afternoon Tea at Bankfoot Church Centre

To be served on Tuesday 12th December

from 2.00 – 4.00pm

Only £7 per person for a selection of delicious savouries and cakes

Book your table with Evelyn

BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club has started for another season, meeting in the Moneydie Hall on Wednesday evenings. The Club caters for all abilities and anyone from 1st year onwards is welcome.

Revised playing times have been agreed and these are:

Intermediates (1st – 3rd year) – 6.30 – 8.00 pm; Adults – 7.00 – 10.00pm

If you want to find out more about the club please contact Alan Fleming on 01738 787531 or come along on a Wednesday evening between 7 and 10.

Last year was the Club's 50th anniversary in its current form and we had a good turnout at the celebration event on 18 May with many former members attending, some even managing a game or two!



Former organiser, Eric Davidson cutting the cake and a group of former prize winners.

BANKFOOT COMMUNITY CENTRE SUPPORT GROUP

Contacts are: Etta or Monica.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who have supported our group, helping to raise funds to maintain and support the ongoing needs of this wonderful facility which is used by so many - from toddlers to senior citizens and for events such as conferences, funerals, health clinics, parties and the Daily Bread Cafe – a multi-use venue.

Our next project is a wonderful **Variety Concert** featuring a selection of different artistes – singers, a magician, comedy – a real ‘variety’! Wine, soft drinks and savoury nibbles will be served at the Interval. Tickets costing £10 will be on sale at the Café or the girls of this group will be selling them as well. Please say yes when they ask you. Tickets are also available by contacting Etta. Please come along and support our centre and the team of ladies – and Tom – who make all things happen.

Wreaths will be on sale from 11th December. We will be making them up on the 10th and 11th of December and contact Etta if you would like to come and help.

Tickets for our fantastic **Christmas Raffle**, which we hope will become an annual event, are now on sale - £1 per ticket. There are lots of wonderful prizes including vouchers and hampers kindly donated by local businesses.

Also a reminder about our **Charity Shop** which will be open in March 2018.

We are collecting now and please donate if you can - contact Etta or Monica.

If you would like to join this young, and not quite so young, and enthusiastic group please contact us. We thank you and look forward to your support.

Etta



You can't change the past, but you can spoil the present by worrying about the future.

BOYS BRIGADE

1st Bankfoot Boys Brigade are very proud that Calum Heeps gained his Queen's Badge earlier on in the year. It was a very special occasion. He received his badge from the Lord Lieutenant of Scotland at a service which took place in Blairgowrie Parish Church. Calum is now going on to do his officer's training.

We are pleased to welcome three new Anchor Boys this year and also have four Company Section boys. But we are looking for more boys to come along and join us so if you know of any who want to have fun, learn new skills and make new friends, then please encourage them to join us on Friday evenings.

I would also like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising concert on 1st October.

Barbara Heeps

Seen on a Church Notice Board

When you were born, your parents brought you here;

When you were married, your partner brought you here;

When you die, your friends may bring you here.

Why not try coming on your own sometimes?



CHURCH FLOWERS



re used to decorate the church on Sunday and are then delivered in the local area to anyone who is celebrating an event or feeling a bit low.

If you would like to help, then either add your name to the flower calendar in the Foyer or contact Annie Currie to make a donation.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

The Scottish Country Dancing season starts on the 9th October in the Auchtergaven Room at Bankfoot Church Centre from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Please come along - whether you are a beginner or an experienced dancer, you will be made most welcome. Meet and make new friends, have fun and keep fit in a most enjoyable way.

A welcome cup of tea and a biscuit is provided at half time. For more information, contact Alice

CROSSREACH ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Daycare in Bankfoot Centre is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at present.

We would be delighted if any volunteers could come in and perhaps do something to entertain us. Perhaps display floral arranging or something along these lines. Fiona Lough came in and played for us a few weeks ago and everyone thoroughly enjoyed that.

So if you think you could help out just contact Lorna



KIRK PLAYERS

Sadly the time has come to discuss dissolution of the group.

There will be an open meeting on Thursday 26th October at 7pm in the Church Centre. Anyone who is hoping to attend please let me know.
Sheena Sherrit

TRAIDCRAFT

Dates for our Stall after the morning service:
October 8th; November 5th & 26th; December 5th



BANKFOOT GUIDING ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Rainbows age 5-7 meet from 5pm -6pm

Brownies age 7-10 meet from 6pm -7.30pm

Guides age 10+ meet from 7pm - 8.30pm



We warmly welcome any girl who is interested in joining us.

Please contact Marie O'Brien

Girlguiding Bankfoot is run by a small, strong team who are committed to ensuring the girls enjoy their time in Guiding.

They are in need of new leaders and are beginning to establish a Friends of Guiding.

Also if anyone has been in girl guiding in the village in the past, could they please get in touch with Marie O'Brien (Strathord District Commissioner) to share memories and possibly come in to visit the units in the future.



HEART FOR ART

Heart for Art seeks to celebrate creativity and reduce the stigma often associated with dementia. Members of our group exhibited their work in a national exhibition at the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh which attracted thousands of visitors. Thank you to everybody who attended our own exhibition as part of Perthshire Open Studios in September. The art work also featured in our Joint Communion service at Bankfoot Church Centre on Sunday 10th September. We made many new connections through the exhibition and it was a hugely

powerful tool in generating discussion about dementia and creativity.

Here is what one of our volunteers said "We are a friendly group and I'm sure I speak for all the volunteers when I say that we get as much out of the classes as the participants. It is a super and worthwhile way to spend 2 hours of your time, Many thanks to Laura our wonderful tutor. "

Our dementia friendly art group meets every second Wednesday from 11am -1pm in the Hub.

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BANKFOOT WEDNESDAY CLUB

After the “summer” break, the Club resumed on 13th September and is held every fortnight. We had wonderful speakers and entertainers last session and, as you will see from our 2017/18 programme, there will be something for everyone over the age of 50 – and everyone means ladies AND men. All will be welcome at 2.00pm every second Wednesday.

Annual membership is £5.00 plus £1.00 at each meeting to cover tea and biscuits.

Do come along – or if you would like to learn more about the Club, please contact Pat Petrie) Joan Blue or Sheena Garland .

Programme for 2017-18

11 th October	Welcome again to Eddie Rose
25 th October	Bill Nichol talks about “Life as a BBC Cameraman”
8 th November	John Marshall gives “Tattie Talks”
22 nd November	Bingo, Beetle Drive and more
6 th December	Andy Patterson ...this time ..TV Times
24 th January	New Year with Iain Petrie
7 th February	Popular return of Joan Blue and Friends
21 st February	Musicality of Anne Kemp and Friends
7 th March	Stella Wilkie and Joan – fiddling with the piano!
21 st March	Jen And Di present ..Easter Bonnet Party
4 th April	Club Open Sales Day and AGM
May 2018	to be advised

CHURCH CALENDAR

Unfortunately, there have been no photos submitted for a calendar for 2018. It is now too near the end of the year to begin to put one together for this year. Maybe next year?

I KNOW ABOUT SANTA

I figured that at age seven it was inevitable for my son to begin having doubts about Santa Claus. Sure enough, one day he said, ‘Mum, I know something about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy.’ Taking a deep breath, I asked, ‘What is that?’ He replied, ‘They’re all nocturnal.’

THE GUILD

The Guild meets in Bankfoot Church Centre on the first Thursday of each month (apart from January) at 2.30 pm. We have changed to afternoon meetings and hope that this will enable more people to come along. Both Ladies and Gentlemen are welcome and we do hope that you will visit us and find out just exactly what we do -you will be made very welcome.

Our programme for 2017-18

5 th October 2017	“ A Hope and A Future” Speaker: Pat Urquhart
2 nd November	“Street Pastors” Speaker: tbc
7 th December	Beetle Drive Open Meeting
11 th January 2018	“Scots in Russia” Speaker: Meg Ludkins Redgorton & Stanley Guild joining us
1 st February	“FMG” Speaker: Sam Cook
1 st March	“Being a Blue Badge Guide” Speaker: Alastair Walker
2 nd March	World Day of Prayer
5 th April AGM	Speaker Rosemary Johnson

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study Group meets every fortnight to study the Bible. We meet on Tuesday mornings, in the Logiebride Room for coffee first then the study.

The first meeting of the Ladies Bible Study group will be on Tuesday 10th October at 10.30. Thereafter roughly fortnightly meetings.

Any ladies in the congregation (and beyond) are very welcome to join us. For more information contact Pat.

Don’t refuse to accept criticism; get all the help you can. Proverbs 23:12

Don’t talk so much. You keep putting your foot in your mouth. Be sensible and turn off the flow! Proverbs 10:19

STRIDE FOR LIFE

The Bankfoot health walk celebrated its third birthday earlier this year and continues to be popular with many of the locals from the village and has recently been accredited as dementia friendly.



The walk meets at the Bankfoot Church Centre every Thursday morning at 10.30am with the walks lasting no more than an hour. Walking is a great way to keep fit and active and all walkers are able to walk at a pace that suits themselves.

The group are very social and welcoming and if you would like to come along, you can simply just turn up, or if you would like any further information, please email camelville@liveactive.co.uk or phone 01738 454628

MOTHER AND TODDLERS

Just before taking a break over the summer holidays we all came together and had a teddy bears' picnic in the gardens of the church centre. This gave us a chance to say goodbye to a lot of our toddlers who have now moved onto nursery.

At the start of session we have welcomed quite a few new mums and babies to the group and we now have a good mix of babies and toddlers regularly attending. We are currently having a change of committee members but our next task is to organise a fundraising event and also our Halloween party, which was great fun last year.

We meet every Wednesday morning during term time, 9.30-11.30am in the Auchtergaven room. First session is free and then £2 after including tea, coffee and a snack for the children.

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

THE CAFÉ AND SOFT PLAY

Our Daily Bread Café is open weekday mornings from 9.30am as is the Soft Play area for younger children. Drinks, soup, sandwiches, scones and cakes are all available including healthy options. Please come along and support Heather and her team of volunteers or even volunteer yourself!



Specials coming up include Hallowe'en treats for the young ones, Scottish week at the end of November and Christmas goodies in the week before Christmas. The Café will be closed over the Christmas Holidays – see website for details.

LOCAL ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS WANTED

I am a local Artist and my studio is up and running ...located on Church Lane. Is anyone interested in forming a co-op along similar lines to the Stanley Art Group? There are a few of us but I suspect there may be more and it would be great if we got together and possibly organised displays of our work. Contact Carol Aldsworth for more information.

Poets of Auchtergaven by Thomas Brown

The parish of Auchtergaven is famed for having two poets of note. Robert Nichol whose monument stands at Tulliebelton and William Robertson whose headstone is in the old part of Auchtergaven Kirkyard. Robert Nichol is the most well-known son of the parish and recently Mr Michael Lawrence formerly of Bankfoot and son of May, gave a well attended talk at the Church Centre on the short, but productive life of Robert Nichol. William Robertson was not so well known. He was a clerk at the linen factory which stood at what is now Graham Court. William wrote many poems inspired by his walks across the moor above Cairneyhill and many of these were published in newspapers. He had one book of verse published "Heart Echoes". Sadly he was never to enjoy the fruit of his labours as illness forced him to retire to his bed and the book was presented to him just days before he died. I also had a volume of poems published by the Porridge Press based in the village. "Summer Paths and Winding Ways" contained poems reflecting on my walks within the parish and contained local themes.