

A Prayer of Hope this Advent

Lord of Hope, we give You thanks for a new day.

Help us to open our eyes

*to a horizon guiding our vision beyond the everyday;
to a dawn gently lighting up the wonders of Your creation;
to a whispered dew rooting us firmly to this precious earth.*

For this and more we thank You.

Lord of Hope, we give You thanks for a new Advent season.

Help us to open our hearts

*to the knowledge that Your Son, our Lord, is coming;
to the hope that through His presence all people will be transformed;
to the promise of salvation for all.*

For this and more we thank You.

Lord of Hope, we give You thanks for a new start.

Help us to open our minds

*turning our backs on the ways of judgement and criticism;
sloughing off narrow-minded assumptions;
reaching out to enemy and friend with generous, compassionate hearts.*

For the promise of a new start, a new Advent season, a new day,

for these gifts and for so much more we thank You

Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord Amen



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Community Connect

**Bankfoot Church Centre
Magazine**

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Would you like to put flowers in the Church on a Sunday of your choice?

There is a Flower Calendar in the Foyer where you can add your name if you want to remember a special date or to allow us to give flowers to someone locally who would appreciate them.

Many thanks to all those who already donate flowers or money to the Flower Fund. Annie Currie 828218



Future Events in Church Centre (unless otherwise stated)

November 2019

Sunday 24th—Joint Communion 11.15am

Friday 29th—Ceilidh Dance 7.30pm for 8.00pm

December 2019

Sun 1st—Ordination of new elders 11.15am

Sun 1st—Christian Aid event 7.00pm (TBC)

Thurs 5th—Guild carols and stories at 2.00pm

Sun 8th—Service in Bankfoot at 11.15am

Sun 8th—Messy Church 3pm at Luncarty

Sun 8th and Mon 9th—Wreath making

Thurs 12th—Carol singing round Bankfoot with the Guides 6.30pm

Thurs 12th—Carols at Stanley Mill 7.00pm

Sun 15th—Service in Bankfoot at 11.15am

Thurs 19th—Singing Group 11.00am

Thurs 19th—Carol Service at St Columba's Stanley 6.00pm

Fri 20th—PACT Carol service at St Matthew's 7.00pm

Sun 22nd—Service in Bankfoot at 11.15am

Tue 24th—Christingle service in Luncarty 6.30pm

Tue 24th—Watchnight Service in Bankfoot 11.30pm

Wed 25th—Joint Service in St Columba's Stanley at 11.15am

Sun 29th—Joint Service, Songs of Praise, St Columba's Stanley. 11.15am

No service in Bankfoot.

2020

January

Sun 5th—Service in Bankfoot at 11.15am

April

Saturday 25th — Spring Fayre 10.30am-2.00pm



Messy Church

Is a way of being church for families involving fun. This type of church is found across the world and its values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

We are now doing Messy Church four times per year in Redgorton and Stanley.

Advent Messy Church will be in Luncarty Church Centre on Sunday 8th December at 3pm and a family tea at 5pm and all are welcome.

If you would like to be a part of a future Messy Church that meets in Bankfoot, please get in touch with Adrian Lough or the Church Office.

Wednesday Club

The Bankfoot Wednesday (Over 50) Club got off to a good start with a very interesting talk about the A9 Project, with all questions being answered and explanations given. This was followed by a wonderful afternoon of music and comedy with Eddie Rose making his eighth visit to the Club. We really appreciate and thoroughly enjoy his humour and chat. On 9th October, bring your jewels and Van Goghs, etc along for valuation by Jo Richards: 23rd October we had Di and Jen, back from their travels, telling us their "Alternative Lifestyle" tales; on 6th November, Adrian Harris, Perth's amazing magician and humourist, bewitched and bewildered us.

By popular request, Callum Wallace will also make a return visit with songs and guitar and our Christmas Party is on 4th December.

The "Spring" session begins on 8th January with a talk "Beware those Scams" and will be followed by an afternoon with Ian Petrie; "Fingers and Toes" - Movement with Marcin and then we have the Barbers Shop Singers. March brings "It's a Knockout" fun and games! Joan Blue and Friends provide the entertainment on 18th March and the AGM and Open Sales Day on 1st April.

Do come along and enjoy the company and tea/coffee and biscuits and a good blether. Yearly subscription is £5.00 plus £1.00 per meeting. 2.00pm in the Community Church every second Wednesday. Remember it is an OVER 50 Club, - so - 50 to 100, ladies and gentlemen, all welcome. Joan Blue

VOUCHER

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Between Dec 16th and 24th



Our Daily Bread Café

December offer - Buy 1 coffee or tea and get 1 free
For use between 16th & 24th December
Come and join us in the run up to Christmas
for a festive treat and a natter with friends.
We are open right up to and including
Christmas Eve.



Crossreach Oasis Daycare

Would you or anyone you know benefit from respite day care?

Here at CrossReach Oasis Bankfoot we can provide respite day care. Our service operates Tuesday and Thursday between 9am and 4pm and a daily or hourly rate can be discussed. If you may be interested in respite hours/days contact Lorna on 07771345244 or email Lorna.smith@crossreach.org.uk or just pop in and have a chat with us.

These are the lovely flowers
outside our door that everyone
enjoyed tending to over the
summer months.



WHAT'S ON IN THE CHURCH CENTRE

Church

Sunday Worship every Sunday at
11.15am. All welcome

The Guild meet on the 1st
Thursday of the month at 2.00pm

Health & Fitness

Badminton Club meets on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 10.00pm

Country Dancing on Mondays at 7.30pm
between October and March

Fitness Group on Wednesdays from 12.00 to
12.45pm

Stride for Life walking group meet at 10.30 on
Thursdays

Community

Café and Softplay is open 9.30am to
1.30pm on weekday mornings (1.00pm
finish on Friday)

Wednesday Club meet at 2.00pm every
2nd week between Sept and April
Geared for Growth Ladies Bible Study
meet every second Tuesday from
10.30am to 12.30pm

Youth

Toddlers meet on Wednesday
mornings from 9.30 –11.30am
when the Café is open.

On Wednesday night Rainbows
meet at 5.00pm and Brownies at
6.00pm

Guides meet on Thursday evening
at 7.30pm

Support

Heart for Art is on every 2nd
Wednesday between 10.30am
and 12.30pm

Singing group, dementia friendly,
is monthly on a Thursday from
11.00 to 12noon


Crossreach Daycare is open on
Tuesday and Thursday from
10.00am to 4.00pm

Thank you

To all the people who help keep Bankfoot Church Centre going. If it wasn't for you, who give your time and financial support to this community facility, it would no longer be operating.

More volunteers are always needed. You can choose what to do and how much time to give and, in return, you get to have a enjoyable time working with others. It's a great way to keep in contact and do something for your community.

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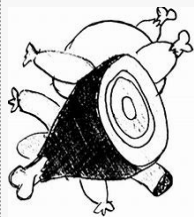
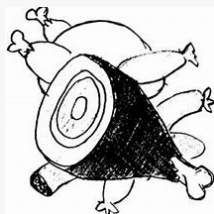
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Rainbows age 5-7 meet from 5pm -6pm on Wednesday
Brownies age 7-10 meet from 6pm -7.30pm on Wednesday
Guides age 10+ meet from 7pm - 8.30pm on Thursday

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

Please contact Marie O'Brien 07540938342.

Geared for Growth

"Ladies Bible Study - Geared for Growth

As we are coming to the end of present study in November, we shall be starting a new study later perhaps this year.

We usually meet in people's homes now, on alternate Tuesday mornings.

If you would like to join us in studying the Bible please get in touch.

Pat Urquhart 787501"



BOOKING THE CENTRE

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Thanks to all the people who contributed the interesting and varied material. We hope to publish a magazine in March/April and October/November each year.

If you feel that you would like to contribute to the next magazine, please contact: aandmmagazine@outlook.com or phone the Church Centre on 01738 788017

If you would like to place an advert for a local business or service, please contact Monica on 01738 787314 or monica@leggeat.com

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Message from our Minister

The four Sundays in Advent often focus in turn on the virtues of hope, love, joy and peace. This year in the midst of Advent we will be having a General Election. So far, in the political campaigning, I have seen more evidence of fear than hope, love, joy or peace.

“Do not be afraid” was the repeated message of the angels announcing the coming birth of Jesus.

“Do not be afraid” because people lived in politically volatile times.

“Do not be afraid” Fear is not wrong, it is natural, but living in a spirit of fear is not healthy and can actually dehumanise us, if we submit to fear’s control. The hate that often comes from fear causes us to forget the power of hope, love, joy and peace to transform our fear. The Advent message “Do not be afraid” is embodied in the hope of a new born child; God giving up the glory of heaven to be with us, to be one of us.

At those times of life when we run the risk of being overwhelmed by problems and trouble and worry, such hope allows us to hold on to the promise of God’s blessing.

‘God with us’, in the cry of a newborn child. Jesus Christ showing us the death defying love of God, empowering us through the Holy Spirit to share that love with friend and stranger; to see, even our enemy, through the eyes of such love. May your Advent journey be filled with hope, love, joy and peace.

Your friend and Minister,
Adrian

Bankfoot Guides Christmas Card Delivery

Following last year’s success the 1st Bankfoot Guides would like to announce that they will again be delivering village Christmas cards.



So if you would like your village cards delivered this year please hand them in to the Church Centre or to the local Nisa Shop. This service will be available from December 1st and last day for posting will be 20th December.



A small donation towards this service would be most appreciated.

The Guild

The Guild meets on the 1st Thursday of each month in at 2.00 pm.

We started off our Session with interesting talks on Namibia and the Sailors Society; our Nov talk was by Jo Middlemiss who visits an Ethiopia hospital and volunteers there. The December meeting, 5th, is an afternoon of Carols and Stories with Eddie our organist.

We start the New Year with a Crafty Afternoon on 8th January and this is followed on 5th February with a talk on Moscow and St Petersburg by Meg Luckins. We have heard talks by Meg before and they are very interesting.

The final meeting in March is our AGM followed by a talk on Zambia which is one of the projects our Guild is supporting. Please come and join us.



Baby and Toddlers

We meet every Wednesday in the Auchtergaven Room between 9.30 and 11.30am when the café is open.

The first session is free then its £2 which includes tea and coffee for the parents and a snack for the children.

Lauren and Rebecca have agreed to lead the group and

they have a new contact for you to use -

Toddler_babygroupBF@outlook.com

Badminton Club

The Badminton Club meet on Wednesday evenings in the Moneydie Hall and all abilities are catered for. The club also enters a team in the Campus Sports Perth & District Badminton League and last season they won the Campus Trophy for the third time. So far this year in the league they have drawn one match and won the other.

We are always looking for new members to join the club so if you are interested in playing badminton and want to find out more then come along on a Wednesday evening or contact the Secretary on 01738 787531 or email alanfleming44@btinternet.com

Playing times are:

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

Once again we are hoping to start P5-7’s later in the season.

We look forward to seeing members old and new.

Sing! to make you feel good

Singing in harmony with 250 people from all over Scotland at the Usher Hall was an exhilarating and unexpected experience since I'd never sung in a choir before. When the invitation was circulated in church to "Sing with the Gettys" there were no auditions to scare me off, we could download the songs to learn at home and the group from here could rehearse nearby in Dunkeld. Although we had never met before the concert, the huge choir from all over joined together as one. It doesn't need 250 people for that togetherness feeling. Once a month about 25 of us sing in Bankfoot and experience the feel-good feeling that comes from singing favourite songs accompanied by friends on piano or guitar. We're a dementia friendly group which means we are for everybody who likes singing and we put a special emphasis on including people who are living with dementia and their carers.



So next year, maybe you'd like to join us in the Usher Hall?
Or each month, maybe you'd like to join us in Bankfoot
Church Centre?

**Next dates - Thursdays 28th November and 19th
December 2019.**

Fiona Lough

Playlist for Life - Help Point

Playlist for Life wants everyone with dementia to have a unique, personal playlist - all the tunes that are most deeply attached to your memories and emotions, gathered together in one place - the soundtrack of your life. More than 20 years of scientific research shows that listening to a personal playlist can make living with dementia easier and happier. Playlist for Life is setting up a network of Help Points across the UK. The purpose of the Help Points is to share how a playlist of personally meaningful music can help improve daily life for people with dementia. Bankfoot Church Centre has launched a new help point with information leaflets available whenever the cafe is open.



Auchtergaven Old Church Restoration Community Group

We have recently had some fantastic news. The General Trustees of the Church of Scotland have agreed in principle to our bid to have the ownership and responsibility for the building transferred to our group in order that parts of the building can be saved.

We are working hard to get all our forms and policies in place and have written and adopted our Constitution to get our group set up. This means that we will also be able to apply for grants and funding as a properly constituted body.

We had our first AGM on Monday 30th September 2019 and appointed 12 trustees and Office Bearers for posts of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Technical Officer.

We are now working towards applying for funding and finalising quotes for all areas of the restoration so we will be organised for when the transfer takes place. As with everything the stabilisation is the first area that we will be working on with the extra facilities to come when we can arrange funding, though we are hopeful to have all the works done at the same time.

We would like to install a new clock with lighting, have the bell from the Old Moneydie Church installed, an access stairway and viewing platform at the top of the tower, restoration of the side rooms to provide a local historical archive/display room, a community garden and outdoor recreational space and a shelter facility for visitors to the surrounding graveyard

We now need to arrange some serious fundraising to turn these plans into reality. We have received a modest amount of funding from the General Trustees, the PKC Participatory Budget, from fundraising at the Bankfoot Gala and from the sale of the cards we have for sale in The Paper Shop, Taste Perthshire, The Church Cafe and through Committee members. We have had the promise of a donation from Balfour Beatty who are doing the A9 works at the moment and as part of our bid to take over the Tower have asked for a dowry from the General Trustees to the equivalent cost of its demolition.

The next meeting of the restoration group is planned for Monday 2 December and a fundraising meeting on 14 November 2019 both at 7.30 in the Church Centre. If you would like to join the group or get involved in some other way, please get in touch with us.

We look forward to updating you in the next issue with some good progress towards saving the landmark building in our village.

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Susan Reid - Treasurer Contact: susan.reid21@yahoo.co.uk

Bankfoot Church Centre Hall Lets

The Church Centre is a great place to have Children's Parties – plenty of space to run around, play games and have fun.



The Foyer and Softplay can be hired for 2½ hours for £60 and for another £10 the kitchen can be used to plate or heat food and make drinks for your guests.



The larger Moneydie Hall can be hired for 2½ hours for £60 and the kitchen and eating area in the Hub for an extra £10. This hall can be used for inflatables such as bouncy castles.



For available dates, please contact bbchalllets@gmail.com or 07365 540454



Children loll and adults stroll in the sunshine in this late-Victorian print by Wilson of Bankfoot, in the parish of Auchtergaven. Bankfoot is a long village on the edge of the level Cairnleith Moss. People would come from the outlying farms to spend a day in the village and many shopkeepers offered 'Teas and Light Refreshments' all the

Main Street Bankfoot

Showing the village from the bridge at the start of Prieston Road. Many of the buildings on the Main Street are easily recognised – Bankfoot Hotel and what was the Papershop. *(from T Brown)*

Heart for Art Open Studios

Our Heart for Art group exhibited their work during Perthshire Open Studios with hundreds of Perthshire artists and crafters.

People from Fife, Glasgow, Highland Perthshire and down the road came to be inspired by what is being achieved in Heart for Art. Those living with dementia, their carers and friends express themselves through painting, drawing, felting and silk painting guided by a professional artist. New members and helpers are welcome.

Please contact Crossreach on 01324 718674 or pop in for a visit on a Wednesday morning, we meet fortnightly in the Hub.



Bankfoot Church Centre Support Group

What's coming up:-

"Ceilidh Dance" on Friday 29th November, 7.30 for 8.00pm
Music by "Skelpit Lug Ceilidh Band"
Supper provided but bring your own drinks.
Tickets are £10 from Heather in the cafe, Etta or any group member
Come along and enjoy a great band, food and company.



Christmas Wreaths

The girls are again making wreaths for Christmas on Sunday 8th and Monday 9th December. Wreaths cost £10 and numbers are limited to 100 so get your order in to Etta or Heather as soon as you can.
If you would like to help to make them up, then contact any member of the group.

Grand Christmas Raffle

Draw will be on Sunday 8th December in Moneydie Hall, Bankfoot Church Centre at 1.00pm. Please come along to help us draw the winners.
We have lots of super prizes again – thanks to all individuals and business who donated so generously.

The ladies of this enthusiastic group, and Tom, wish you all a great 2020 and thank you for your support throughout the year.

Ceilidh Dance
FRIDAY 29th November 2017
7.30 for 8.00pm
Music by -
Skelpit Lug Ceilidh Band
Supper provided; bring your own drinks
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Stride for Life



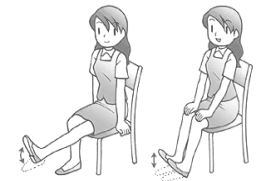
Colin Melville, who set up the Walking Group at the Church Centre passed the leadership on to Declan earlier on this year. Of course we had to have a special cake for his last day! We also had a collection and all signed a card, thanking him and wishing him well in the future, which was presented by Ann.

The Walking Group meet on Thursday mornings at 10.30am, walk for about an hour then return for a cuppa and a scone or cake. Sounds ideal! Come and join us.

Fitness on a Wednesday.

Live Active has started a new fitness group on Wednesday from 12.00 to 12.45pm.

Gentle (or more energetic) exercises to music with Marcin. Cost £2.55 per session.



November Craft Fayre

We held a very successful Craft Fayre on 9th November and raised the sum of £2,641 which is fantastic. Our sincere thanks go to all who donated, helped, came and had lunches/teas etc, your presence was most appreciated.
The winner of the Hamper was Avril Browne and the winners of the Advent Calendars were Isobel Morrison and Libby Browne.

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