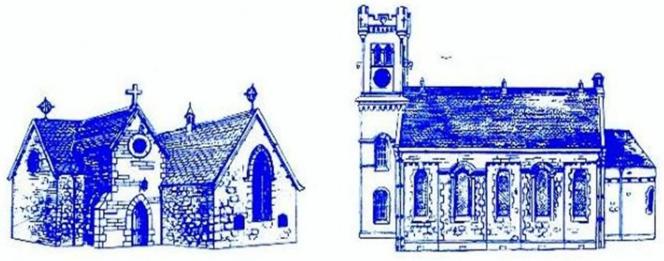






KIRK NEWS



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Hello from the Manse!

They say the only constant in life is change...

One of the main changes people will have been aware of in the life of the congregation is that in June we stopped using the church building in Craigellachie for Sunday worship. I want to use this wee letter to say three things about that.

The first is a reflection on what saying goodbye 'well' can look like. The decision to stop using the building came from a regional and national process, but it was those who worshipped there locally who owned the 'goodbye' process themselves and made it a weekend of occasions that was moving and a privilege to be a part of. There was poignancy amidst the gratitude for what the building has meant (and will continue to mean), the sadness of saying goodbye, and all the many memories wrapped up in the building.

It was a great joy to be able to welcome back previous ministers for a Songs of Praise service of celebration: the Rev Ann Jackson, Rev David Anderson, Rev Elizabeth Curran and Rev Shuna Dicks were all part of that service. Then an open day and flower festival throughout the Saturday with incredible floral displays showcasing different areas and aspects of what the building has meant – the addition of people bringing their own photos, documents and memories made it a truly special day, enhanced with sharing memories over delicious baking. On the Sunday, those who gathered heard the story of the resurrected Jesus meeting his disciples by the shore, calling them onwards even after everything had



changed. In that bible passage Jesus had prepared the disciples a meal on the beach, and during the service we all went down to the beach at Craigellachie, symbolically carrying our memories with us to create a cairn, and found that Jesus had prepared a meal for us there too – we celebrated communion, knowing and affirming God's presence with us wherever we go.

In all this, I hope, goodbye was said well and fittingly. When we are able to do that, we allow ourselves the ability to be more open to whatever the next chapter holds, and to be aware of the God who goes with us.

The second thing to say is an enormous thank you to all those who made 'saying goodbye' like that possible. So much care, consideration, time and talent went into making it all happen, and I know that the legacy of that will be grateful memories for a long time to come.

And finally, it's very important to reflect that the Kirk Session and I remain committed to the village of Craigellachie and its people. The immediate next steps of what happens to the building remain to be worked out, but while it remains in the church's hands we're holding a fortnightly Bible Study there (see page 5 for more details). After that we'll find ways to make sure the congregation retains a lived out presence in the village, even if that's not with a church building.

Our world is always changing, yet in the bible at Hebrews 13:8 we are told 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.' God's love for us in Jesus is constant and steadfast: it goes with and is promised to us, whoever we are and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

God's blessing be with you and yours,

Andrew.

PARISH REGISTER:

Funerals:

6th April 2024 Alister Younie

25th July 2024 Margaret Simpson

Weddings:

20th July 2024 Siobhan Robertson and Shannon Dunn (Knockando Parish Church)

31st Aug 2024 Ailsa Hay-Ferguson and Max Murdoch

Church Diary





Sunday Service: 11.15am in Aberlour Parish Church

Holy Sacrament of Communion: 25 August & 24 November at 11.15am in Aberlour Parish Church.

Bible Study – Fortnightly Fridays at Craigellachie Church Hall 2.30-3.30pm September 6th, 20th October 4th, 18th November 1st, 15th, 29th (etc)

Sometimes 'bible study' can sound a daunting sort of a thing – but this really isn't. It is not for especially 'holy people', nor people who have the 'answers'. It is simply going to be an opportunity to meet together and open the bible for discussion and wondering: it can be a wonderful and enriching thing to examine how the stories of the bible interweave with the stories of our own lives.

This will be a relaxed but gently structured gathering to meet, discuss, wonder and grow together in faith.

Each week will be different – you won't lose the thread if you can't make it every time.

As we start out with this we can also shape and re-shape the time to be whatever the folk who gather need from it – you are warmly invited to join for this time! (And tea and coffee too!)

Guild News

In June the Guild went for a Cream Tea to Dufftown Sidings Café, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The Guild starts back on Thursday 12th September (2pm), when our speaker, Andrew, will tell us all about Fair Trade. Guild meetings are open to all and we very much look forward to welcoming members and visitors to our monthly meetings in Aberlour Parish Church.

Hilda Morrice



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in

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On Sunday 1 September at 7pm

Refreshments provided

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Donations gratefully received for Church funds

Aberlour Parish



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3 hours per week (paid)

Aberlour Parish Church of Scotland

Scottish Charity:

Could you be the person that keeps our building a welcoming place - loved,

respected, cared for, and where people feel safe?

Aberlour Parish Church of Scotland seeks a dedicated cleaner who can take responsibility for cleaning Aberlour Parish Church weekly, and Craigellachie Church monthly.

We are looking for a person who is reliable, enthusiastic, and able to complete the routine weekly tasks and be pro-active where appropriate.

The Church commits to pay at the "Real Living Wage" level for an average of 3 hours per week.

To apply or express interest, please contact Jane Tweedie for a Job Description and Application Form at: jane871515@outlook.com or 07734 351986

Closing date Tuesday 17th September



Thank you!

A surprise presentation was made to Morag Thomson during the final Sunday morning service at Craigellachie Church on 30 June 2024.

Morag first became involved at Craigellachie Church as a Sunday School helper in the 1960s, and was ordained as an elder in 1986. In addition to those responsibilities, Morag provided the after-service teas and was volunteer cleaner of Craigellachie Church for many years.

The Rev Andrew Kimmitt, on behalf of the congregations at both Craigellachie and Aberlour,

presented Morag with an azalea shrub and gift voucher in recognition of her 60 years of dedication and care of the church building and congregation.

Thank you Morag, from all of us!

CRAIGELLACHIE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

We open for the season on TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER at Craigellachie Village Hall.

Why not join us this year? Have you thought about it, but not quite sure how to approach us? It's simple, just come along to the hall at 6.30pm and we will introduce you to our friendly club. All you need are flat shoes or slippers. Bowls are available for you to use.

Bowling is not as serious as you might imagine. Our club nights are just for fun and practice. We also have some friendly games with other local clubs where you can meet up with other bowlers. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th September.

If you require further information please contact the Secretary, Denny Cameron, telephone no. 01340 881321.

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Aberlour Walking Group Autumn 2024 Walks

Welcome to our 2024 Autumn walks. Aberlour Walking Group is open to everybody in the community and any visitors. Our aim is to combine walking with an opportunity to meet and chat with other walkers, and to introduce walkers to some new areas. Children are welcome, and so are dogs - under adult supervision. We usually stop for a quick tea/coffee enroute, so please bring a flask and wear walking boots or strong shoes. Come ready to start the walks at 10:00 a.m. If you need more information, help with transport, or to confirm that you are joining a walk, please contact Donald (details below) or use our WhatsApp group (which includes all walk details).

If you wish to join our WhatsApp group, please send an email to aberlourwalking@gmail.com with your phone number.

Sat 7th September 2024: Whiteash Woods (circular) (6.7km / 4.2m, 220m ascent).

This route is shorter than normal but has a greater ascent than normal. We will start at the main Forestry car park about 1km East of Fochabers on the A98, passing Longhowe Loch, the Duchess of Richmond's Pyramid, Ranald's Grave and Peep's View. If the weather is nice, there should be some excellent views on the way.

<u>Sat 5th October 2024: Allan Reid to Knochkan (circular)</u> (12.5km / 7.75m, 170m ascent).

We will park at the Allan Reid car park near Tomnavoulin and follow the River Livet to Knochkan bothy passing many ruined bothies. At Knochkan there is an option to walk up to Suie bothy. We may return by a slightly different route (weather permitting) over expansive moorland to the Blye water, returning on the east side of the Bochel to the car park. This is a fantastic walk (on a nice day) in the foothills of the Ladder Hills, with excellent visibility.

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Sat 2nd November 2024: Portsoy to Sandend (circular) (9.0km / 5.5m, 130m, ascent).

This circular route starts at the old Harbour at Portsoy and follows the cliff path to the headland at Redhythe Point, and on to Sandend Bay, stopping for refreshments at the picnic tables on the beach at Sandend. We will return on a more direct route over the hill at Arnbath and back to Portsoy. We travel on rough, sandy and grassy tracks, passing sea arches and WWII pill boxes on the way.

Sat 7th December 2024: Rothes Way (circular) (9.22km / 5.7m, 186m ascent).

This circular route starts at the Craigellachie Telford Bridge car park, and after a slight rise through the forest, crosses the A941 and follows the old railway track to Rothes. It returns on the same route. This will be our Christmas walk, so we will arrange a soup and sandwich lunch locally at the end of the walk.

Donald Grassie

Aberlour Walking Group Convenor

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aberlourwalking@gmail.com

Aberlour B.A.L.L. Group (Be Active Life Long) meets weekly during school term time, in the Fleming Hall, on Mondays at 10am.

A variety of activities, demonstrations, and speakers are offered, along with the opportunity to socialise.

All welcome.

Charlestown of Aberlour

Aberlour Community Association SCIO Registered Number: SC009817

Hello from the Aberlour Community Association! We held our AGM in May, with Kelly Spark taking over as Chairperson & Sean Jones as Vice Chairperson. We are looking for more people to come and join as Trustees, and if you are willing to be part of this great team please contact us by sending an email to: aberlourcommunity@gmail.com

The Old Station Tea Room is back up and running very well, operating Thursday through to Sunday. This was made possible thanks to a few volunteers giving up their spare time and is appreciated by the local community and visitors.

Ben Hinnie has done a power of work in preparation for the re-opening of the Speyside Visitor Centre, and it is wonderful to have the Centre able to once more welcome both residents of Aberlour and visitors to the area.

Looking forward to December, new Christmas Lights have been purchased, however, since the High Street is part of the A95, the lights must be erected and removed by Amey at considerable expense; £2,500 last year. We have had a generous donation from Aberlour Hotel and we are hoping to have collection tins in every shop in the coming days, which will help fund the ongoing costs of the Christmas lights.

We intend hosting the Aberlour Christmas Market on the first weekend of December i.e. Friday 6^{th} 4-8pm & Saturday 7^{th} 11-3pm. The market will provide the opportunity to browse a delightful array of crafts, delectable foods, and unique gifts lovingly crafted by local artisans and producers. We invite you to be a part of this wonderful event by volunteering your time. There are short shifts available for setup, tidy-up, and event stewarding. Please get in touch if you are willing to help at the event by sending an email to <u>aberlourcommunity@gmail.com</u> or email: <u>christmasmarket@aberlourcommunity.org</u>.

Thank you and we hope you have a very happy autumn, from all of us at the Aberlour Community Association!

Aberlour Glebe Garden - Growing Together

The initial funding, which kick started the concept of the Aberlour Glebe Garden, was received from tsi-Moray in March 2022. Since then, we have received funding from: the Aberlour Fire Station, Moray Council Greening

Scheme, Paul's Hill Windfarm, Action Earth Grants, Scottish Accordion Music Group, Thomas Gough and the latest from Aberlour Co-op (see below). We are indebted to them and also to the other organisations and individuals who have donated goods and services: to all who have attended our seed swaps; to individuals who have donated tools and other

small items; Walker's; Chivas; Speyside Firewood and Tree Services; Green Tree Man Care; Neil Philip; Grant Slaughter; Sheena Robb; Louise Dingwall; Andrew Hay; and Bruce Ross.

The Aberlour Glebe Garden is your garden, built and developed by the community and run by volunteers from the community. THANK YOU to all who have contributed to our success.

What have we done with all these donations? ... We have built a Polycarbonate polytunnel; shed; fencing; and growing beds. We have purchased gardening tools and used them to

grow an orchard; a wild flower meadow (in prep); hedging (in prep); and lots of edible produce. ... And most importantly we have established a place where members of the community of all ages and abilities can socialise, work together, and learn some gardening skills. ... and an environmentally friendly haven for wildlife to grow.

We plan to involve all those who have volunteered with us over the past couple of years in a planning meeting at the end of September; to contribute their thoughts on what should come next. We will formally constitute an organisation to manage the garden going forward in the autumn. Watch out for posters advertising these events.

Next time you are passing the Glebe, open the gate, come in, look around, chat to the team of volunteers, and ask if there is anything you can help with. You will be made very welcome.

You can contact us by emailing info@aberlourglebe.org Also, find us on Facebook or email us to subscribe you to our newsletter. Join our WhatsApp group by entering aberlourglebe.org/WhatsApp on your phone and follow the instructions.

Happy gardening from the Aberlour Glebe Garden team!

SCIO CRAIGELLACHIE VILLAGE COUNCIL SCO18399

Despite having a poor summer, the tubs and floral displays around the village are looking good. The Village Council extend thanks to all the volunteers who have planted, watered or maintained the displays.

Our next fundraising event will be a **Quiz Night** in the village hall on **Friday 6 September** 2024 at 7.30pm.

Also scheduled is the popular Craigellachie Christmas Bingo, which will take place on Friday 6 December 2024.

MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) update: Following discussions, it was agreed we should seek a tougher playing surface and estimates have been sought for a more robust surface. We hope to be able to line the surface to facilitate tennis, pickleball, basketball and 5-a-side football. The next step is to seek funding, as it will cost over £100,000 to replace the existing tarmac tennis courts and fencing with a new MUGA surface and improved fencing. The Village Council also need to consider maintenance costs and length of guarantee for the surface.

The 100 steps leading from Victoria Street (A95) up to Leslie Terrace are in need of maintenance. Unfortunately, it is proving difficult to identify who is responsible for, or owns, the steps. If anyone is able to help in any way with identifying who the owners are, please do get in touch.

With the permission of the Moray Council Ranger Service, and in conjunction with the Friends of Craigellachie Bridge, a work party recently undertook clearance of shrubs and grass cutting at the Fiddich Park. Strathdee Properties assisted and their equipment enabled the job to be completed in a day, rather than the weeks it would have taken using only manpower and elbow grease! Grateful thanks to Gavin for his time, equipment and enthusiasm.

Brenda C, Secretary

Dates for the Diary (details advised to Kirk News at time of going to print) September 2024



- 1 Concert by Keith Silver Band, Aberlour Parish Church at 7pm. Free entry.
- 3 Reading Group, Aberlour Library, 2.30pm
- 5 Bookbug, Aberlour Library, 1.45pm-2.15pm
- 6 Quiz Night, Craigellachie Village Council, in Craigellachie Village Hall at 7.30pm. Bring your own refreshments. See posters for details.
- 7 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 17 Craigellachie Indoor Bowling Club, Village Hall (see page 7 for details)
- 26 Chess Club, Aberlour Library 6.30pm

October 2024

- 1 Reading Group, Aberlour Library, 2.30pm
- 3 Bookbug, Aberlour Library, 1.45pm-2.15pm
- 5 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 9 Aberlour Senior Citizens, ordinary meeting, Fleming Hall, 2pm
- 31 Chess Club, Aberlour Library 6.30pm

November 2024

- 2 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 9 for details)
- 5 Reading Group, Aberlour Library, 2.30pm
- 7 Bookbug, Aberlour Library, 1.45pm-2.15pm
- 13 Aberlour Senior Citizens, AGM, Fleming Hall, 2pm
- 28 Chess Club, Aberlour Library 6.30pm

December 2024

- 3 Reading Group, Aberlour Library, 2.30pm
- 5 Aberlour Senior Citizens, Christmas Lunch (members only)
- 5 Bookbug, Aberlour Library, 1.45pm-2.15pm
- 6 Craigellachie Christmas Bingo, Craigellachie Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Aberlour Christmas Market, The Square, Aberlour
- 7 Aberlour Christmas Market, The Square, Aberlour
- 7 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 9 for details)

See page 9 re B.A.L.L. Group, also page 16 re Health Walks and Nature for Health Walks

The Village Diary is displayed in the window at Aberlour Library, providing a reference for "What's On" & publicising fundraising events or meetings; not everyone uses Facebook or other online social media sites! To have an event included in the Village Diary send an email to aberlour.library@moray.gov.uk or tel 01340 871693.

Similarly, for anyone arranging an event, it would be a good idea to check the Village Diary to avoid clashing with other events.

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Butcher	
S A Mackie, 77 High St, Aberlour01	340 871428
Café & Crafts & Gifts	
The Gather'n Café, 89 High St, Aberlour (www.thegathern.com)	340 881749
Caravan Park	
Speyside Gardens Caravan Park, Aberlour www.speysidegardens.com	340 871586
Carpet & Cleaning Services, Fire & Water Damage Restoration	
Shearpride Services, 9 Land St, Rothes email: shearpride@btinternet.com	340 881794
Car Sharing Scheme	
Speyside Community Car Sharing Scheme (Membership required)	340 831748
(Monday - Friday 9.00am -5.00pm) email: <u>rhoma.pirie@speysideccss.co.uk</u>	
Website: http://www.speysideccss.co.uk/ Facebook: Speyside Community Car Sharing Scheme	
Dentist	
Speyside Dental Surgery, 138 High St, Aberlour www.speysidedental.com	340 871738
Dog Boarding & Day Care/Walking Service	
Dacie Grey Home Boarding, Glenview, Aberlour Gardens, Aberlour AB38 9LD013	340 871285
Electricians (Contractors)	
Aberlour Electrics, 57 High Street, Aberlour	31687/ 07718 923150
AR Electrical Services, Blue Bauds, Mulben	825 873651
Richard Strathdee, Birchlea, Glenallachie email: upperfolds@btinternet.com	900 696051
Engineering-Fabrication-Repairs-Design-Manufacture	
Aberlour Engineering, Mary Ave, Aberlour email: john@aberlourengineering.co.uk	340 871833
Standfast Precision Engineering, Craigellachie email: graham@standfast-engineering.com 01.	340 881371
Filling Station	
Craigellachie Filling Station, Dufftown Rd, Craigellachie	340 881635
Fishing Tackle	
Spey Sport, 79 High St, Aberlour email: briandoran@btinternet.com	457/07990 551221
Funeral Director	
Frank S McLean & Son, 20 High St, Aberlour www.fsmclean.co.uk ask@fsmclean.co.uk01.	340 871001
Gallery	
Galleryia Scotland, 79 High St, Aberlour email: kerrydoran122@icloud.com01340 871	457/07766 704910
Garages	
Frank Ogg & Son, 13-19 High Street, Aberlour	340 871505
McLean, Maggieknockater, Craigellachie	
Hotels	
Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour	340 871287
Craigellachie Lodge, Craigellachie www.craigellachielodge.co.uk	
Dowans Hotel, Aberlour www.dowanshotel.com	
The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie	
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Ironmonger & D.I.Y.	
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J Morrison & Son, 34 Sellar Place, Aberlour	
Personal Services (Toe Nail Trimming)	
Moray Handy Person Services, Victoria House, Elgin: Office/Home Visits Moray-wide01343 559739	
Pet Service (Pet behaviourist & dog walking)	
"Home Boy" Dog Services, Alex Benvie (email abenvie6@hotmail.com)	
Pharmacy	
Aberlour Pharmacy, 112 High Street, Aberlour email: pharm.aberlour4093@nhs.scot01340 871279	
Plasterer & Home Maintenance	
Garry Glendinning, Ivy Dene Cottage, Edinvillie	
Plumbers	
Speyside Plumbing Services Ltd (A Gall), Tomneen Farm, Craigellachie AB38 9SB01340 871360	
P A Stuart, 69 High St, Aberlour	
Property Maintenance/Repairs/Improvements	
J Morrison & Son, 34 Sellar Place, Aberlour	
Derek Gall, Tipper/Light Haulage/Cherry Picker/Mini Digger Hire, Carron.	
email: Derekgall60@hotmail.co.uk 01340 810264/07799 484356	
Public House	
The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie	
Restaurants	
Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour	
'57' at Dowans Hotel, Aberlour	
The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie	
Self Catering Accommodation	
Mrs L Cordiner, The Pines, Wester Gauldwell, Craigellachie (email: lwcordiner@outlook.com) 07419 904142	
Shortbread Manufacturer	
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Taxi Services	
Craigellachie Cars, Scatterbrook, Gauldwell, Craigellachie. Email: <u>Craigcars08@gmail.com</u> 07960 567118	
Veterinary Surgeons	
Aberlour Veterinary Centre, Rinnachat	
Visitor Centre	
Speyside Cooperage, Dufftown Road, Craigellachie	
Whisky Tours	
Craigellachie Cars, Scatterbrook, Gauldwell, Craigellachie. Email: <u>Craigcars08@gmail.com</u> 07960 567118	
Wool Shop	

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Now that you have reached the last page of the Kirk News, why not think about trying one of the activities below? All good ways to make you feel better, fitter and meet new friends. Or how about the B.A.L.L. group mentioned at bottom of page 7? Or Indoor Bowling on Tuesday evenings at Craigellachie (details on page 9)?

ABERLOUR HEALTH WALKS

We meet weekly on TUESDAYS, at 7pm, by the War Memorial in Aberlour Square. Come and join our friendly group for our weekly evening walks, designed to be fun and inclusive of all, regardless of age or mobility. We'd love to see you there! For more information please contact Morgan at: MORGAN.MCKAY3@NHS.SCOT or find us on Facebook at Aberlour Health Walks or Walk Moray.

N4H (Nature for Health) Walks take place fortnightly, commencing Friday 6 September. Meet in Aberlour Square at 1.30pm; the walks usually end around 3pm. New walkers are welcome. For more info please contact Isi on 07736 026984.

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