Bennachie Parish Church of Scotland

Kirk Newsletter - Summer 2025



An Equestrian Tale

He came to Jerusalem on a donkey
Jesus of Nazareth, God's own Word,
They threw down palms crying 'hosanna'
To Him who came in the Name of the Lord.

The Jews rebuked the people's welcome,
Disliking the honour and fuss that was made.
The Lord replied that if no-one responded
The stones themselves would cry out in praise.

Could they not see that the events unfolding
Were prophesied by the saints of old?
That the Lord would come as it was written
To shepherd His flock into the fold.

He comes again, now riding a white horse,
Emblazed on His thigh Faithful and True
To gather His bride from every nation
As all of creation will be made new.

By Megan Carter
(Courtesy of Parish Pump)

Cover Photo - View of Bennachie in Summer by David Bale

Dear Reader,
Welcome to the Summer 2025 edition of the Bennachie Parish Church of Scotland Kirk Newsletter.
Featured in this edition you will find a Goodbye letter from Rev. Euan Glen in which he reflects on some of the key events during his time in ministry. Amongst other articles you will also find in this edition:

- An encouraging message from Euan Glen as he considers the many activities within the parish and looks forward to his house move.
- Details of the upcoming Children's Summer Club and the many activities available in the parish for youngsters and the young at heart.
- A letter from Rev. Sheila Mitchell as she looks forward to her future move.

As always your contributions for the newsletter are welcome, as are any comments on the style and content of the newsletter or suggestions on a name for the newsletter.
Finally, a thank you to all of the contributors and thanks in advance to all those involved in the production and distribution of the newsletter.

Newsletter Editor

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A message from the church office

Dear friends,

I am sitting in the church office in Kemnay as I write this letter and looking out the window on a bright June morning out towards Bennachie. The birds are singing- I have no idea what birds but the song is relaxing and I realise how blessed we are to live in this corner of Scotland.

It has been a busy spring and early summer with a lot going on in the life of our congregation. Sometimes it is easy to forget what goes on in our service to God, not just on Sunday mornings but during the week as well. Sunday schools meet, Messy church gathers, children's midweek clubs in Monymusk and Kemnay, bible studies online, Hope Café at Echt and the Drop in Centre in Kintore, the Loaves and Fishes café in Kemnay and all the groups that use our church premises. We are a busy church and that takes effort and my thanks go out to all who give of their time talents and yes money to maintain our church presence, not to bring glory to ourselves but to glorify God in the service we offer to others.

As summer approaches I am looking forward to my holiday in the later part of July, We as a family have nothing planned, we are going to be busy moving to a new home, the location is yet to be confirmed. If you get a chance it is important for ministers elders and church workers to have a break over the summer months. When I was a probationer minister in Aberdeen my bishop - my supervising minister used to tell me that summer is a time to recharge your batteries and only do what is necessary. I have tried to follow that all my ministry in the knowledge that God made the earth in 6 days and on the 7th he rested. I hope that you have a chance to find time to rest and recharge your batteries without feeling guilt or pressured.

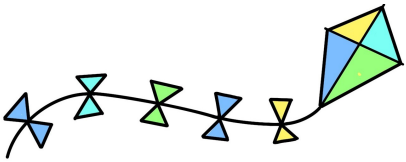
As the summer comes to a close we will once again look forward to a summer club this year in Kemnay with the theme of Navigate. A good theme for all of us to navigate through the business of life and of faith and

may you always know that God is with you always.

May God bless you and keep you, may his face shine upon you and give you peace.

Bye for now,
Euan

Euan Glen, Team Minister, Bennachie Parish Church



Bennachie Parish Church Newsletter Circulation

To reduce newsletter production and distribution costs we encourage readers to opt for the e-mail version however we are aware that some recipients are willing to pay towards the cost of the printed version and probably are already doing this - Thank you.
If you receive the printed version, once read, please consider passing it on to others in the neighbourhood especially if they are new or have relocated to the area.
Many Thanks

Bennachie Parish Church Office Hours

Monday to Thursday from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

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An Important Notice for Church Members
Data Protection > A Legal Requirement - Update

Today we still have 600 persons on the roll who have not returned their Data Protection form.

For those 'non-members' still receiving the Kirk News and with no other connection to the Church, they will be removed from the roll with the approval of session in July if they have not returned a completed Data Protection form.

For all others who have not returned a completed Data Protection form by the session meeting in July, work will commence to contact each person advising of their imminent removal.

This is the very last thing that we want to do but we are required by law to have approval to hold any personal data.

Please act now.

If you have any doubts as to whether or not we have your approval please contact the office on 01467 643883 Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30 or E-mail: office@bennachieparish.church
or Contact Jeff Thomas on 01467 643434 and leave a message.

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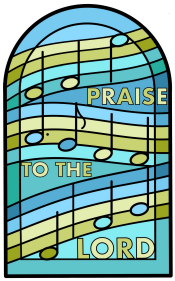


Bennachie Parish Church Services

ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOMED
Services are held in most churches at 10am every Sunday
They may be Minister led or Community led
Joint services are also held, on these occasions there may not be a service at your local Parish Church

(Note Chapel of Garioch services take place twice per month)

For further details of the Bennachie Parish-Wide Services Schedule scan the QR code (instructions below) or contact the church office



Access Bennachie Parish Church Services Live WebCasts

Please use the following link to access all online services including Echt which is now online each time there is a service:

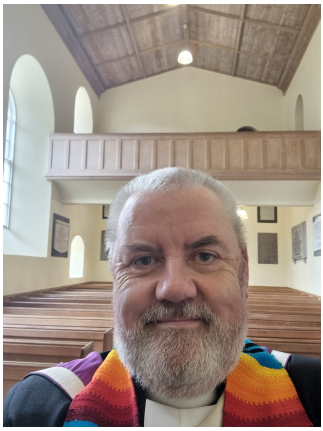
https://viewservice.bennachieparish.church

What's on in Bennachie Parish Church?

Scan the QR Code to play the Bennachie Parish Church 'What's on' Video.

How to use:

If you have a smart phone or iPad etc. switch on the Camera App and point the camera at the QR Code - you should then see a button or link to press to view the current version of the what's on video. The video is updated on Friday each week.



Goodbye from Euan Glen

While sitting at Holy Communion in my home church in Lochee in Dundee, during the service I experienced, which at the time was a strange and unknown - even frightening experience, what I now realise was a call from God to serve as a minister in His Church. In a dark church led by a serious highland minister I had the desire to shout out and run down the aisle praising God. I did not do that however as it would have caused panic in the older congregation! I fought this sense of call for a while, arguing why would God call me (a feeling that has never fully left me) as I am not overly religious, until I finally spoke to my minister and then proceeded to begin the process of becoming a minister in the Church of Scotland. All these years ago I could never have imagined that my ministry would end up serving the parishes of Cluny and Monymusk for 31 years and then Bennachie Parish for the final 2 years.

I can look back on my ministry with a sense that I was blessed by the people I came across in my roll as Parish Minister and also in wider church work as a Presbytery Clerk for 21 years. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful folk who have put up with me over the years and often in my life have thanked God for them (and maybe not enough thanked them face to face) and for calling me to this lovely part of Scotland.

When I was looking for my first charge, I visited a city on the West Coast and during a tour of the Manse the property convener of the charge pointed out as a selling point that the church manse had a panic attack alarm linked directly to the local police station and that if needed they would be there in 5 minutes! To be honest I was glad when they chose someone else to be their minister! I then was called to Cluny and Monymusk, where for the first few years of my time in Monymusk, I did not even lock my doors at night!

Over the years both in my parish and presbytery work I have seen so many changes. In my early years when the General Assembly met it was the most important meeting in Scotland and the Moderator and Lord High Commissioner were very highly regarded. Now not so much as we move to an even more secular society. The roll of the minister in a community has

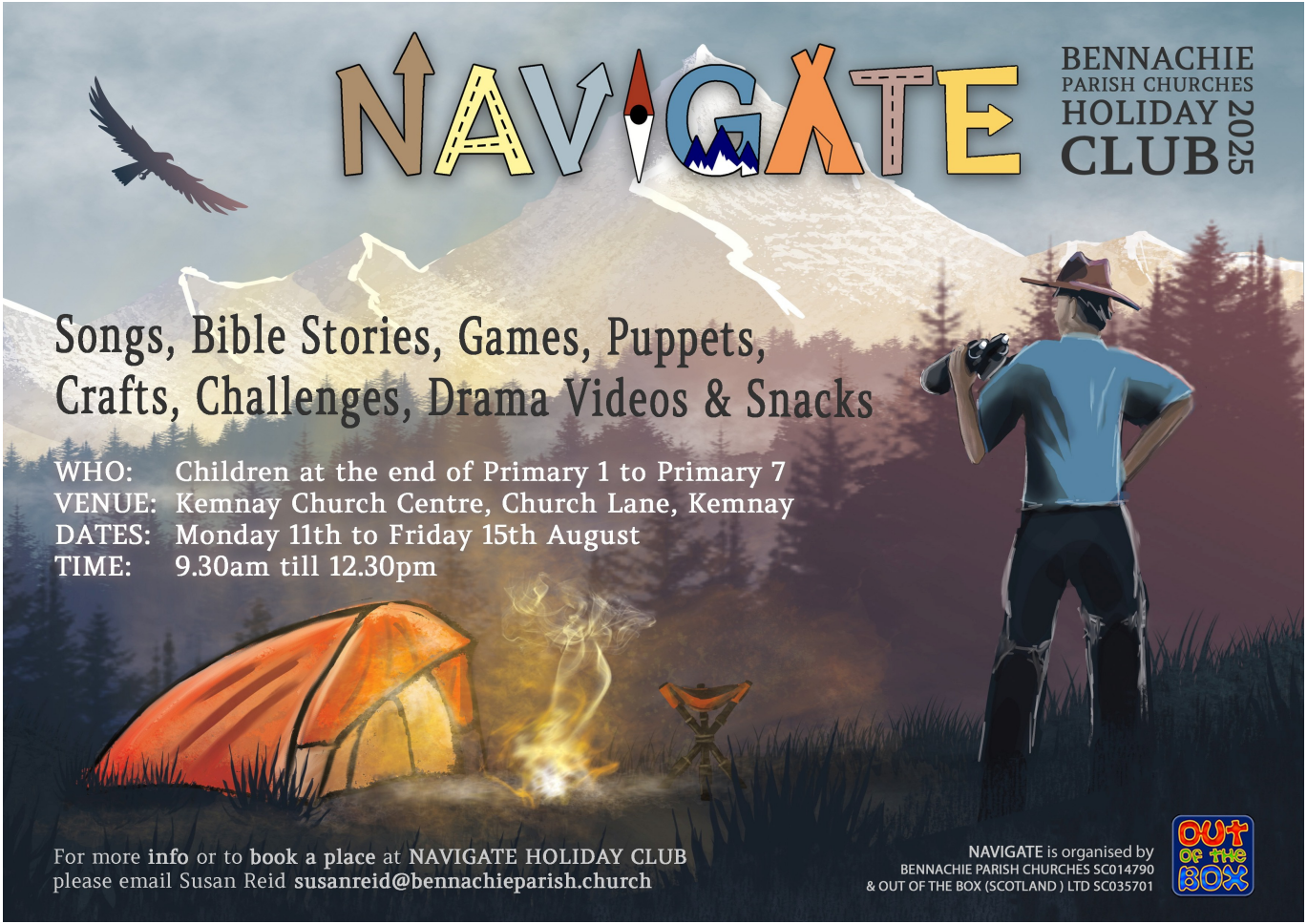
changed, though in a rural setting less so I think, than in an urban environment. Ministry is about people caring and sharing with them and though the institution may have changed over the years this value of ministry has not. But it is changing as with the reduction in the number of ordained ministers of word and sacrament available we will have to move to more ministry of all believers, a concept which is biblical and must be implemented. Change is always hard but without change we will die. I have always believed that the church is a living body and as such can't stand still or never change. Possibly for too long we followed a pattern set by our forebears of one minister one charge and the minister did the churchy stuff and we were happy with that. It moved away in some places from the ministry of all believers, I know I was guilty of not encouraging the gifts of others, wanting to do the stuff myself. Those days are over and it is no longer possible for one minister or even two to cover a parish our size with the knowledge and local involvement covered by more ministers in the past. As members we will have to accept, and I believe that the majority in our parish, do accept that new way of being church today. Change is not always for the worse however and speaking very selfishly I have found the move to team ministry in Bennachie a wonderful experience with wonderful colleagues in Sheila and Neil. While Bennachie Parish still has some work to do to bring everyone together for me moving to different worship centres each week has changed and inspired my worship for each of the worship centres have their own ways and I have got to know so many more people (apologies that I don't recall names very well - not an age thing, I have always had it!).

As I now look forward with mixed emotions to my retirement, I knew the day would come and I would have a different life experience. I still hope to have a ministry of sorts in my retirement with pulpit supply offers but also to be able to spend time in the garden or playing walking football or golf and other activities which I have not yet even thought about.

Finally I want to say thank you to my wife Anne and our son Andrew for the support they have given me over the years. Anne has had her own ministry in Cluny and Monymusk though she would never say it like that, as many spoke to her so she could speak to me. Andrew has been a help since the day as a baby only a few weeks old I held him in my arms as I pronounced a benediction to the congregation.

Thank you for your support and I wish God's blessing upon Bennachie in the years to come.

Euan Glen


NAVIGATE
BENNACHIE
PARISH CHURCHES
HOLIDAY
CLUB 2025
Songs, Bible Stories, Games, Puppets,
Crafts, Challenges, Drama Videos & Snacks
WHO: Children at the end of Primary 1 to Primary 7
VENUE: Kemnay Church Centre, Church Lane, Kemnay
DATES: Monday 11th to Friday 15th August
TIME: 9.30am till 12.30pm
For more info or to book a place at NAVIGATE HOLIDAY CLUB
please email Susan Reid susanreid@bennachieparish.church
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Bennachie Parish Church Children and Family News

Firstly, we want to emphasize that children and families from Bennachie Parish and beyond are very welcome at any of the groups. Come and visit to find the group that works best for your family. We look forward to meeting you.

HAPPENING THE LAST WEEK OF THE SUMMER HOLIDAY!

We welcome Chris back to lead our Holiday Club this year. Last year was great, much enjoyed by all the children and the volunteers. Please encourage the children you know to come along. We are sure they will enjoy the week. The Holiday Club will run from the 11th to the 15th August. See the poster on the previous page.

As the children look forward to the summer break, this is what we have been doing this year with information about the groups.

SUNDAY GROUPS

Kemnay Kirk Kids - We meet on Sunday mornings @ 10am in Kemnay Kirk to have fun together exploring the Bible in an interactive and hands on approach. Our children are between the ages of 2 to 9 years old. Our older children often take part in the service, by reading the scriptures and leading the prayers. Everyone welcome.

Kintore Messy Church – Messy Church is held on the second Sunday of each month Sept to May 3.30 - 5.30pm. Messy Church is a special fun family time. And parents are with children throughout. After registration a welcome fly cup is provided with lovely home bakes.

There is always a biblical theme for the day. One of last Session's topics was "*Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat."* The Bible story will be read by one of the team and craft time follows with around 6 different activities based around the theme. When these have been

completed, we move from the hall through to the church for a time of celebration usually led by Neil. He reinforces the theme with a video of the story, and we sing a couple of lively songs. In the meantime, the hall is transformed into a cafe, and when we return a lovely nourishing supper is served for families and volunteers and another time of fellowship is experienced.

If you are a family with children under 12 we would be delighted to welcome you at 3.30pm on the 14 September, 12 October, 9 November and Mini Messy on 7 December. Messy Church could not happen without its willing group of dedicated Volunteers.

Monymusk and Cluny Sunday School - Our Sunday school year finished on Pentecost Sunday when we were in church with Neil and the congregation. Neil spoke about the Spirit of Love. Love to listen and to try to understand one another in our world. Neil's explanation about the Holy Spirit was very interesting following on from us hearing the story of the Tower of Babel at our previous Sunday school. Thank you Neil, and also for playing for us and teaching us a great action song. The service ended with the children receiving a book.

At the Joint service in March the children in church made bread for communion and began to learn about this celebration.

Just some of the topics we have thought about this year.

The group meets as a Family group, once a month on a Sunday morning at 10am. All members of your Family are welcome to come along.

The pattern of the session changes but usually includes time in church with one of the ministers then we have the Hall across the way where there is space for craft, more songs and time in smaller groups.

Echt and Midmar - Over the last 6 months there have been two special services which involved the children. One was the Christmas Nativity Service and the other, A Children's Palm Sunday service. These services were led by the Children and proved very popular. Details of future Children's Services will be posted on our Facebook page.



WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES



Monymusk mainly music - We are a group for Families with babies and pre school children, who meet on a Tuesday afternoon in Monymusk hall (term time) from 1.30 to 3.00pm for songs, toys and activities, with a snack for the children and cakes and tea for Mums. We enjoy the mainly music songs and rhymes and then after snack, play and activities. Our play ideas over the years have become more adventurous and messy! Dressing up is a favourite activity for the older children, while the cars and kitchen toys are always popular.

The group enjoys going over to the church at Christmas and at Easter time. Other celebrations include the Children's birthdays and Mother and Father's Day.

This has been a very busy year, thank you to the Families for their support and also our thanks to the ladies who bake for us.

Best wishes and thanks to the children and Mums leaving the group this year, as the children go to school.

Kemnay Little Lambs - "Little Lambs" continues to open on Fridays 9.15 to 10.45am (term time), offering support to parents, grandparents and childminders, alongside our play, snack and music time. It's lovely to see our young ones interacting in the music sessions: they love routine – anticipating what is coming next - but embrace new songs, props and actions too.

Our current age range is 14 weeks to 3½ years, plus our young adult wheelchair-user with complex needs who enjoys watching the activities. Numbers vary week to week, from 9 children on a quiet day to 19 on a busy one!

CONTACT NAMES FOR THE GROUPS

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Kintore Messy Church - Meta Chalmers
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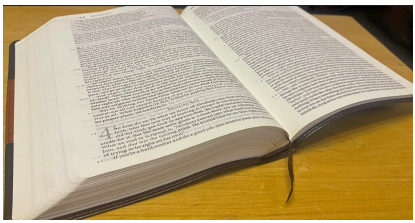


At the Bennachie Parish picnic some of the Monymusk and Cluny children presented Euan with a picture made by all the Sunday school and mainly music to thank him for the teaching, encouragement and fun he has given to the Sunday School over the years.

Weekly Bible Study at Bennachie Parish Church

Resumes in August 2025 - Monday 7.30pm on Teams

Studies are recorded and available to watch again as needed



Led by David Bale
If you would like to get involved get in touch and we will provide further joining details

People are the Building Blocks

A crowd has been listening to Jesus teaching on remote hillside,
That would be the model throughout the New Testament:
"Gather, Eat, Share and remember".
The apostle St Paul tells us:
"Church is not where we gather, but as we gather".
That is very appropriate to where we are today.

John Barr McCracken

Dear Friends,

Many of you may know by now that September 2025 is going to be a time great transition for us, as Phillip and I swap life at the Manse at Echt for the next chapter of life in the north east of South Africa. Many of our family members are in the southern hemisphere, and being able to be closer to them, whilst spending time in such a beautiful part of the country, is something that Phillip and I are looking forward to very much.

As with many things in life, however, embracing something new can mean the inevitability of having to let go of something else, and in our case, it means that sadly, I will be stepping down from our ministry team in the middle of September.

I arrived seven years ago in the summer of 2018 to become the parish minister of Echt and Midmar. I can say with all honesty that it has been a genuine pleasure to have been parish minister first of Echt and Midmar, and later from September 2023, a member of the ministry team caring for the wider parish of Bennachie.

The last seven years have been a genuinely happy, enjoyable and fulfilling period in my life and ministry, and I will always remember our congregation, parish and church buildings with great fondness.

For the encouragement, support and help that I've received over the years, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you. I will always value the friendships made in my time here, and would like to say that sharing with you this part of our collective journey of faith, has been a true privilege. I wish you well and I pray God's continued blessing on you, and on the work and witness of Bennachie Parish.

With every good wish,
Sheila Mitchell

The following poem written by Leslie McKay was read during the service celebrating his life.

Lord I Want You Beside Me

Lord I want You beside me
Lord I need You today
Lord I want You beside me
Just to show me the way
Lord I want You beside me
Take me down by the hand
Lord I want you to lead me
To the promised land.

Lord I want You beside me
Lord I pray for Your love
Lord I want You beside me
Send it down from above
Lord I want You beside me
Lord I'm wanting to share
Lord I want You to show me
The way I should care.

Lord I want You beside me
Lord I'm trying to pray
Lord I want You beside me
Teach me what I should say
Lord I want You beside me
I'm awaiting Your word
Lord I want to be able
To call You my Lord.

By Leslie McKay

Good Morning Group at Kemnay

We've had some interesting mornings recently.
We looked at the books of Ruth and Esther and then some less well known women in the Bible. Some of us were a bit shocked to find rape and abuse of women recorded in the Bible.
We had a lovely morning at Mains of Drum garden centre as an end to this session.
We meet again at 10am on Tuesday 2 September and we may investigate more women and look at how we can pray positively for refugees. Come and join us and share your stories too.

Contact Noel Lord for further information:
noellord@bennachieparish.church



BPC WiFi Free



The project to establish a wireless network in all our church buildings is now complete

Look out for the QR Codes which are now displayed - scan these with your mobile device to connect

Beasts that fly in our Garden

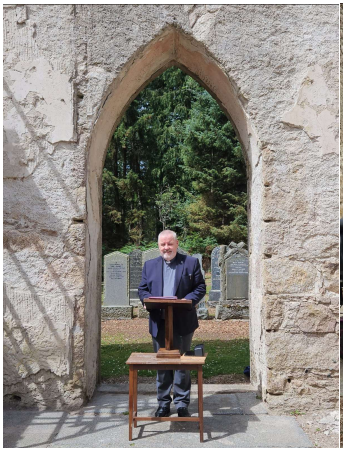
A quiz has been produced as a fundraiser following the Plant Sale which took place on the 24th May. You will find a copy of the quiz enclosed in this newsletter. A pdf version has also been issued to email recipients of the newsletter this can be printed off and completed, if you do not have access to a printer please contact the office and ask for a copy.

May we ask if you do attempt the quiz to consider the donation for kirk funds, and pop this marked into the collection plate or via bank transfer marking it as Plant Sale Quiz.

There is a cash prize for the winner and runner up, from entries returned to the church office by 1st September.

Outdoor Service at Old Blairdaff Church

From the mid- 1970's an outdoor service has been held at Old Blairdaff, the church without a roof within the graveyard. This year's service took place on the 29th June and was led by Rev. Euan Glen.
As you can see from the photos below the service was well attended with everyone seated (on their own chairs) inside the roofless building, this was the first time this could happen since the roof was removed in 1970. This is only possible thanks to the restoration work being carried out by the current owner, Mike Taitt.
Fortunately it was a beautiful sunny day which made it a very interesting and thought provoking occasion with everyone able to appreciate the traditional architecture.





Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

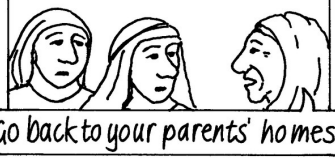
It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.



The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



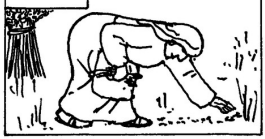




It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard







Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.



Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.



Bennachie Parish Church Daily Prayers

There are daily prayers which are published on the church website, Facebook page, X (formerly twitter) feed and on Teams and currently I have been writing them with help from others over time.
I've come to a point where I am standing down from this. The daily diary will continue until end of September but thereafter it's really up to you to offer help in writing these.
Please prayerfully consider being part of this as we reach 60-70 people with the prayers.
There are many resources out there and I'm happy to share some and chat about how you might be involved.
Noel Lord
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Bennachie Parish Church Newsletter

Your comments, ideas & material are always welcome. Letters and articles should be sent to: The Editor, 'Oxencraig', Bridge Road, Kemnay AB51 5QT or preferably via email to the following address:

newsletter_editor@BennachieParish.Church

Please include your name and address. The editors reserve the right to edit material to suit the space available.

The DEADLINE for the Winter 2025 edition is **19th October 2025.**

Please ensure all material is submitted by this date so that we can publish on time. *Thank you*

What makes life dreary is absence of motive.
What makes life complicated is multiplicity of motive.
What makes life victorious is singleness of motive.
- George Eliot

Bennachie Parish Church
Prayer and Praise Chain



If you or someone you know is in need of Prayer support, it is our privilege to help.

Please send an email to: prayerrequest@bennachieparish.church or phone Joyce and Jeff Thomas on 01467 643434.

- Please, if possible, have the consent of those for whom the prayer is requested.
- Please provide the wording of the prayer to ensure that all are praying for the exact same thing.
- People can give as much or as little detail (e.g. name or initials) as they wish.

This is a confidential service. No information will be shared outwith the Prayer Chain members.

Thursday Drop-in at Kintore

Coffee and bakes, soup served from 11.30 am

Kintore Church Hall from 10 - 2 pm Up to 27 June

Note:
Jul & Aug - Drop-in is on a break
Sept - from 10 to 12pm with tea, coffee and homebakes
Oct onwards back to normal (10 to 2pm)

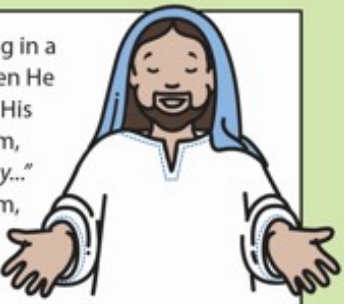


Food Bank Donations welcome



Mouse Makes

"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, *"Lord, teach us to pray..."* And He said to them, *"When you pray, say...."*



Our _ _ _ _ _ _
in _ _ _ _ _ _ _,
hallowed be your
_ _ _ _ _, your
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ come,
your _ _ _ _ be done,
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Give us today our daily
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S _ _ _ as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
but _ _ _ _ _ _ _
us from _ _ _ _.
For the kingdom,
the _ _ _ _ _ and
the _ _ _ _ _ are
yours now and forever.
Amen

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Y	N	A	E	A	R	T	H	L
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F	O	R	G	I	V	E	V	E
A	M	E	N	W	O	R	L	D
I	L	F	L	J	E	S	U	S

Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:

LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. *Which version do you use in your church?*



Read
Matthew 6:9-15
and
Luke 11:1-4



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Opportunities

Men and Women

As little as 2 hours to 4 hours a week

Or join our Monday shopper team or baking team!

Serve in the café : take orders, serve food, clear tables

Serve in the kitchen : food preparation or wash up / tidy up.

Achieve your Goals

Christian Outreach

Serving Others

Develop New Skills

Expand your Interests

Benefit the Community

Boost your Self Esteem

Be Part of a Team

For more information contact Karen at
Loavesandfishes@bennachieparish.church call in
or phone 01467 643883

Memorable Moments

At the Joint Service held at Chapel of Garioch on the 1st June, four elders from the former Chapel of Garioch were presented with Long Service Certificates.



George Skinner, 53 years service, David Thomson, 51 years service, Liza Wainwright, 32 years service and Lewis Taylor with 30 years service. All were thanked for their years of service to the Church of Scotland.

From L to R, Rev. Sheila Mitchell, David Thomson, George Skinner, Liza Wainwright, Lewis Taylor, Rev. Neil Meyer.





Photos of the Plant Sale at Chapel of Garioch

Echt Church Craft Group

Patchwork

Sewing

Cross Stitch

Blether over a cuppa

Felting

Knitting



No Experience Needed

Tuesdays 1 - 3pm

Bennachie Parish Church Hospital Transport Project

This is a project run within Bennachie Parish by volunteers and is for all who meet the criteria shown below and live within parish boundaries, whether church members or not.

We try to ensure those who are elderly, or with a mental health issue/ physical disability, have equal access to health care through the provision of a transport system for medical appointments. We aim to provide transport to and from appointments for those who are unable to use public transport, do not have a car and who have no family or friends able to take them.

Initial requests for transport should be made to THinC on 01467 536111 or by email travel@thinc-hub.org THinC will then source a local driver, if possible, who will make contact to make pick-up arrangements for the trip. If no local volunteer is available, THinC will seek a driver from another organisation.

We currently have funding in place to help with costs but donations are always welcome. (Please note - other organisations have their own set of charges).

We are always on the lookout for more volunteer drivers, so if you have a few spare hours every few weeks and you enjoy driving and meeting new people, this is a good group to work with.

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