

Aberdour St. Drostan's Church.



New Aberdour

Autumn 2018 NEWSLETTER



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**St Drostan's church New Aberdour
Bicentenary 1818 – 2018**

The two hundredth year celebrations have continued through the summer and it has brought many people together. We have approached and encouraged as many old and new groups in the village to hold an event or get together in celebration.

June: St Drostan's Guild Cream Tea 9th: was a huge success the bakes were all homemade by members of the Guild, the selection included scones served with Cream and jam, assorted buns decorated for the occasion, biscuits and tray bakes from chocolate coated to frosting it was all available. The event was so successful that it may be that at some point we hold another one in the future. **New Aberdour Football Reunion 17th:** it was a good afternoon and the weather managed to keep dry. Everyone enjoyed a good game of football, not quite Premier Division!! There was £200 raised and it was donated to SNAC Scottish Network for Arthritis in Children. Thanks to everyone who gave.

July 1st: The Special Bicentenary Thanksgiving Service brought everyone together. The service was led by the very well known, Miss Dorothy Mair, We were also very lucky to have in attendance The Right Reverend Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. It was a great honour for our little church. The day itself will be remembered for a very long time.

August: New Aberdour SWI: Teddy Bears Picnic 18th: this was a fantastic afternoon and attended by all age ranges. Everyone was encouraged to fetch along a teddy bear there was all different shapes and sizes, colours, some with ribbons and bows some with clothes. It was such a success that the Committee have even suggested that it might become an annual event. **St Drostan's Coffee Morning 25th:** was busy as usual and with the wonderful butteries and pancakes. It was a busy few hours and everyone was able to catch up after a busy summer, a huge thanks goes to all of those who supported us. Very special thanks go to Emma & Teresa, who sold cakes and raffles and Sheena for all her hard work on the tombola. The total sum raised was £816.

Remember the Clocks Go Back 28th October 2018
Bringing Lighter Mornings and Darker Evenings

Looking forward into 2018 We Have a good calendar ahead

Church Services

10.00am Sunday Morning Worship Everyone very Welcome

**Sunday 30th September 2018, Guild re- dedication Service.
The service will be led by: Mrs Lillian Brown**

**Sunday 7th October 3pm 2018 An Afternoon of Sankey
Songs led by Mr & Mrs Jim & Moira Givan**

**Sunday 11th November 2018 Service of Remembrance and
at Cenotaph led by Mrs Lillian Brown**

**Sunday 25th November 2018 Communion Service led by
Rev Fred Coutts**

A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to join us at any or all of the Services and Groups. We also have a cup of tea/coffee and a piece at the end of the Service on the first Sunday of each month and following any special services Please feel free to join us in fellowship at this time

Church Groups

**Guild Meetings 2.00pm New Aberdour School Community
Room we meet on the First Tuesday of the month starting 2nd
October 2018 2pm "New Syllabus will be available shortly"**

There is always time for the all important refreshments and Fellowship at the Guild meetings.

**St Drostan's New Aberdour Singing Group will be visiting
Fraserburgh Hospital in 2018.** Please contact Mrs Ruth Reekie if you require further details. We Practice at 11am for a short time after the Sunday service and if you would like to join us (especially the male voices) you would be most welcome.

Be Glad To Be You

Don't try to be something you're not your life will become a
charade

Nobody is perfect you were born not tailor made.

Sometimes we just try too hard to be what we think others wanted
Have the confidence to be you never allow yourself to feel
daunted.

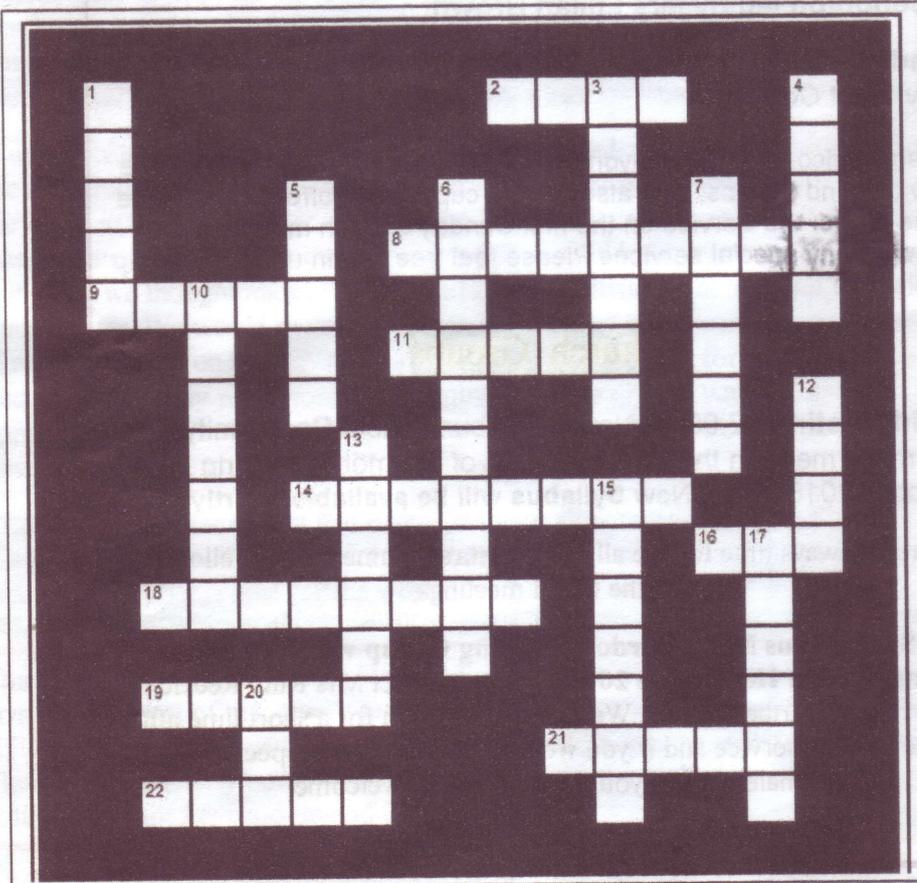
You shall learn as the years go by true friends will always stay

If they do not like you as you are just let them drift away.

It can be so difficult t live up to what we imagine we should be.

Let the face you show to the world say

"I Am Glad To Be Me"



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“ A Sweet Friendship Refreshes The Soul” Proverbs 27:9

Bible verses about friendship give us guidance when it comes to choosing friends. God knows our desire to be known and to be loved! He made us for companionship. If we read Bible passages about friendship and how if we choose right, our friends can be the greatest source of love, healing, joy and encouragement.

There is a huge collection of bible verses, where we find advice on how to forgive others when you are hurt and how to handle difficult situations within friendship.

A select few are:

Luke 6:31 31 do to others, as you would have them do to you.

Proverbs 22:24-25 24 do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, 25 or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 9 two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: 10 if either of them falls down, one can help; the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Across:

2. Place of torment
8. Lamb
9. Jesus' brother
11. David's Father
14. Tribe of Israel
16. --- Commandments
18. Peter
19. Abraham's wife
21. Wilderness Food
22. Jesus' betrayer

Down:

1. Leader of Israel
3. Satan
4. Born again
5. Whale's supper
6. First worship building
7. Used a Fleece
10. Last Old Testament Book
12. First born son in the Bible
13. 23rd Old Testament Book
15. Isaac's father
17. Prophet of Ahab's day
20. Became a serpent for Aaaron

At a time of year when we are planning our harvest festival service we need to remember that this needs to be a service of thanksgiving. We are fortunate to live in a country with good food security and it is easy to take food and how it is provided for granted. Farmers who produce our food face challenges of the weather and world markets daily.

Here we are on the doorstep of autumn, there is no point feeling glum thinking ahead of the darker nights, colder damp days and the never-ending job of clearing the leaves.

We have been so lucky this summer, the weather was brilliant it was great to have endless long warm sunny days, although at times it was too warm for some. I think for most of us it was good not to have to put a thick jumper on, take a rain mac everywhere or turn the heating on.

I think most of us prefer to see the sunshine instead of the rain: even on a windy day it makes the day so much brighter, and our spirits more cheerful, our motivation and energy seem to soar to greater heights. Lets face it, it's so much easier to get those things done outside when the weather is descent.

It was only last week I was speaking to a good friend and he was saying to me that God had provided us with the good weather but it was too dry and the harvest was struggling. Our conversation eventually came round to the possible suggestion that it would be good if we could plan our own weather, but when we thought about it we came to the conclusion that it would be a real disaster. We would never be able to agree on what we wanted – sunshine if we were going on holiday or doing anything outside, rain for the garden and crops but only when we were sleeping, wind to dry the washing and spread the seeds, but only when the washing was ready to out, and seeds needed to be spread. How could we please everybody?

There is a very wise saying that says "To know all is to understand all"
Only God knows all and only he understands all, so only he can sort out the weather and what is best for the world.

The Minister requested for the Harvest Festival that all the vegetables be arranged in front of the, alter. During the children's address he asked the children if they could name them, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, swede, potatoes. Then he asked if they could use one word to cover them all:
A little girl shot her hand up and replied "Gravy"

We bless you, God of seed and
harvest and we bless each other.
That the beauty of this world and
the love that created it might be
expressed through our lives and
be a blessing to others now and
always

Amen

Supplied By: Editor

My greatest beauty secret is
being happy with myself.

I don't use special creams or
treatments. I use a little bit of
everything.

It's a mistake to think we are
what we put on our self's.
I believe that a lot of how we
look is to do with how we feel
about our self's and our life's.

Happiness is the greatest
beauty secret.

Wise Sayings Often Fall On
Barren Ground.

But A Kind Word is Never
Thrown Away

Sir Arthur Helps (1813 – 1875)

A Family Is.....

A family is a place
To cry to laugh
To vent frustration
To ask for help
And tease and yell!
To be kissed and hugged and smiled
at.

A family is people
Who care when you are sad?
Who love you no matter what?
Who share your triumphs?
Who don't expect you to be perfect?
Just grow with honesty in your own
direction.

A family is a circle
Where we learn to like ourselves
Where we learn to make good
decisions
Where we learn to think before we
do
Where we learn integrity and respect
for others.
Where we are special.
Where we share ideas
Where we listen and are listened to
Where we learn the rules of life and
to prepare ourselves for the world.

Supplied By: Mrs Sheila Thomson

What is a friend?

(I will Tell You.)

It is a person with whom
you dare to be yourself.

From the Editor: Another season almost over the year seems to move along much quicker the older we get. The summer clothes will be packed away in the next few weeks and we will return to our winter attire. It's already dropping colder on an evening and the smell of the coal and peat fires is just wonderful.

The harvest has begun and the fields are a hive of activity I have also noticed the leaves have already started to change colour. The word Harvest is a word with roots in many languages that indicate the season of autumn. If you look further back it is suggested the idea of plucking and cutting of fruits. Our season of autumn is also our harvest time but in other countries like Egypt and Syria the wheat harvest is in April and May, in many areas of Southern Europe and parts of the Northern United States it is in June and July, and the north of Europe is in August September. I find it amazing that we all do the same but at different times of the year. It is said Christians can be fruitful and we reap only what has been sown. Life is filled with choices that affect us everyday. Throughout the bible, the harvest carries spiritual significance, it is used in Psalm 85: 12 The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. The harvest has always been a beautiful and important part of life on earth, the time when the years work bears fruit and the people are fed.

Fruit of the spirit is Love.

Galatians: 5

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