

Aberdour St. Drostan's Church.



New Aberdour

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Harvest time is associated with our autumn season, and has Christians we will all be familiar with the words "All be safely gathered in." "Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home, all is safely gathered in." Is one of our most popular harvest hymns, normally sang across the land as September draws to a close. We share many things with other countries and none so more than the realisation that we are dependent on the earth and the effect of the climate upon it. Harvest celebrations are not only restricted to the horticultural fruits, there is the hedgerows and orchards of the earth but equally the fishing from sea and rivers, the health of the animal stock and the wellbeing of the farmers and fieldworkers. During this time churches are beautifully decorated with flowers, fruits and vegetables and the harvest loaf in the shape of a sheaf of corn or wheat takes pride of place before the Communion table. The Harvest festival is for the whole community to come together in church to celebrate with a service of thanksgiving and praise to God. Many of you will remember that years ago for this service the congregation brought decorated baskets of fruit and produce which later the children would distributed around the villages to the sick and elderly, sadly these days this is not practiced due to the regulations imposed on food hygiene.

In some areas it was just as important that they had a harvest lunch or supper celebrating the hard work and good harvest. In the last decade or so we have been made more aware of the way we treat our earth and its resources, with less awareness of the changes in the seasons this is blamed on "Climate change". We should all remember that we are custodians of God's earth and should treat it accordingly and give thanks always for the goodness it provides.

Deuteronomy 24: 19

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

**Looking further into 2019 we have a good
Calendar ahead**

All Church Services

Every Sunday Morning for Worship at 10.00am
Everyone is very welcome.

Special Services

Guild re-dedication: Sunday 29th September 2019. Service led by Mrs Lillian Brown.

Harvest Festival: Sunday 6th October 2019. Service led by Ms Ali Macleod.

Service of Remembrance: Sunday 10th November. Service led by Mr Richard Sneddon.

Service of Communion: Sunday 17th November 2019. Service led by Rev Fred Coutts.

A warm welcome is awaiting 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 held 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

We meet the first Tuesday afternoon of the month from October – March. If you would like any further details please contact: Mrs Sheila Duguid. **“Look Out for the new Syllabus early September”**

Singing Group

St Drostan's New Aberdour Singing Group will be visiting Fraserburgh Hospital in 2019. Look out for dates on notice board. There are also times when we learn new Songs and Hymns to sing at our church services. If you would like to join in (especially the male voices) you would be most welcome. For further details contact; Mrs Ruth Reekie

Allan, Heather, Gail and family wish to express sincere thanks to All Friends and Neighbours for the many cards, messages of love and condolences for the kindness we have had, and still are receiving following the sad loss of Tressie. We also want to express our thanks for the generous donations to support Diabetes Research UK.

Books of the New Testament

Just re-arrange the words to find answers

- Hatetwm,
- Omnsar
- Tcas,
- Ataignlsa
- Npahseesi
- Lsaipihnipp
- Csslanosio
- Hnsisalatanse
- Yhittmotstiu
- Ipmhelon

Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself: I, no. events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday has gone and tomorrow has not arrived yet. I have just one day today and I am going to be happy in it.

A prayer for Harvest Thanks giving

Dear Lord at this harvest time, we are thankful for our nature's yield. In providing the fruit of earth from bush and tree,
From the orchards, farms and fields.

Dear Lord thank you for our autumn season especially for the bountiful harvest from both land and sea. For the colours and smells that surround us. we give thanks and the praise for giving us the food to feed us and the water to replenish out thirst. O God above thank you for all the joys of living our daily lives.

Amen

Notice

I am sure most of you will know but the new servery, vestry and toilets have been built during the summer you may have even builders at work or noticed the railings. This new area will make meetings and refreshments at special services much easier.

Look out for details of a service of dedication for this new building it will give you the chance to have a nosey, however if you can't wait and are in church and would like to view the area just ask anyone to show you.

The Bible creates an Inward transformation

God will meet you where you
are in order to take you where
he wants you to go

God never said the journey
would be easy, but he did say
the arrival would be
worthwhile.

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You can never do a kindness
too soon, for you never know
how soon it will be too late

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Leviticus 23: 10 – 11

"Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf: the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath.

Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding in in life.

"Let Gods Promise shine on
your problems"

Proverbs 6: 8

Yet it stores its provisions in
summer and gathers its food at
harvest.

Our annual coffee morning on the 24th of August was well attended and supported. We would like to thank everyone for their help, the donations of raffle prizes and the continued support at this event. The butteries and pancakes went down a treat, and the sales tables were kept very busy. It was nice to share fellowship and for everyone to catch up after the summer holidays. The amount raised was £844.34

A Prayer Peace

Lord of all; hear us now as we pray for the victims of war and for peace in our world. We pray for those across the world who bear the scars of conflict – the injured, maimed and mentally distressed, those who have lost their limbs, their reason or their loved ones through the horrors of war. We pray for; those left homeless or as refugees, those who have lost their livelihoods and security, and those who still live in daily fear for their lives. We pray for children who have been orphaned, parents who mourn their children, husbands and wives who have lost their partners – countless families whose lives will never be the same again.

We pray for those in the armed forces, charged with keeping the peace in countries across the world – their work involving months away from family and friends, and often danger to themselves.

We pray for world leaders and rulers, politicians and diplomats – those whose decisions and negotiations affect the lives of so many, and in whose hands peace ultimately lies.

Lord of all; give wisdom to all who work for peace, so that a more secure future may be ensured for all. Give courage to those who strive for justice, so that the causes of conflict may be overcome. Give strength to those who seek to break down barriers, that divisions over race, colour, creed and culture may be ended. Grant that wherever war, or the threat of war, continues to haunt lives, a way of reconciliation may be found, and harmony established between people and nations. In the name of Christ.

Amen

BY: Mrs Margaret Grant

The Day of Remembrance is observed on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour. It is on this day, the nation comes together to pause for two minutes to remember the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives during all wars, and for all the Armed Forces that continue to protect us and give their lives in doing so. There are also church services and acts of Remembrance in the UK on the nearest Sunday to this date. The act of Remembrance is very different than it was 100 years ago, and there are many different nationalities wearing the poppy which is important, whatever their political or religious beliefs, it might be that it reflects on their individual experiences and personal memories.

The poppy remains a humble, poignant symbol of Remembrance and hope.

Remembrance Prayer

Living God, on this day we are called to remember the past – all those who lost their lives in the course of war, the horror they endured, the determination they displayed to defend the values we hold so dear today, the sacrifices they made so that we now might enjoy lasting peace.

Living God, forgive us that, despite our words, all too easily we forget – we fail to learn the lessons of the past, we forget the debt we owe, we take for granted the security we enjoy, we do not work for the kind of world so many gave their lives for.

Living God, let there be peace in our world where now there is war, and grant that the time will come when nations will live together, justly, openly, and harmoniously in a common fellowship of humankind.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer in the name of the one who came in peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

By: Mrs Margaret Grant

"It's Free"

The wealthiest people are so pitifully poor, because they cannot purchase Salvation. It comes as a free gift through, faith.

From the Editor:

We have enjoyed a remarkable summer and now as we approach autumn with the beautiful red and golden colours, we still hold onto those last few days of the chance to be outside in the warm sunshine. All too soon we shall be busy raking those leaves that seem to double in quantity every year. Our wonderful countryside will be a hive of activity, farmers collecting in the last of their harvest crop moving cattle and sheep ready for the change in weather. The hedgerows full of free fruit waiting for us to collect. Although Autumn is known better for a time of nesting getting our homes and gardens ready for the long winter ahead we are still able to go for walks in the country, enjoying everything about the area we live in. Unfortunately our seasons have become less defined so it is difficult to forget we should be going into shorter days and longer nights, a time when the curtains will close earlier. As Christians we should try and remember those living on their own at this time of year, it can be a very lonely time. So if and whenever possible give that person a call, go around and visit them or invite them for a fly and piece. It is our duty to look after others and share in fellowship.

Important: Clocks go back 1 hour 27th October 2019

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