



New Aberdour

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NEWSLETTER**



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**St Drostans church New Aberdour
Bicentenary 1818 – 2018**

Our Church St Drostans celebrates two hundred years old this year that's a lot of candles for the cake. What stories our church walls could tell us if it could only talk. It's a very long time especially when the building is still being used on a weekly basis for Sunday Morning Worship. A few members of our church have been attending for most if not all their lives. We at St Drostans New Aberdour have already started our Bicentenary Celebrations with the Burns Supper. It was a good night with lots of merriment and brought out those dancers and singers we all enjoy. A very special thank you to Mrs Janet Brydson and Mrs Angela Morrice who made the event possible and a big thank you to all those who supported this event it was a great success.

Next on our lists of events:

March

Soup and Sweet, Saturday 25th March 2018 12.00 – 2.00pm, this will be an excellent venue to catch up with friends and family over a lunch that is good value for money. Tickets £4.00 per adult and £3.00 per child, there will also be the usual raffle. If you are not able to get a ticket beforehand you can also pay on the door.

April

Saturday 14th April 2018 7pm venue Parish Hall New Aberdour There will be a "FUN CONCERT" Performed by The GHRIMS , This concert has the theme "The Good Old Days" there will be audience participation with plenty of singing. Look out for further details and ticket sales nearer the time.

May

Sunday 27th May sees the annual day for St Drostans Sponsored Walk and BBQ, Sponsor forms will be available nearer the time everyone is welcome and if you are unable to do the walk there is a really good opportunity to catch up with friends and family at the BBQ.

Our Celebrations will run throughout this year so watch our website, notice boards, and the Shoppe Window.

This is All I Ask

Lord, show me the way I can somehow repay
The blessings You've given to me....
Lord, teach me to do, What You most want me to
And to be what You want me to be....
I'm unworthy I know, But I do love You So ..
I beg Yu to answer my plea...
I've not go much t give but as long as I live
May I give it completely to Thee!

Looking forward into 2018 We Have a good calendar ahead

Church Services

Every Sunday Morning for Worship at 10.00am Everyone, is very Welcome

Mothering Sunday Service 11th March 2018

To be lead by: Miss Rhoda McDonald

Palm Sunday Service 25th March 2018

To be lead by: Mr Richard Sneddon

Easter Service Sunday 1st April 2018

To be lead by: Mr Richard Sneddon

Communion Service Sunday 6th May 2018

To be lead 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

St Drostans 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.

Church Groups

**Guild Meetings 2.00pm New Aberdour School Community Room
First Tuesday of the month October – March**

Tuesday 6th March St Drostans By: Mrs Corinne Cox

Tuesday 27th March Egg Decorating By: Miss Heather Gibson

**Look out for the New Guild Syllabus 2018/19
To Commence October 2018.**

There is time for refreshments and Fellowship too at the Guild meetings.

Easter

We as Christians start to get ready for Lent on Shrove Tuesday "Pancake Day" it occurs the day before Lent begins, symbolising when we should as Christians give something up. After, eating indulgent foods, and even binging on the usual chocolate the item, which an awful lot of Christians give up over Lent. We have Ash Wednesday this is officially the start of Lent but the exact date changes each year depending upon when Easter Falls. This day gets its name from the traditional blessing of the ashes taken after the burning of palm branches or crosses made from palm from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations that have spent the past year in peoples homes. In some churches the ashes are used to draw a cross on the forehead of the congregation members. The drawing of the cross is usually done to the words "Repent and believe I the Gospel" (Mark 1; 15 an alternative to this is "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return)" Genesis 3: 19

The Lent period reflects when Jesus fasted and suffered in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, before he started his ministry. According to the Bible Satan tempted him during this time, but each time he managed to refuse his temptations. People follow Jesus example and give up vices in a bid to grow closer to God as Easter approaches.

Easter Quiz

1. On what hill was Jesus crucified?
2. Good Friday marks which Biblical event?
3. What is the name given to the first Sunday after Pentecost?
4. Which two spices were used to prepare Jesus's body for Burial?
5. What is the name given to last week in Lent?
6. At what hour did they crucify Jesus?
7. Which garden did Jesus go after the Last Supper?
8. What type of animal is linked to Easter time?
9. On which day did at Easter did Jesus rise form the dead?
10. What is the name given to the Sunday before Easter Sunday/

Today things are different to when most of us were young. A new view is to not only to abstain from luxuries but also to give or do something beneficial to others. Whilst listening to radio a few days ago there was a person explaining to the listeners what she had done last year, She decided to write or send a card every day to all of her Godchildren it's was great because she has now rekindled a connection with them and still sends the odd card or note. It has also been widely known that some Christians are giving back instead or as well as over the Lent period.

The most solemn week in the Christian year, Holy week is the week leading up to Easter, and is the week during which Christians particularly remember the last week of Jesus's life.

Palm Sunday marks the journey Jesus made into Jerusalem he was there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover (Pesach). Jesus chose a donkey to travel on it was to show he had come in peace. Many people Welcomed Jesus with cheers and shouting "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" John 12: 12-13 waving palm branches and throwing them down in the path of the donkey. They hoped that Jesus was the Saviour who the Bible has promised.

Later in that week many of the people in that cheering crowd would be among those shouting that Jesus should be executed.

Maundy Thursday this is the day Christians remember the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. The night of Maundy Thursday is the night on which Judas betrayed Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday is a very important day for all Christians. On this day Christians remember that Jesus died for everyone. He was crucified by the Romans and was tied and nailed by the wrists and feet to a large wooden cross

Easter Sunday is the most important day of the year for Christians. Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb where Jesus was buried and found it empty. An angel told her that Jesus had risen.

Easter Word Search

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**** Remember the Clocks Go Forward 1 hour 24th March 2018
 Bringing lighter Evenings and darker mornings. ****

A friend of ours was asked to go into school to speak with her son Luke's teacher who had some concerns over his behaviour of slamming doors.

Later on when her Luke came home from school she told him about the meeting and said "how do you expect to get into heaven?"

Luke without hesitation replied "if I keep going in and out of the gates and slamming them eventually one of the Saints will say to me " Luke for heavens sake come in or stay out"

Supplied By: Miss Gail Wheelhouse

Six-year-old Alison was poorly and was unable to attend the Palm Sunday service at church so stayed with her granny. When all the family arrived home she asked why had they got the crosses and what were they for, her daddy replied that on Palm Sunday the crowd laid them down for Jesus to walk over, has he arrived in Jerusalem.

Alison thought for a while and then said " that's great the one Sunday I don't go and Jesus turns up!"

Supplied By: Mr s D Booth

"One person caring about another represents life's greatest value"

Be happy with what you have.
Be excited about what you want.

You Know that you are getting Old when:

You and your teeth don't sleep together.

You look for your glasses only to realise they are already on.
It takes longer to rest than to get tired

~~It takes longer to rest than to it5 did to get tired.~~

It takes twice as long to only look half as good.

Supplied By: Mr Allan Gibson

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Let brotherly love continue.  
Be not forgetful to entertain strangers:  
For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13: 1 - 2

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Being single does not mean no one wants you. It means God is still busy writing Your love story

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From the Editor:

It's already March and the year is moving along just the same as the years have previously. Looking around the garden on a very cold spring day the brave snowdrops are tentatively popping their heads out and springing to life. The other bulbs and plants are just awakening but much more slowly. Spring is a colourful yet very busy time of year the catkins are filling the trees and the spring blossom is almost out filling the air with a wonderful scene and scent. The shrubs and bushes that were cut back in the autumn are now awakening and the annual workload begins in the garden. Farming life is dictated by the weather so much that there is a huge relief when the warmer sunny days of spring finally arrive. Traditionally, lambing starts in early spring, we are so lucky in this area because we get to see the wonderful young lambs running around in the fields. Spring is part of Nature's Circle of Life.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, and honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn life around.

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