

**Aberdour St. Drostan's Church.**



**New Aberdour**

## Summer Newsletter 2019



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Praying is an essential way for us to communicate with God. Due to the way our daily lives are laid out with many time restrictions and responsibilities we often do not find we have a key time to pray, and sometimes we rush, not really knowing what we are praying for, or understand the meaning of what we are saying. It's not important where and when we pray, but there are some Christians who will only pray when they are in church, or attending Spiritual gatherings, for lots it is in the quiet of the bedroom before going to sleep, at the end of the day. I actually have a friend who prays to God when they are sitting on the bus going to and from work, using each stop as a different subject to pray for. My friend also uses her bus queuing and journeys has a good time for Fellowship she has been very lucky over the years and has met some truly wonderful Christians some of whom have become good friends. At times we easily forget the power of prayer and usually it happens when we need spiritual guidance or assurances for the most our prayers are not just for ourselves but others as well. Remember without thinking at times we can forget that praying is away to ease the strains of modern life. It is also a wonderful way to build on our spiritual relationship with God.

God has given us:

Eyes, not to judge others but  
look beyond situations

**Rejoice in hope, be  
patient in tribulation be  
constant in prayer:**

**Romans 12: 12**

God designed me.  
God created me.  
God blesses me.  
God heals me.  
God defends me.  
God forgives me.

**God Loves Me.**

Cooking is such an enjoyable  
time especially with family  
and friends. I love it when it  
is my turn to cook especially  
when my smoke alarm cheers  
me on!



### Annual Sponsored Walk:

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of those who came along on such a dreich day. It was still an enjoyable event; the food was cooked a little differently but still went down a treat along with a few drinks for most. The ice cream was popular with all ages. There were plenty of tombola gifts, thank you to Mrs Sheena Morrison for all her hard work organising this. Special thanks also to Edwina & David @ the Shoppe for the supply of bread buns. We would also like to thank the volunteer First Aiders without whom such an event would not be possible, Gary, Colleen and Doug.

Never regret a day in your life:

Good days give happiness,  
bad days give experience,  
worst days give lessons,  
and best days give memories.

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Don't worry about anything: instead, pray about everything.

Philippians 4:6

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Keep the faith. The most amazing things in life tend to happen right at the moment you're about to give up hope

### Prayer for guidance

Dear Father, Thank you for being the Almighty God who holds the entire world and yet cradles our heart. Today we humbly recognise the need for your guidance. How we crave your presence to lead us.

Without your light to shine down, the path is dim and unclear. Without your voice to order our steps, the journey is confusing and obscure. Show us the movements to mirror your will. Reveal the master blueprint as only you can, so that we may boast in your glory and your plan.

Amen

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Let your smile change the world.  
Don't let the world change your smile

Faith is the backbone of Christianity Hebrews 11:1

We all nearly use the seasons in our faith at home. It is usually fairly easy in the run up to Christmas and Easter, and in the autumn we celebrate the Biblical feasts. However, between Pentecost and October, there is a shortage of markers, but most of us still do try to make the Bible part of our daily life at these less significant times.

During the summer some of us try to select a theme and follow the links in the Bible relating to such. For me this summer I am going to try something a little different. A few weeks ago I was very lucky to be visiting family and fortunate enough to have been invited to attend an open meeting with Christians who have just found faith in their lives. I felt very privileged to have spent time with these people and to hear their testimonies and in some cases about the difficulties they had had to face on the road to become a Christian one of the most shocking discoveries I made was how ignorant I had been for not realising how hard it is for some to make the choice of which denomination they join. I am aware and know many of you will be of such issues when it is a person coming from a different nationality. Families are so judgmental and often have followed certain faiths that go back through many generations and for one to go against this it can cause family disputes, break ups, and on rare occasions even death. Those of us who have not faced such problems will never truly understand or feel how these individuals undertake such difficulties. It is a fact that today Christians remain one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world.

**Fact:** Everyday around 300 people are killed for their faith in Jesus.

**Please pray:** for the persecuted church, for their oppressors, for nations that foster persecution and for those who ignore it. Help every man woman boy and girl that is going through some form of persecution today may you guard and guide and encourage each one to face the future knowing that You are with them and in them and Father we thank You that You are growing in Your church with the dear new converts to Christ. Be with them always. Amen

#### God has given Us :

Eyes, not to judge others but to look beyond situation,  
Mouth, not to criticise but to speak the truth.  
Hands, not to punish but to give a helping hand.  
Ears, not to be insensitive but to listen and aid those in pain.  
Everything God gave us has its purpose. Use them for the greater glory of the Lord.

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

**Church Services**

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

**Special Services**

Auchmedden Church Pennan will be holding a Sunday  
afternoon service of worship 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019 @ 3pm.  
The service will be led by: Miss Dorothy Mair

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 held on the  
first Sunday of each month and following any special  
services. Please feel free to join us in fellowship at this time.

**Buttery Morning 10 – 12am**

This will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019. With the  
usual sales tables of bakes, plants etc. Look out for posters  
and tickets nearer the 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**

A relationship with God is the most important relationship you can have. Trust him and everything will always turn out fine.

### Books of the Bible Puzzle

- UTRH
- TWAMHET
- BOPERRSV
- SUBNEMR
- WRESHBE
- USAJHO
- MORASN
- GEJDSU
- STEREH
- HMOLIPEN
- LINEDA
- SESENIG
- ESEHPISAN
- CLAIMHA
- HARMEJEI
- AGHAIG
- SNAGILATA



A significant part of loving others is being there for them when they are going through tough times. God designed us to live in a community and to help each other out. The Bible says: Galatians 6:2 help to carry each one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. We should be aiming to help people cope and grow through the Situations they are facing. One way we can do this is by encouraging them to talk about things, giving a different perspective, and offering hope and prayers. We can ask God to give us the words to say and to show us His promises throughout the Bible which we can share with others. As Christians we should live out the Lord's love and put ourselves in others so to understand and forgive others.

At times we do not realise if we have done any of God's work during the day, Fellowship can be described in many ways and has Christians we should use it to support each other through friendship and the share of common beliefs and sentiments. In return we will receive spiritual support and growth. Romans 12: 9-13 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil: cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep our spiritual fervour serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

### **What is Love?**

Love is patient  
Love is kind  
Love doesn't envy  
Love is not proud  
Love takes no account of evil  
Love rejoices with the truth  
Love bears all things  
Love doesn't brag  
Love endures all things  
Love is what makes the world  
go round.

### **Do not forget...**

Most important in life. Is God  
Most beautiful attire. Is a Smile  
Greatest asset. Is our Faith  
Most powerful force. Is Love  
Greatest weapon. Is Prayer

Work hard at whatever you do.  
As though you were working  
directly for the Lord rather than for  
people.

Colossians 3: 23

**Editor:** I cannot believe we are already half way through the year, and now looking forward to our summer holidays, but before I wish you all a happy holiday I would like to take you back a little in the Christian church calendar to Easter. This year leading up to Easter some of the children and parents from the village came along on a Sunday evening for a period of six weeks and met with Mrs Ruth Reekie who at first showed them a short film about Jesus. Which then led them to practising weekly a performance of the arrival of Jesus into Bethlehem on Palm Sunday, Jesus and his Trial, the Last Supper the meal shared by Jesus and his disciples. The washing of His Disciples feet. The Crucifixion, we even had a cross up in the pulpit. For the Resurrection, there was a makeshift tomb built, and a stone to roll away. The whole thing was wonderfully performed and all the children did an exceptional job. Most importantly the children will remember the story for the rest of their lives. As well as all the above the children also took part in an Easter Egg Decorating Competition. A massive thank you to Edwina and Dave at the Village Shoppe who helped by encouraging the children and then displaying the decorated eggs in their front window until Easter Sunday when they were taken into church for judging by Mr Mrs Nigel & Lorraine Gibson.

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