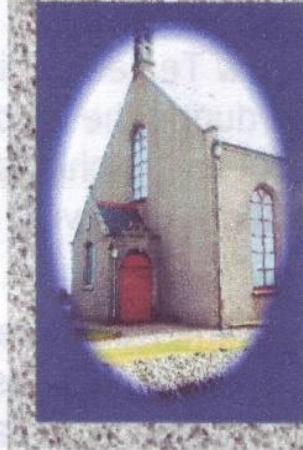


**Aberdour St. Drostan's Church.**



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In April we celebrated Easter, we reflected on the suffering of Jesus and then we rejoiced in His glorious resurrection and so we move on to May and this is an interesting month. I find that May can be a challenge for the Christian, the time between Easter and the next celebration of Pentecost and then the long wait until Christmas, but we do have a lot to think about and celebrate in May. In the Christian calendar, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, this year it lands on the 25 May.

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68 AD. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost. Depending upon the phases of the Moon in a particular year, Ascension Day is usually celebrated on a Thursday.<sup>1</sup>

As Christians we should be looking up during May, why? Jesus has risen, He is alive and we celebrate Him rising upwards to rejoin His and our Heavenly Father. That allows us to go about our lives with heads held high, with the celebration of Easter fresh in our hearts, allowing us to walk in joy and faith. For many it will mean climbing their own mountains in life as Ascension can also refer to climbing up something, the Disciples had a mountain to climb after Jesus walked, talked and ate with them before He ascended in glory back to heaven. They like us have to think now on how we can carry our Jesus' instructions, how are we going to carry out His teachings and most importantly how are we going to live our lives accordingly?

The answer is simple, we walk with Christ each day, living our lives in trust and through our shared fellowship and prayers we will make a difference to our lives and those around us. So let me encourage you now my friends to walk in faith for He is risen indeed and has ascended on high where He has a place set aside for us at His banqueting table.

Psalm 62: 1-2.

God Bless you and keep you.

**Richard Sneddon**  
**(Church of Scotland Reader, Pulpit Supply)**



**Looking forward into 2017 we have a good calendar  
Ahead of us**

## **Church Services**

**Every Sunday Morning 10.00am**

**Communion Service Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

In Aberdour Church 10.00am Service taken by, Rev Fred Coutts.

**Pennan Auchmedden Church Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 3.00pm**

**Everyone welcome**

**Harvest Service Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

In Aberdour Church 10am service.

**St Drostans New Aberdour Singing Group will be visiting**

**Fraserburgh Hospital in 2017: Meet @ 2.30pm in Car Park.**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July @ 2.30pm**

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 Events and Groups**

**Buttery Morning Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**10.00 am – 12.00 am @ New Aberdour Parish Hall.** Sale of tickets £2.00 & £1.00 (You can also pay at the door) There will be a selection of the usual stalls and a raffle any donations will be gratefully received.

**Banffshire Pilgrimage Group: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Multi denominations.** This will be informative and fun for the whole family.

Look out for further details

**Guild meetings 2.00pm New Aberdour School** We meet in the village community room first Tuesday of each month during the winter October to March inclusive. There is always a fly and piece at break time. We have a varied calendar including: Speakers, Visits, Crafts, and the annual lunch. Look for the dates in the next Newsletter. A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to join us.

## St Drostan's Church New Aberdour

### "The Prayer Tree"

We believe that prayer is an important element of Christian life and worship.

"The Prayer Tree" on the altar is a way of saying a silent prayer to God using different coloured ribbons, each with a different meaning: Sometimes, we are not able to find the words or we would prefer anonymity just the fact that adding to the tree is all that is needed.

**PURPLE** is for praising God

**YELLOW** is for thanking God

**RED** is for asking God to help

**BLUE** is for saying sorry

**WHITE** is a prayer for peace



Choose a piece of coloured ribbon from the basket nearby, tie it to a branch as a prayer to God.

When the tree is full, ribbons will be removed and placed back in the basket for future use. One ribbon of each colour will be left on the tree to symbolise the prayers made.

**LEAVES** can be used for a message or a request for prayers for a specific Person, Family, Country, Disaster, Group, Organisation, pets or anything you would like.

The leaves will be taken off the tree, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and during the service when prayers are said these details will be offered.

Alternatively prayer requests can be put in an email or telephone call, or letter.

Contact details are on this newsletter, and in the church notice box.

**P.S There is a smaller Tree in the Village Shop, if you want to use this one for convenience.**

Give me the sun on the hazy horizon,  
the sherbet color morning sky above  
give me a clear cloudless day  
then you'll know why God I love.

Give me the shade of the golden willow,  
the Good Book for me to read  
give me something refreshing to drink in  
and I'll have close to all I need.

Give me a creek's memorizing humming,  
chirps coming from a robin's nest  
give me a green pasture with my Lord  
well you can picture the rest.

Give me the sounds of children playing,  
the laughs and giggles of youth  
give me the peace of a summer's sigh  
when God reveals to me another truth.

Give me the soft breeze of the ocean,  
as I watch the sun paint its dazzling set  
give me a cool night in the moonlight  
and I'll be as close to heaven as I can get.

Give me a day in the radiant Sun shine,  
let me bask in God's glorious love  
give me a summer day to spend reflecting  
on all the splendour He sends from above!

Supplied By: Mrs Irene Stephen



## The Holy Bible Word Search

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 JUDE  
 GALATIANS  
 PETER  
 MATTHEW  
 EPHESIANS  
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 ACTS  
 JOHN  
 LUKE

**Answers to  
 Spring quiz:**  
 Chick  
 Easter Eggs  
 Noah  
 Hot cross buns  
 Shrove Tuesday  
 Easter Bunny  
 Daffodil

Granny's comes to stay.

"I am so glad you have come to stay granny". The little girl said, "Now my daddy will do the trick he has been promising us". Granny was intrigued. "What trick is this then". "Daddy told mummy that he would climb the walls next time you came to stay"

\*\*\* Happy Summer Holidays Everyone \*\*\*

Did you realise that the bible is like a library.

The bible is made up of books. There are books on history, books of stories, books on the future, books of poems and book of songs.

The shortest verse in the bible is "Jesus wept" (John Chapter 11 Verse 35).

The bible has been translated into many languages and can even be read on the computer, tablet or phone.

### **Do You Know the Answers?**

- 1) How many books are in the bible?
- 2) What is the first book in the bible?
- 3) What is the last book?
- 4) How many disciples did Jesus have?
- 5) Can you unscramble the letters to find out who betrayed Jesus? ADJSU
- 6) Who is the first woman mentioned in the bible?
- 7) How many commandments were given to Moses?
- 8) What does amen mean?

Someone touched my soul today and made me realise that we don't have to say a word when love speaks in our eyes. Because there's such a feeling a truth that never lies, unspoken words, say more somehow when whispered by the eyes.

Supplied By : Miss Gail  
Wheelhouse

At a recent visit to the doctors I got talking to a little boy, He started to tell me about being poorly but was now better he told me that because he had been a good boy mummy and daddy had bought him a camera so he could shoot people and cut their heads off.

Delightful child I thought!!

### **From the Editor:**

Summer has finally arrived after a few false starts. I am sure everyone is pleased to be able shed some of those thick woollens, winter coats and boots. It's wonderful to see the new life in nature surrounding us, no matter what we may or may not do the flowers, shrubs and trees still continue on there annual cycle of life, bringing a huge range of colours, shades and smells, some of which are heavenly. Recently coming home from church we saw two deer just grazing quietly looking up occasionally, after a short time they noticed us watching them, so they drifted away. A few days later we called to our friend's farm and saw two hares, they were very aware of us but instead of running they just bobbed down in the long grass. Then yesterday we had two small rabbits come into our garden; they stayed eating the grass not bothered about our cat sat watching. It made me think I am the luckiest person alive, I have a loving family, a fantastic church family wonderful loyal friends and I live in the most wonderful place in the whole world".

Thank you Lord for life and the wonderful things that surround us, give us the strength and courage to support each other especially at difficult times, may we find forgiveness, healing and peace in God's love and mercy. Amen

**If anyone wishes to add anything to the next issue September "Autumn" Please pass to any church member or give one of us a call.**

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