

Help ma boab! See who is Brighter Bervie's latest recruit!



The photo shows Brighter Bervie's newest recruit - none other than 'Oor Wullie', enjoying the September sunshine and laughing at the butterflies surrounding him in the garden. The hot news for Brighter Bervie has just arrived from "Keep Scotland Beautiful". We entered Inverbervie for their annual Scotland-wide "Its Your Neighbourhood" scheme. Like all entrants our efforts were

assessed against 3 criteria - Community Participation, Environmental Responsibility and Gardening Achievement. I'm absolutely delighted to tell you that we scored full marks in each category to achieve an Outstanding award. So, hearty congratulations to our small team of hard-working volunteers and thanks for the support and encouragement we get from this community.

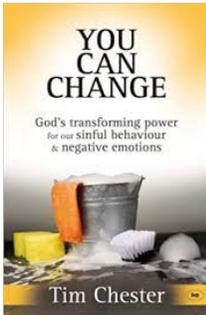
Remember, if more of you get involved on our friendly and enjoyable activities, we can achieve bigger and better results, not just in competitions, but for the benefit of all our residents and visitors. Tom Campbell 01561 361 350

Kirsty's Book of the Month

Tim Chester, *You Can Change: God's Transforming Power for our Sinful Behaviour & Negative Emotions*, (IVP, 2008).

Are you serious about personal change? Chester writes in 'You Can Change' his own personal struggle of changing from his sinful nature to living a holy life. Is this something you struggle with too?

Whether you are a new Christian struggling to change the habits of your former way of life, or have been a Christian for a while; but feel you have plateaued: you grew quickly when you first believed, but now your Christian life is much of a muchness, or who is a Christian who has fallen into sin in a big way, and wonder how you will ever get back on track, this book addresses these matters by digging deeper into the Bible. Though many other books describe how we should live, this book outlines how we can change. Therefore, if you are wanting to actively grow in your faith and your relationship with Jesus, get this book, take your time to read it and allow God to 'circumcise' your heart (Romans 2:25-29, NIV UK).



October / November 2019

WOTS **it all about?**

**The Church and Community
newsletter for Arbuthnott, Bervie,
Gourdon and Kinneff**

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Gourdon Mission Hall — "Dinner with a Difference"

Items for the **December 2019 / January 2020** edition of WOTS should be sent to wots.editors@gmail.com or dropped into the church centre letterbox by 5.00pm on **Friday 22nd November**

We welcome your items and financial contributions towards the cost of printing and distributing this free newsletter which is prepared entirely by volunteers. Thank you very much.

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Friends,

Jesus: Still Changing Lives

Recently I've been reading the account of Duncan Campbell, a man who was pivotal to the Lewis revivals in 1949 where hundreds, if not thousands, came to become Christians in a short period. And, way back in 1859-60, there was a revival in our own community where many started to follow Jesus. There were 12 services one Sunday, and 28 prayer meetings held locally each week, eventually leading to the Gourdon Mission Hall being built.

Today, all around the world, Jesus still changes lives like that. We may think the church around us is declining, but in many parts of the world the church is growing rapidly. In Iran, where Christian persecution is common, the Church is expanding so quickly the Islamic government recently publicly expressed concern at how many were finding hope in Jesus. And, around the world, translations of the Bible into new languages is happening faster than at any other period

The early church that we read about in Acts and the rest of the New Testament quickly changed the landscape around them. People stood up and took notice of these folk who said Jesus was their Lord and Saviour. Why? Because they lived and spoke in a way that was unlike anyone else. These people had their lives transformed by a real and living God, who reveals himself in the saviour, Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, I think in the western Church, we've become a bit lacklustre (and I include myself in that description). We have forgotten that the Jesus who changed the Outer Hebrides, our own community, and is working in Iran today is still alive and reigning. He changes lives up and down Scotland even today.

Do you long to meet that Jesus? Maybe you long to be changed by Jesus and have the abundant life that Jesus promises all his people (John 10:10). If so, why not try out The Filling Station (page 10), read the Book of the Month that my wife, Kirsty, has recommended (page 12), or join some of us at the Open Doors: Standing Strong to be encouraged by the amazing faith of persecuted Christians (page 4). Lastly, everyone is always very welcome to come along to one of our weekly gatherings where we strive to grow together, learning what it means to follow Jesus and find life in him. We meet each Sunday at Arbuthnott Church at 10am, Bervie Church at 11:30am and Gourdon at 6pm each week. We'd love to see you sometime soon.

Wherever you are in your journey with Jesus, I'm always up for helping wherever I can on that path. Following Jesus is an adventure, and the best time to start following him is today!

May you know the blessing and joy of Jesus,
Andrew Morrison

Dates for your Diary

October	Wed 2nd	9.45am Gourdon Prayer Meeting; 2 Davidson's Buildings
	Wed 2nd	10.00 / 11.30am Church Café - Church Centre
	Thurs 3rd	7.30 / 9.30pm Thursday WOW Group; meet at 10 West Park Terrace
	Fri 4th	9.00am Bervie Prayer Meeting. Church Centre
	Sun 6th	1.30pm Heritage Hunt from the Scout Hall
	Mon 7th / Fri 11th	10.00am / 3.30pm Thrift Shop. Church Centre
	Mon 7th	1.00pm / 2.45pm Monday WOW; meet at 3 Queen Johanna Drive
	Wed 9th	10.00 / 11.30am Fairtrade Café - Church Centre
	Wed 9th	2.00pm Bervie Guild "Unique Shawls" George Smith. Church Centre
	Fri 11th	9.00am Bervie Prayer Meeting. Church Centre
	Sun 13th	2.30pm Cluster "Harvest Songs of Praise" St Cyrus church
	Wed 16th	9.45am Gourdon Prayer Meeting; 2 Davidson's Buildings
	Wed 16th	10.00 / 11.30am WaterAid - Church Centre
	Thurs 17th	2.30pm Gourdon Guild "Music in the Afternoon" Mission Hall
	Thurs 17th	7.30 / 9.30pm Thursday WOW Group; meet at 10 West Park Terrace
	Fri 18th	9.00am Bervie Prayer Meeting. Church Centre
	Mon 21st	1.00pm / 2.45pm Monday WOW; meet at 3 Queen Johanna Drive
	Wed 23rd	10.00 / 11.30am Fairtrade Café - Church Centre
	Thurs 24th	7.30pm Alastair McDonald in concert Gourdon Mission Hall
	Fri 25th	9.00am Bervie Prayer Meeting. Church Centre
	Sat 26th	11.00am/1.30pm Soup & Roll lunch. £5; Church Centre
	Mon 28th	7.00pm "The Filling Station" Arbuthnott Village Hall. Kenneth Dickson.
	Wed 30th	9.45am Gourdon Prayer Meeting; 2 Davidson's Buildings
	Wed 30th	10.00 / 11.30am Fairtrade Café - Church Centre
	Thurs 31st	7.30 / 9.30pm Thursday WOW Group; meet at 10 West Park Terrace
	November	Fri 1st 9.00am Bervie Prayer Meeting. Church Centre
	Sat 2nd	10.00 / 12 noon Lifeboat Guild Coffee Morning. Burgh Hall.
	Mon 4th	1.00pm / 2.45pm Monday WOW; meet at 3 Queen Johanna Drive
	Wed 6th	10.00 / 11.30am Church Café - Church Centre
	Thurs 7th	7.30pm Women of the Way Monday group 10 West Park Terrace
	Fri 8th	9.00am Bervie Prayer Meeting. Church Centre
	Sat 9th	10.00am / 4.00pm Standing Strong; Open Doors Celebration. Glasgow
	Wed 13th	9.45am Gourdon Prayer Meeting; 2 Davidson's Buildings
	Wed 13th	10.00 / 11.30am Fairtrade Aid Café - Church Centre
	Wed 13th	2.00pm Bervie Guild Church Centre. "The Boy's Brigade" Alan Fordyce
	Thurs 14th	7.30 / 9.30pm Thursday WOW Group; meet at 10 West Park Terrace
	Fri 15th	9.00am Bervie Prayer Meeting. Church Centre
	Mon 18th	1.00pm / 2.45pm Monday WOW; meet at 3 Queen Johanna Drive
	Wed 20th	10.00 / 11.30am WaterAid Café - Church Centre
	Thurs 21st	7.30pm Women of the Way - at 10 West Park Terrace
	Fri 22nd	9.00am Bervie Prayer Meeting. Church Centre
	Fri 22nd	2.30pm 'Sing-a-Long' at Castle Lodge. All welcome.
	Fri 22nd	5.00pm Deadline for WOTS Dec/Jan to wots.editors@gmail.com
	Mon 25th	1.00pm Women of the Way - at 3 Queen Johanna Drive
	Mon 25th	7.00pm "The Filling Station" Arbuthnott Village Hall. Worship evening.
	Wed 27th	9.45am Gourdon Prayer Meeting; 2 Davidson's Buildings
	Wed 27th	10.00 / 11.30am Bervie Guild Coffee Morning - Church Centre
	Thurs 28th	7.30 / 9.30pm Thursday WOW Group; meet at 10 West Park Terrace
	Fri 29th	9.00am Bervie Prayer Meeting. Church Centre
	Sat 30th	11.00am/1.30pm Christmas Soup & Pudding lunch. Church Centre

INVERBERVIE BURGH HALL EVENTS DIARY

WHIST NIGHTS (Progressive) -

Thursday 31st October; Thursday 28th November at 7pm
Beginners Welcome Refreshments Served



Ready Steady
Ceilidh!

St Andrew's Day—CEILIDH DANCE

Friday 29th November 7.30pm – Midnight
Over 18s only. B.Y.O.B.

FESTIVE FAYRE

Sunday 1st December - Doors Open 11am

Lots of Stalls and Refreshments

Santa will be coming too.

Free Entry



Fundraising for your Burgh Hall

For more info—BERVIEBURGHALL@GMAIL.COM or [Find us on facebook](#)

"A Time to Remember"

Saturday 30th November
at 3.00pm in Bervie Church



A special time to remember for those who have been bereaved during 2019 or in recent years. A time of quiet, reflective music and readings. There will be an opportunity to place a card on the Christmas tree in memory of a loved one and to light a candle. Tea and coffee afterwards.

Special Offer!

It's all about accepting, an offer you can't refuse.

The benefits are massive, the implications huge.

Forget the supermarket, supernatural is what you need.

Your life will change for ever, read about Him and take heed.

Don't wander off to DIY, it's only second best. You end up cutting corners and spoil all the rest.

Find joy in serving Jesus, don't try to be a star;

Or worry at the check-out. He takes you as you are.



John Morris, Kinneff

Mearns & Coastal

Volunteer Fair

Tuesday 12th November 2019

Inverbervie Church Centre, Inverbervie

2.30pm until 4.30pm

5.30pm until 7.00pm

Looking for Volunteers ?

Looking for Volunteering Opportunities?

This Event is for You!



Volunteers Make it Happen!

For more information please contact the KDP office at officesupport@kdp.scot

This event is brought to you by the Stonehaven Local Learning Partnership



The Filling Station

The Filling Station, meeting monthly at Arbuthnott Hall, is a celebration of God and what he has done for us. Each gathering features great sung worship, high quality speakers, and the chance to be with friends to explore who God is. Each Filling Station is designed to be accessible for non-Christians and Christians alike. Many people have come to faith in Jesus through them, finding hope and new life in the process. Not been before? Try them out soon!

Last Monday of the month. 7pm for coffee and cakes, for a 7:30pm start. Arbuthnott Hall. Speak to Andrew Morrison for more info.

Oct 28 – Ken Dickson (Pastor at Living Rooms, Inverbervie)

Nov 25 – Worship Evening & Testimony

Dec. No meeting. Resumes Jan 27.

2020 Church Calendars

Look out for our beautifully illustrated 2020 calendars which will be available for sale in November price £6. They will make ideal gifts that last a full year!

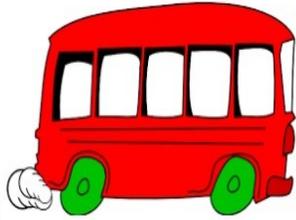
Pre-order from Kay Forrest
01561 362 451

Miss Helen Scott

Miss Helen Scott sends greetings to all in Arbuthnott, Bervie and Kinneff Church. She recently moved to **Ashley House Care Home, 18 Perth Road, Milnathort, Kinross KY13 9XU telephone 01577 863472**

Helen will be delighted to hear from you at any time; or if you are in the area just drop in to pay a visit.

We
need
a
Volunteer
Mini Bus Driver



Inverbervie Day centre .

We are looking for volunteers to drive the community bus to take members from their homes to the church centre and back on Thursday. If you can help, or for further information, come to church centre on a Thursday between 10am and 2pm

Arbuthnott Bervie and Kinneff Church

Please join us for a special evening

The very welcome return of Alastair McDonald

In concert.



Yes, we are delighted to welcome back this very popular and well-known folksinger, entertainer and broadcaster.

Don't miss out!

7.30pm Thursday
24th October 2019

Gourdon Mission Hall

Tickets £10 at the door - (including light refreshments)

in aid of Gourdon Mission Restoration fund

STANDING STRONG **Open Doors Celebration 2019**

Meet your extraordinary family from Nigeria, Asia and the Middle East as they share their stories of the Christian persecution they face.

Findlay Memorial Church, Glasgow
Saturday 9th November 2019, 10am - 4pm

Contact Andrew Morrison if you wish to come



OpenDoors SERVING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE

Make it a date!

Join in the fun of a

Messy Christmas Church

Sunday 15th December

Bervie Church & Centre.

For all the family!

Watch out for details!

You are invited to join us for...

Kingdom Kidz and Totzone Creche



**Every Sunday during school term time,
Bervie Church Centre 11.15 till 12.45pm**

**Due to school holidays there will be no sessions on
October 13th, 20th and 27th or 17th November.**

Join us each week as we explore with our Friends and Heroes.

Totzone Sunday Crèche for children from 1 to 4 years is available for those wishing to stay for the Church service knowing their children will be safe and happy. Baby facilities and crèche room in Church Centre are available on request. For more info contact:



Ruth Paterson 362749 e-mail : kingdomkidz@bervie.net



Bervie Holiday Club - 2019

For many years in Bervie, there has been an annual holiday club during the Summer. Once again, we had a great time as we became 'Backpackers' for the week travelling around different countries. We thought of the journey Jesus took in his final week to the cross and tomb. We had over 80 children at Bervie Holiday Club from the wider community, enjoying the games, crafts, songs, Bible stories and the annual 'gunge a leader'! Then, on the Sunday, instead of the normal Bervie Church service, we gathered together back at the Sports Centre for a BBQ and family fun where many who are not from our church community came along too. Thanks to all who prayed, offered their time and energy, donated finances and encouraged people to come along. Followers of Jesus from Bervie Church, Living Rooms, Catterline Community Church, Fetteresso Church, Mearns Catalyst (and maybe others too) all helped during the week – what a team! The Holiday Club has a separate fund, so if you wish to give regularly or a one-off in aid of this amazing work, then get in touch. We can't wait for next year's holiday club already!



Royal Burgh of Inverbervie
Heritage Group

HERITAGE HUNT

Sunday 6th October

Leaving the Scout Hall at 1.30pm

Adults £2 Children £1 Family £5

A quiz, on foot, round the Royal Burgh, ending with refreshments at the Scout Hall while awaiting the results and prize winners. Fun for all!

SOUTH KINCARDINE CLUSTER

MEARNS COASTAL PARISH

Come and join us to give thanks for the Harvest in our

SONGS OF PRAISE

Where? St Cyrus Church

When? Sunday 13th Oct.

At 2:30 pm

There will be time for a cuppie, a fine piece and a good catch-up after you've sung your heart out in the good old harvest thanksgiving songs.

All welcome!

Ladies
BIBLE STUDY

WOW ('Women of the Way') meet on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings (alternate weeks)

**Monday group dates are:-
from 1.00pm to 2.45pm on -
October 7th; 21st;
November 4th; 18th.**

These meetings are held at 3, Queen Johanna Drive, the home of Margaret Wells
Tel:- 01561 362289
or mobile:- 07803475722.

Alternatively, you could email her for more information at:-
margueritewells@gmail.com

The meetings take the form of singing, a short prayer and short Bible Study followed by a cuppa; all very friendly. Like to come? We would love to see you

The Thursday Group meet at 10 West Park Terrace.

We warmly welcome any new members to our happy band. Go on, give it a try!

October Dates—3rd; 17th; 31st
November Dates—14th; 28th
from 7.30pm till 9.30pm

For further information
Contact Sandra Wright
on 07511 497768

Arbuthnott Bervie and Kinneff Church



Monday 7th / Fri 11th October

10.00am / 3.30pm

Bervie Church Centre

All donations very gratefully received.

Contact Margaret Gray - 01561 361346

Congratulations!



..to Duncan Mathieson on completing 70 years singing in Bervie Church Choir.

Duncan joined in July 1969 at the age of 22 and has been in great voice ever since. His incredible contribution was recognised by fellow choir members during the morning service in Bervie Church on 15th September. Well done!

A Hearty Soup and Roll Lunch



**Saturday 26th October
11.00am / 1.30pm**

**Bervie Church Centre
Only £5**

For much needed church funds

A fine healthy meal plus tea/coffee served in a really happy company. All welcome!

**And let's not forget our famous
Soup & Pudding Lunch which takes
place on Saturday 30th November
11.00am/1.30pm**

**The Christmas Hamper draw will take place during the lunch.
Donations welcome**



Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal 2019



We know it's a long time until Christmas, but at Arbuthnott Bervie and Kinneff Church we are once again co-ordinating our local **Shoebbox Appeal**, which sends shoeboxes filled with simple gifts to children and adults in Eastern Europe and further afield, who would otherwise not receive any presents this Christmas.

We especially request boxes for boys and men this year.

Last year 255 boxes were generously donated. Can we make it even more this year? With your help we're sure we can!

Please collect a leaflet from church or participating local shops. Or have a look at <https://www.blythswood.org/shoebbox> and print one off.

The instructions in the leaflet will help you to prepare and fill your standard-sized shoebox. Wrap it if you'd like to and then stick the completed checklist on the outside of the lid. Finally put a couple of rubber bands around it. Perfect!

If you'd like to give money instead or as well, please use the envelope part of the leaflet. If you are a taxpayer and you tick the GiftAid box it will increase the value of your gift and make even more difference. The envelope can be popped inside the box or just handed to Jill Simpson or put in the offering plate.

The lorry will arrive in Bervie on 6 November so we need your box by 5 Nov. at the latest please. Hand it in at church/church centre/school/French for Children

***For any other information about the appeal,
please contact Jill Simpson 0788 4073893***

or message us through our ABK Facebook page:

Arbuthnott Bervie and Kinneff Church — Thank you for your help!



The Guilds

Bervie Guild—You are invited to come along to Guild meetings in Bervie Church Centre ;

October— Wednesday 9th at 2.00pm “Unique Shawls”
Speaker ; George Smith, Pittenweem

November Wednesday 13th at 2.00pm “Boys’ Brigade—Faith in Young People”- Speaker; Alan Fordyce

Wednesday 27th 10.00am—11.30am; **Guild Coffee Morning**

Gourdon Guild We welcomed Mel & Hazel Griffiths to our opening meeting when we were taken on a fantastic tour of South Africa’s Kruger National Park where they spent a holiday recently. What wonderful close up photo’s of birds and animals in their natural habitat—an educational pleasure!

Our next meeting is at 2.30pm on Tuesday 17th October when Tom Masson and Coral McMullan entertain us to “Music in the Afternoon” All welcome.



A Joyous evening for all!

An Evening of

Christmas Music”

7.00pm Sat. 30th November

Gourdon Mission Hall

Admission free; donations welcome

Teas Coffee and Traditional

Christmas home bakes

in aid of Gourdon Mission
Restoration fund

Ladies Lifeboat Guild

Coffee Morning



Lifeboats

Fundraising in aid of the RNLI

On Saturday 2nd November

10 – 12 noon - Burgh Hall

Alien Lindsay School of Dancing to entertain

Usual stalls and sale of RNLI
souvenirs & Christmas Cards &
Calendars

All Welcome