

**Brighter Bervie**—shines brighter than ever!



The year is well under way now, and despite recent gales, Brighter Bervie's volunteers have been out and about actively preparing the RNLI flag feature and Voyage of Life garden for the welcome approach of spring. How the emerging snowdrops, aconites and crocuses lift our spirits at this time of year.

On Saturday the 18th of January I was fortunate to be in the Voyage of Life garden with my camera at just the right moment to capture a truly awesome sight. The rays from the low winter sun were striking the lantern tiles on the ceramic Lighthouse and being reflected in a dazzling beam of white light as seen in the attached photograph. We placed the lighthouse in the garden to represent the light of the world and God has rewarded us by making it shine with His brightness. I pray that all our lives will glow with God's light throughout 2020 and beyond. As the days lengthen we have plenty to be doing in the community gardens so why not come along and join in the fun - Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

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**February / March 2020**

**WOTS** **it all about?**

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

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### **New hospitality and toilet extension at Arbuthnott Church**

Items for the **April / May 2020** edition of WOTS should be sent to [wots.editors@gmail.com](mailto:wots.editors@gmail.com) or dropped into the church centre letterbox by 5.00pm on **Friday March 20th**.

**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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Dear Friends,

As I write this, it's just a week before Brexit-Day. For some people, this has been a dream for many years; others are fearing what Brexit may mean for livelihoods and future prospects. The Bible has no position on Brexit. But, one thing is abundantly clear throughout the scriptures: our hope is not to be found ultimately in political systems, parties or leaders, but in the one who created the universe, and is sovereign and Lord over every political ideology, every nation and every politician. We can have confidence in him, that he knows the future and that he has our back whatever happens.

*I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust' (Psalm 91:1-2)*

However you voted on, or feel about Brexit, may your confidence be in the rock, the eternal fortress of our God. And, whatever else may be going on in your life: cancer, divorce, debt, addiction, worries, depression, unemployment, fear; can I encourage you to bring your burdens and worries to God? Jesus, in his great sacrifice on the cross, shows us that God does care about us, even willing to die so that we can find eternal life. Nothing is too problematic for God, so why carry it all by yourself? He doesn't promise everything will be "fixed", but he does promise peace, love and hope for your soul.

I pray, whatever the outcome of Brexit, and whatever else you may be going through at the moment, that you'll be grow to increasingly trust and hope in this Almighty God, whose love is never-ending and whose grace is unstoppable.

Join us on Sunday mornings at Arbutnott and Bervie as we join together to meet with this wonderful God, and to know his love and peace in our lives, even in uncertain times. During February and March, we're exploring the life of Jesus and what it means for us today. We'd love to see you sometime soon!

Blessings, Andrew

#### **Would You Like a Visit from the Minister?**

I'm *always* very happy to visit anyone. It doesn't matter whether you're a church member or devout atheist - if there's something you feel I may be able to help with, or pray for, then please feel free to let me know. Part of my role (and privilege) as a minister/pastor is to care for the people God puts before me. But, if you don't let me know about your worries, health issues, concerns or questions then I can't help as effectively. I don't have all the answers—only God does—but if I can help at all, or offer any comfort, then I'll do my best. Don't feel embarrassed about giving me a call, or asking for me to pop round. Alternatively, we're always happy to have people over to the manse if you wish—just turn up.

<b>February</b>	<b>Wed 5th</b>	10.00 /11.30am Church Café. Church Centre
Wed 5th	9.45am	Gourdon Prayer Meeting; 2 Davidson's Buildings
Fri 7th	9.00am	Friday Prayer Group. Church Centre
Mon 10th	1.00pm	Monday WOW group meet at 3 Queen Johanna Drive
Tues 11th	7.30pm	Kirk Session meeting. Church Centre
Wed 12th	10.00 /11.30am	FairTrade Café; Church Centre
Wed 12th	2.00pm	Bervie Guild. "The Dorn Method—massage" Church Centre
Thurs 13th	7.30pm	Thursday WOW group meet at 10 West Park Terrace
Fri 14th	9.00am	Friday Prayer Group. Church Centre
Wed 19th	10.00 / 11.30am	WaterAid Café. Church Centre
Thurs 20th	2.30pm	Gourdon Guild—"Make a Joyful Noise" Mission Hall
Fri 21st	9.00am	Friday Prayer Group. Church Centre
Fri 21st	7.30pm	Meeting of The Faith Mission. Gourdon Mission Hall
Sun 23rd	3.00pm	Monthly Service at Castle Lodge.
Mon 24th	1.00pm	Monday WOW group meet at 3 Queen Johanna Drive
Tues 25th	11.00am	Lent Home Group begins at the Manse
Wed 26th	10.00 /11.30am	FairTrade Café; Church Centre
Thurs 27th	7.30pm	Thursday WOW group meet at 10 West Park Terrace
Fri 28th	9.00am	Friday Prayer Group. Church Centre
Fri 28th	2.30pm	"Sing-a-long" at Castle Lodge
<b>March</b>	<b>Tues 3rd</b>	11.00am Lent Home Group meets at the Manse
Wed 4th	10.00 /11.30am	Church Café. Church Centre
Wed 4th	9.45am	Gourdon Prayer Meeting; 2 Davidson's Buildings
Fri 6th	9.00am	Friday Prayer Group. Church Centre
Fri 6th	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Mearns Coastal Church, St Cyrus
Mon 9th	1.00pm	Monday WOW group meet at 3 Queen Johanna Drive
Tues 10th	11.00am	Lent Home Group meets at the Manse
Wed 11th	10.00 /11.30am	FairTrade Café; Church Centre
Wed 11th	2.00pm	Bervie Guild. "Malawi Fruits" J. Lorimer-Gray Church Centre
Thurs 12th	7.30pm	Thursday WOW group meet at 10 West Park Terrace
Fri 13th	9.00am	Friday Prayer Group. Church Centre
Sat 14th	3.30 / 5.30pm	Messy Church Bervie Church Centre
Sun 15th	3.00pm	Monthly Service at Castle Lodge.
Mon 16th	1.00pm	Monday WOW group meet at 3 Queen Johanna Drive
Tues 17th	11.00am	Lent Home Group meets at the Manse
Wed 17th	10.00 / 11.30am	WaterAid Café. Church Centre
Thurs 19th	2.30pm	Gourdon Guild—"Magical Music on screen" Mission Hall
Fri 20th	9.00am	Friday Prayer Group. Church Centre
Fri 20th	5.00pm	DEADLINE—items for April/May edition of WOTS
Fri 20th	7.30pm	Meeting of The Faith Mission. Gourdon Mission Hall
Mon 23rd	1.00pm	Monday WOW group meet 3 Queen Johanna Drive New Study
Tues 24th	11.00am	Lent Home Group meets at the Manse
Wed 25th	9.45am	Gourdon Prayer Meeting; 2 Davidson's Buildings
Wed 25th	10.00 /11.30am	FairTrade Café; Church Centre
Thurs 26th	7.30pm	Thursday WOW group meet at 10 West Park Terrace
Fri 27th	9.00am	Friday Prayer Group. Church Centre
Tues 31st	11.00am	Lent Home Group meets at the Manse



# Bervie Church Guild - the Future

The close of another very successful year for Bervie Guild is approaching. Excellent speakers have been rewarded with good attendances and fellowship.

After many years of service, the present committee will be standing down to allow fresh blood with new ideas and momentum to take over. There is an urgent need for some women and/or men to step-up to the challenge if Bervie Guild is to continue.

The primary committee roles are Convenor, Secretary, and Treasurer. All these jobs can be split and shared to spread the workload which is not excessive. Existing office bearers will encourage and support newcomers who can bring a fresh perspective to the Bervie Guild.

Please think about and pray for the Guild. If you are interested in finding out more or, to discuss possible involvement, without commitment at this stage, please contact

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In a change to normal practice, the closing Guild meeting this session will be an **afternoon tea and chat on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm in Bervie Church Centre.**

We look forward to welcoming as many as possible for a pleasant afternoon of fun and fellowship and a bright future for Bervie Guild.

**Liz Campbell.**



## FORTHCOMING EVENT

IN AID OF ARBUTHNOTT, BERVIE & KINNEFF CHURCH FUNDS

## FASHION SHOW

PRESENTED BY ENCORE DRESS AGENCY

**In the BURGH HALL, INVERBERVIE**  
**ON FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2020**  
**DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30PM**  
**ALL WELCOME**

FRUIT PUNCH OR WINE WILL BE PROVIDED  
FOR TICKETS £10

Contact BETTY COUPER ON 01561 362933 OR

## Resource Recommendation

Instead of the usual book recommendation, I thought I'd give a few online resources that I find helpful as I follow Jesus, in case you also find them a blessing to you too.

**YouVersion Bible App** – A wonderful free app for your device. A hub for understanding and reading the Bible more, with around 60 English translations (and over 1000 other languages available too), an abundance of Bible reading plans. There's daily Bible verses, audio bibles and more. Pretty much an essential app on your phone/tablet!

**The Gospel Coalition** – A website with aims to educate and encourage Christians. There's a whole range of articles covering virtually everything you might want to explore surrounding faith, following Jesus, and the big questions in life. ([www.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org))

**UCB** – Known for its popular Christian radio station (can be found online, on DAB digital radios & through smart speakers). Listen along and be encouraged in your faith. UCB also do great FREE Bible Study notes via email or print – and versions for teens and children too! Sign up to receive them. ([www.ucb.co.uk](http://www.ucb.co.uk))

# LENT

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

## Lent Home Group

Lent this year begins on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, preceded the day before by Pancake Tuesday (mine's with lemon and sugar!) In this 7-week journey towards the amazing, life-transforming Good News of Easter, Kirsty and I are hosting a small group at the manse. We're going to be looking at parts of the book of Acts, as we explore what God has to say to us today in 2020 through these challenging tales of the early Church.

We'll be meeting weekly from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. We hope you can join us each Tuesday (25<sup>th</sup> Feb – 7<sup>th</sup> April) at 11 am at 5 West Park Place, Inverbervie. But, please let us know in advance if you're planning to be part of this group.

# Kingdom Kidz and Totzone Creche

You are invited to join us for...



Every Sunday during school term time,

Bervie Church Centre 11.15 till 12.45

*Due to school holidays there will be no sessions Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.*

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 who wish 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 01561 362749 e-mail : [kingdomkidz@bervie.net](mailto:kingdomkidz@bervie.net)

## Compassion and OUR new hero!

The World Mission Team recently made a gift to Compassion of £348, the estimated cost of a medical consultation with a Paediatric surgeon, and treatment for Alan, the younger brother of Kingdom Kidz sponsored child, Mark Antoni, in Bolivia. This was to improve his walking and give 3 months treatment for chronic malnutrition. Alan's recovery has progressed well; medical treatment is being very effective. Please pray for his ongoing recovery.

Alan says that during the treatment it does not hurt much when he is walking. He can already use his shoes better. Soon he is going to have special shoes the doctor recommended to help with his recovery and not cause discomfort while walking.

The project is also buying nutritious food since the doctor said that Alan needs to consume foods such as milk, yogurt, cereals, fruits and vegetables.

Currently Alan has already started to walk, run and play with his brother Mark. Mark mentions he is very pleased to see that Alan is improving and, thanks to you for your support, he can see his brother happy. Jill Simpson

## Observations from the Orkney islands



It's almost a year since last I wrote in WOTS, just before Andrew came to be your minister; what a lot of water has gone under the bridge you could say, but since I am now locuming in Orkney for a few months I'll say 'what a lot of gales have blown over these islands since then!' Orkney is a brilliant experience so far after 52 days, and it would be impossible to put all my adventures here into a 'peedie' – Orcadian for small – article. SO, I shall give you some sweeping statements and you can send me questions if you want to know more. Orcadians are SO friendly and welcoming, always willing to help, direct, comment on/to their locum minister and say what they think! I wanted to introduce a 'peedie' (single A5) order of service with information for everyone each week, but after just two weeks and many 'what do we need this for?' remarks, we don't have one!! Sunday worship is great, power point is excellent, musicians are elderly and that's being kind, and 50% are with it and competent while 50% often forget to come, so the first 50% step in!! Seriously, we are looking at lots of options and there are potentially many amazing musicians around. We are organising one of those delightful variety concerts in February, like those we put together in ABK, and the programme can't include all who are willing to play – we'll have another later on! The Milestone Community church building here in Dounby is the best premises I have ever experienced for worship. The congregation is a union of three rural parishes in the NW of Orkney. Birsay, Harray and Sanday joined together a few years ago to make the Milestone Church and, altho' it took a 'peedie' while to adjust, they all now love it. The super modern, cosy, light filled, building is used constantly during the week, by other groups. The island is all Fairtrade and Kirkwall and Stromness have every shop and facility you could possibly need. There's the brand new Balfour hospital in Kirkwall and anything very serious is flown over to Aberdeen. My broken tooth the other day was superbly fixed in a state of the art dental surgery. Coffee shops galore, altho' many don't open until Easter when I gather the visitors start to appear in their thousands. From the manse I look out over Harray loch to the hills of Hoy beyond and every day brings wonderful views and skies and adventures as I explore the walks in my 'peedie' book of Orkney places to go. I've been soaked, nearly blown over cliffs, almost lost because some sign posts only have information on one side and delighted by some of the concerts I've attended. I go to the Baptist church in Kirkwall on a Sunday evening and attend a mid week inter church prayer group which is SO inspiring. God is truly at work here! Funerals are always burials because the nearest crematorium is in Inverness and I have not been in the same cemetery twice yet – and still another new one tomorrow! Loads of ferries to bring you here and nowhere in the islands is far; I've only refuelled my car three times since the end of November. And now I have used up all my space; thanks for your love and support during our time in ABK – Drew and I loved you all. If you feel like visiting I have three spare bedrooms!! All welcome!

Linda B

PS please continue to pray for David, the Milestone minister, who is off sick long term.



## Arbuthnott Church Extension



We are pleased to report that work on the provision of a toilet and hospitality area at Arbuthnott Church is progressing well. No completion date has been announced for the first 'flush' which we are sure will be very welcome! Our sincere thanks to Hugh Black and his team for their diligence.

### Bervie Holiday Club 2020

dates this summer are Tues August 11th to Fri Aug 14th. Venue is Bervie Sports Centre. So it's another 4 day summer holiday club for anyone in P1-S1 in the 2020/2021 academic year. More details later!



at Bervie

The next Messy Church will be on **Saturday 14th March :3.30 til 5.30**

There will be lots of fun, lots of games, lots of stories and plenty of good food! Let's get Messy!

### Totzone Baby and Toddlers Group

Tuesdays from 9.45 / 11.15am  
in Bervie Church Centre

On the following dates ;—  
February 4th; 11th; 25th

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 28th  
For info please contact Natasha  
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[keelygriffiths1994@gmail.com](mailto:keelygriffiths1994@gmail.com)

## The ever popular Bervie Soup and Bread Lunch

Saturday 22nd February - £5  
11.30 / 1.30 Church Centre



Join us for an excellent choice of delicious soups, tea, coffee and home baking. All welcome.

Donations of home made soup or baking will be gratefully received.

Phone Kay 362451 or Phyllis 361905



### 'MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!'

This is the title of the next **Gourdon Guild meeting** to be held on **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in the Mission Hall.**

It will be an afternoon of music and will be led by the Bervie Church Choir. Favourite hymns and songs will be chosen by the choir and members of the Guild. Some of the singing will be sung by the members of the choir only, but it will be 'chiefly yourselves!' You don't have to be a member of the Guild to come so we would LOVE to see you if you enjoy singing or simply want to come and listen. It will be an afternoon of praise to our amazing God and, I can assure you, it will truly lift your spirits.

*Margaret Wells*



### **Bervie Guild - "The DORN Method"**

Please join us in the Church Centre for a very interesting and informative talk on the Dorn Method of back pain relief.

Wed 12th February at 2.00pm All welcome.

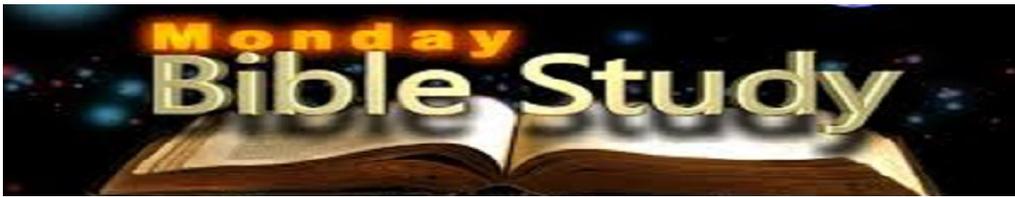
**"Malawi Fruits - Growing the Future"** Speaker J. Lorimer- Gray

'Our aim is to lift hundreds of small-scale farmers out of poverty.'

Bervie Church Centre 2.00pm on Wednesday 11th March

The Guild is open to all ladies and gents in the community. Come along!

The Faith Mission - warmly welcomes the local community to meetings in Gourdon Mission Hall on Friday 21st February and 20th March at 7.30pm. Open to ALL.



At the **Monday** group of 'Women of the Way' we are going to be looking at the book of Ruth from the Bible for 4 sessions. This beautiful story has just 4 chapters and is a delight to read and study. If you are new to Bible study and would like a 'taster' to see what it's like why not come along. We meet at the home of Margaret Wells on alternate Mondays **from 1pm until 2.45pm (approx)**. The format is usually a song, an opening prayer, study and always a cuppa at the end. It is very informal and friendly and we would love to welcome more ladies.

Monday group dates are:- February 10th and 24th; March 9th and 23rd (new study)

For more information about the Monday group, please contact **Margaret Wells** on **01561 362289** or mobile:- **07803475722** or email:- [marqueritewells@gmail.com](mailto:marqueritewells@gmail.com)

All ladies are warmly welcome.



If your New Year resolution was to read the Bible more, or learn more about it, you couldn't do better than come along to Women of the Way (WOW) on alternate Thursday nights at **10 West Park Terrace**. We will be starting a new study series on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. but you are welcome to come along for any of the sessions, and see if it's for you. We start around 7.30pm, finishing our study around 9pm, in time for a fly cup before we go home. Interested? **Contact Sandra on 07511497768** -or just turn up and see what you think.

**Women's conference.**

Some of the ladies of ABK church are going along to "Glorious", a Christian women's conference being held on 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Music Hall in Aberdeen. Tickets are £22.50. The conference lasts all day from 11am and through the evening, over 3 sessions, with breaks for lunch and dinner. I went along a couple of years ago, and thought it was a very worthwhile day; apart from the enjoyment of spending time with my friends, there were inspiring testimonies from local women about how God was changing their lives; some great speakers; an all-female band; a book stall; and lots of stalls hosted by various charities and Christian craft businesses. Lots to see and do, and a great chance to focus on our faith and what it means. For more information, visit website <https://gloriousconf.com/>.

If you would like your ticket booked or be added to our existing dinner reservation (Pizza Express) and/or need a lift to the venue, contact Sandra Wright or Margaret Benton.

**Castle Lodge**



Do you enjoy singing? If so, you may like to come along to our 'Sing-along' sessions at Castle Lodge. We sing a variety of songs including war songs, songs from films, Scottish songs and favourite hymns. We are always looking for some more singers to swell the sound. It is an enjoyable afternoon and we have fun, so DO think about it and come along if this appeals to you. We just meet there monthly so here are the dates for February and March:

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February – 2.30pm**

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2.30pm**

More details from:-

**Margaret Wells - 01561 362289**

**Castle Lodge**

**Sunday Service**

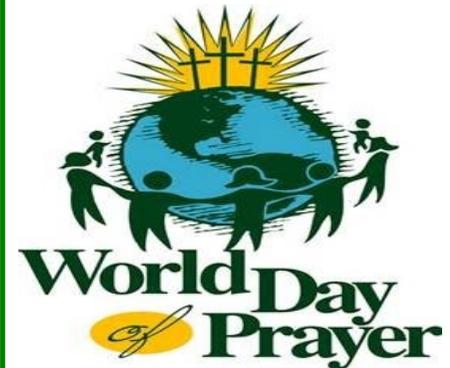
A short service of worship is normally held on the third Sunday of the month for the residents of Castle lodge to which friends and relations are very welcome to attend.

**Join us at 3.00pm on Sunday 23rd February**

**Sunday 15th March**

Arbuthnott, Bervie and Kinneff Church

A warm welcome is extended to



**ALL in the community to the World Day of Prayer**

**Mearns Coastal Church St Cyrus**

**2.00pm**

**Friday 6th March 2020**



**Alternative Christmas card appeal 2020**

**"Buy a Bed"**

**through Bethany Christian Trust**

<https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com>

**This is to say a very big thank you indeed to everyone for your generous support of the appeal.**

**You raised £599.81.**

**Thank you, your World Mission Team.**