



Abernethy
Parish Church



Spring Newsletter

Prayer, progress and partnership

Lorimer Gray, our Session Clerk, updates us on the latest news at Abernethy Parish Church, Nethy Bridge

One of the positive aspects often experienced during a vacancy for a new minister is that people step up to the plate to cover the jobs needing undertaken.

For our church family in Nethy Bridge it's just like that. Each person's contribution is greatly appreciated and the continued progress and developments in the church are real signs of that "pulling together" - a situation often experienced in other walks of life when life becomes slightly tougher and the pressures intensify.

But we couldn't be where we are without much prayer going on behind the scenes. It is that powerhouse of activity which is oiling the wheels and smoothing the ride. The results of people asking for God's help for the church and all its activity is making the difference. There is no doubt the truth of the verse in 1 Samuel chapter 2 fits our situation; **"Those who honour me," said the Lord, "I will honour."**

Our joint Vacancy Nominating Committee with Boat and Carrbridge have started their search for a new minister with wide advertising to find God's chosen person to join us. Although there are many churches around Scotland doing the same thing, our hopes remain high and we're praying and working diligently to fill the gap.

The calendar for the year ahead is looking busy with all the usual activities. The services at 9.30, 11.30 and the occasional 6thirty evening services with a youth emphasis, have all been carefully planned through into the autumn. Our team of preachers and leaders make our times of worship very special and meaningful.

Our local church is moving forward with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. As we project into the next period, we reflect positively on the past, we anticipate much for the future and enjoy all that God is doing in the present. A warm welcome is always extended to everyone. See overleaf for our Easter Services—we wish you a Happy Easter, and look forward to seeing you soon!

*"He is not here,
He has risen!"*
Luke 24: 6

Service Details

9.30 Service

An all-age service every Sunday morning, led by various local & visiting leaders & speakers. Crèche facilities plus **Rock Solid** club for children. Followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

11:30 Service

A more traditional worship service on Sundays; ideal for those who prefer a more reflective style of worship.

6thirty Evening Service

A contemporary and relaxed evening service with a strong youth emphasis. The 6thirty is held on selected Sunday evenings during the year. Next one: **9th June 2019**

Visitors are always welcome at all services

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CHURCH STATISTICS



2 baptisms/dedications



9 funerals



159

Members and Adherents

115

Average weekly attendees

238

Largest Sunday Attendance in 2018

45

Young people regularly attending youth clubs

60+

People helping & serving
to make it all happen



£67,925

Annual church Income last year

£4,600

Raised at Church Charity Shop for 5 charities

£3,339

Raised for 19 charities—monthly appeals

14

Guests on Alpha Course with 7 helpers

Easter Service Times 2019

Sunday 14 April 2019 | Palm Sunday

9.30am Service & 11.30am Service
 Sunday worship services as normal
 at Abernethy Parish Church

Friday 19 April 2019 | Good Friday

Joint ABCK Service at 7.30pm
 Reflective Communion Service

Sunday 21 April 2019 | Easter Sunday

Morning Loch-side Service at 8.00am
 Joint ABCK Open Air Service
 at Loch Garten (via Loch Mallachie Carpark)

Joint Special Easter Service at 10.30am
 All Age Service (**no 9.30 or 11.30 services**)
 at Abernethy Parish Church

CHARITY SHOP 25th Anniversary

Celebrated in Style

The 2019 Annual Charity Shop was opened by Aileen and Jim MacEwan to commemorate the long-term success of this church & community venture. Starting in 1994 under the Fair Shares Group, the Charity Shop has **raised over £50,000 for over 100 charities in this time**. 2019 was as successful as ever, raising over £4,600 for 5 charities (Shelter Box, Cairngorm Mountain Rescue, CrossReach, Chip + and Vine Trust), but more importantly built strong friendships across the village and beyond. Even Iolo Williams from BBC Winterwatch could not resist our meringues! The Kirk Session would like to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers, those who donated and bought and blethered! See you next year...



Some of the Charity Shop Team, with Iolo Williams

£4,600 raised this year
Over £50,000 raised since 1994

Dates for your Diary



5th May | From 12.30pm
Spring Gathering - church stall on field, including
Out of the Box puppet theatre for kids

9th June | 6.30pm
6thirty Service | Venue TBC
Relaxed & informal service geared for young people

22nd June | Time TBC
Church Picnic
Keep an eye on www.abck-churches.org.uk for more info

18th August | From 1.00pm
BBQ Lunch
Join us for a BBQ lunch for all the family in the church grounds

Afternoon Teas

Afternoon teas will be served in the Church Hall on the following Mondays:

**13th May, 10th June, 8th July,
 5th August & 9th September**

There will be no Monday lunches during this period.

We hope to see you there for hot drinks, cakes and a catch-up, between 2.30 and 4.00pm in the Church Hall.

Everyone welcome!

