

Summer Newsletter



**Abernethy
Parish Church**

**OUR AIM IS TO BE A LIVELY CHRIST CENTRED
CHURCH, WORSHIPPING AND SERVING,
GROWING IN FAITH AND OPEN TO ALL.**



Service Details

9.30 Service

An all-age and contemporary service every Sunday morning, led by various local & visiting leaders & speakers. Crèche facilities plus **Rock Solid** club for children during term time. 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.

The 6thirty

A contemporary evening event held every couple of months—aimed at young people but open to all!

Do join us in worship

Vacancy Update

Gordon Brown, Chair of the Nominating Committee gives an update as our search for a new minister continues.

We have been without a minister for only 8 months since the retirement of Donald Walker in the autumn of last year, and since the beginning of March the Nominating Committee has been in place to identify our new minister. This is not a simple recruitment process but a spiritual exercise to determine God's choice for us.

A spiritual exercise like this requires prayer, discernment and wisdom. Prayer is not the sole responsibility of the Nominating Committee and, while we spend time in prayer every time we meet, it has been so encouraging to see our linked churches come together to pray at the recent half day of prayer held in Carrbridge.

At that event, we focused on 6 themes;

1. Our new Minister (that God would reveal His person as our new minister)
2. Our communities (that our churches would have a major impact)
3. Young people of our communities (that our churches would be relevant to them)
4. The spiritual revival/renewal of our 3 villages
5. The social welfare of our communities (that our churches would be a practical support)
6. The spiritual growth and development of our church attendees.

There are so many examples of answers to prayer in the Bible and indeed there are so many answers to prayer today. Prayer works, because of our faith in God.

So, please continue to pray around these 6 themes, and look forward to seeing God in action.

In our last newsletter there were some statistics that portrayed the life of our church in Nethy Bridge which were so encouraging. Where can you find a rural church in Scotland where the average attendance on a Sunday is around 130?

God's heart is beating strongly in Abernethy Parish Church, lives are being changed, people's faith is strengthening, and folks are discovering that the words of Jesus are true - "I am the way, the truth, and the life".

So, if you have never managed to come to church, or have drifted away, come along and find out that God can, and does, make a difference in your life. We hope to meet you soon.

Our aim is to be a lively Christ-centered Church, worshipping and serving, growing in faith and open to all, and you are welcome!



Visit our **website** for full information about church life, including:

- » Service times
- » Forthcoming events
- » Listen to 9.30 service sermons
- » Youth work

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Dates for your Diary

Afternoon Teas

Monday 8th July 2.30pm-4.00pm

Monday 5th August 2.30pm-4.00pm

Monday 9th September 2.30pm-4.00pm

Church Hall, Dell Road

Come along for a catch up, tea, coffee and cake

Communion Sunday

Sunday 7th July 9.30 & 11.30am

Abernethy Parish Church, Dell Road

All welcome as we share Communion at both services

Community BBQ Lunch

Sunday 18th August 1.00pm

Church Grounds, Dell Road

As always, all are welcome!

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Sunday 8th September 9.30 & 11.30am

Abernethy Parish Church, Dell Road

All welcome as we share Communion at both services

Joint Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 6th October 10.30am

Abernethy Parish Church, Dell Road

No 9.30 or 11.30 services this Sunday

Updates on our Worship Services

The 9.30

At our early all-age service we have enjoyed a recent series on "Becoming more like Jesus". A wide variety of speakers and leaders have taken part and helped us focus on this key theme. As we approach the summer holidays and autumn term we are looking forward to a short series on 2 Peter and a new theme of 'Integrity - Living the Truth'. Average weekly numbers are being retained with over 110 folk of all ages worshipping together as a church family. The more contemporary style and format are enjoyed by those who attend and many holidaying visitors are welcomed, expressing their pleasure at being able to worship God with us when visiting Nethy Bridge.

The 11.30

Following his last pulpit responsibility at the 11.30 service, Rev Frank Bardgett was thanked for his years of preaching in Abernethy and presented with a gift. Meetings have been held to agree worship materials and protocols, a letter to be sent to preachers has been developed and is now in use, and the themes for the 11.30 service are put in Church Family News. The Digital Hymnal is in regular use, with several people able to set up and operate it. It has been well received by the congregation. The current rota has been amended to incorporate new members on the welcome team and the rota for the third quarter to 29th September is now complete.

The 6thirty

We have had a great season of 6thirty services at various venues around the local area. This service has a youth focus but is for all ages with a relaxed and informal format. It has been great to see a younger team of worship leaders developing their skills. We've looked at topics such as the nearness of God, His faithfulness and the victory of Jesus. The service takes place every two months but is taking a break over summer. You can follow us on Instagram (@the_6_thirty) or keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for information on the next 6thirty service, planned for this autumn.

CHURCH BBQ

Sunday 18th August 2019

1.00pm Church Grounds

Join us for a delicious BBQ lunch

All very welcome!

Adults £5.00, children FREE



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