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Letter from John Orr – Interim Moderator

One of the challenges of 'being church', I think, is how that works out in our everyday lives. It's easy to 'be church' when we are surrounded by like-minded people on a Sunday, or at a church event. It's far more of a challenge when we are in a company of people who have no interest in the church, or may even be antagonistic towards faith. It's easy to be church when we are organising coffee mornings or running family fun days. It's more of a challenge when we are confronted with views that go against our understanding of what it is to welcome the stranger and provide for the vulnerable. In my own churches I tend to use the lectionary and for the last couple of weeks the readings from Ephesians have been particularly apt for the events in our land in recent times. Ephesians 4, into chapter 5, speaks of unity. We have had plenty of current examples of disunity or promoting division and hatred. Those same chapters encourage us to use words which are helpful and encouraging. It's easy to keep silent when faced with offensive opinions. Finding words of inclusion and welcome in the face of discrimination and persecution is the work of the church, as a collective body, Sunday by Sunday, and as individuals, every day. When we are 'being church', collectively and individually, then we are truly building God's kingdom and doing his work. Let's continue to set fine examples of inclusion and welcome, and be bold in speaking out for mercy and justice.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



The group enjoyed reading 'The Nightingale' by Kristin Hannah, telling of two French sisters separated by years and experiences in World War 2. One joined the Resistance, helping hundreds escape over the Pyrenees to Spain, the other taught children she hid in a convent. Both faced brutal treatment by the German occupiers. A good read in this year commemorating the D-day landings and soon in cinemas.

'The Survivors' by Jane Harper - a murder mystery revealing long-buried secrets still felt in the small coastal community on Tasmania. The victim's brother returns there and the story unfolds, with an unexpected twist. All enjoyed this read but questioned why the murder was not solved at the time. The title refers to a statue on a promontory close to caves where people drowned in the incoming tide.

'The Lost Bookshop' by Evie Woods - a fairytale about three people linked by their love of books. One a researcher, one escaping from an abusive husband in Ireland, and another searching for a lost Emily Bronte manuscript. There are love stories here, but the characters are all a bit odd, to say the least. A book we would not recommend!

'The Cruise' by Caroline James - three friends on the cusp of retirement go on a cruise together, one to find a man, another to find herself, and the third to get away after her husband's death. The book takes you to the Caribbean, revealing the three characters' relationships, also with other passengers and staff. Amusing, but not everyone's "cup of tea".

Our next book is 'The Bookseller of Inverness' by S G (Shona) Maclean. After the 1746 Jacobite rebellion, years later anger is still rife due to the defeat at Culloden. A wounded survivor becomes embroiled in the death of a person in his bookshop looking for a specific book about the battle. It was the hidden names in the book he was after!

Linda Spence



The total sum we collected for Christian Aid this year was £872.13 (including £182 from the East & Old Quiz Night, £248 from Inverarity Souper Friday and £441 from the envelopes - A BIG thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. Forfar Churches together collected a grand total of £1,608.11.

Community Team Update - Lately the team have focused on international communities with the visit of our international partners from Dubendorf and Schwerzenbach in Switzerland from 4th to 7th July. Half the group stayed with host families from the congregation and others at the Royal Hotel in Forfar. The theme of their visit was 'Our Church: Our Community', with the visitors keen to find out about Forfar and Inverarity's history and how we live, as well as how we function as a church and parish.



Met at the airport by Susan and Johnny Forbes and Jim Stewart, they were joined in Forfar by hosts Elizabeth, Edith and Alison for a delicious welcome meal at Chapter and Verse. A great opportunity to get to know everyone or be reacquainted with those they'd met before.

On Friday, the Swiss were impressed to hear from Jim Stewart about all the fundraising and income generation our church does. Bob Kidd arranged a full tour of the East & Old church building, explaining its history and key features. Then a tour of Forfar led by Karen Liddle including the street art, up Castle Hill, the Botanists Garden in the Myre, followed by the Meffan Institute for more on Forfar's history and the Witches, with additional information from Shaun Wilson, local historian and researcher. After a lovely lunch from the Wee Bakehouse, we visited Angus Archives, where Heather Munro talked about the church and Eco Garden at Restenneth, cared for by East & Old; then museum curator and tour guide Karen took us round Restenneth Priory, which the Swiss and Scots alike enjoyed.

Everyone met in the evening for fun, food and dancing at a traditional ceilidh. Members of the social committee laid on a Scottish meal of cottage pie followed by cloutie dumpling or bread n' butter pudding, then a local accordionist provided the music, arranged by Linda Spence. It was a fun night, and we were pleased our former minister Barbara Ann and her husband Billy joined us.



On Saturday, 30 Swiss and Scots travelled to Edinburgh for the day. Thankfully, it was warm and mostly dry. Activities centred around 'Our Church' meaning the Church of Scotland and a trip up the Royal Mile pointing out Canongate Kirk, St Giles Cathedral, John Knox House and statue as well as many local landmarks, then free time to soak up the atmosphere. On Sunday, our Swiss friends joined us for morning worship at Inverarity and then again at East & Old, for services led by Susan Forbes and Karen Liddle, with the theme of inclusion, diversity and being one community. We waved goodbye after the service, as most of the Swiss headed off to Iona to a special retreat with the Iona Community, while David Liddle took the rest to Edinburgh Airport. What a super weekend we had with our Swiss friends, sharing fellowship and learning about each other's faith communities. A real example of communities working together. We hope they enjoyed their visit to Scotland as much as we enjoyed having them.

Family Worker Report - Throughout the summer holidays we had a very successful range of activities within and out-with the church. We handed out packed lunches for around 350 people, meaning we helped a total of 126 families this summer.

Week beginning 1st July - On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday we had Art, crafts and games at East and Old and also on Wednesday the Lego Club had an outing to the Broughty Ferry Lifeboat Station Lego Exhibition.

Week beginning 22nd July - on Tuesday an outing to Murton Farm with our Baby Blether and Toddler Time families; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings we had 'Picnic in the Parks' at Forfar Loch and Peter Pan Parks – the youngsters had lots of fun.

Week beginning 29th July - Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings was "Fun with Lego" at East & Old church.

On Wednesday 7th August we had a bus trip for a family outing to Helix Park in Falkirk. The trip was enjoyed by all those who came along.



All groups/sessions have restarted :-

Monday – Baby Blether 9:15 to 11:15am at East & Old church

Tuesday – Visit Inverarity Primary School 9.00am to 12.30pm

Wednesday – Visit Strathmore Primary School 9.00am to 12.00 noon

Lego Club 3:45 to 5:00pm at East & Old church

Friday – Toddler Time 9.15 to 11.15am at East & Old church

Future Events - I am busy planning for the October holidays – details will be on our Facebook page when finalised.

Sheila Whitelaw



A big thank you goes to Angus Council for awarding us £1000 from their Summer 2024 Holiday Food & Fun Scheme. Unfortunately, the Council now only has limited funding so we may

not receive any funding for October, December or next Easter.

As with all these types of grants, they must be for a specific purpose and meet certain spending criteria. The £1000 was given to us to assist with running trips and events for Families in the local Community and to support them during the "cost of living crisis" or "food poverty" (terms used in the application process). They currently require us to support the following key demographics: - single parent families, multi-child families and families supporting children with ASN (additional support needs). As a church, we always aim to reach out to families in both Strathmore and Inverarity Primary schools and also to the wider community via the church Facebook pages. We are also encouraged to promote and support volunteering, and are lucky to have Ailish Louise, who, while seeking employment, volunteers a lot of her time to support the Family Worker running the children's groups and events, and we are also very grateful to all the Church Volunteers who assist with the children's activities and more recently making the sandwiches for the summer activities.



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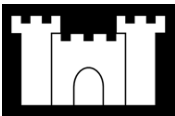
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Tesco Stronger Starts Summer Food – BLUE TOKENS

Well done to Paula Stewart, our Administrator, who has secured us £1500 in funding thanks to rallying support from the community by participating in the Tesco Blue Token initiative.



We will use this funding to support our missional work within the community according to the criteria stipulated by Tesco Stronger Starts Summer Food, for needy families in Forfar East, Old and

Inverarity parish. As we have 12 months to spend it, now that the 2024 summer holidays are over, we will keep it for using in July 2025.

The Community Team will meet to discuss how best to use this money in line with the criteria targets to support families in our local community.

Watch this space!

Inverarity Sunday School - In June we had our prize giving.

The children took part in the service, then enjoyed a picnic and games at the Riding for Disabled (RDA).

We continued to meet over the summer using the Minister's theme of people in the bible.

We held a Fun Day in the hall with games and crafts. The children enjoyed games outside and foraging for wood that they used to make Stick Men. We then read the story.

They planted runner beans, made a butterfly using bubble painting and caterpillars.





The Sunday School will be holding another **Pre-loved is Re-loved event on Sunday, 8th September 2024** in Inverarity Church between 2pm and 4pm. Refreshments will be available in the hall. The money raised will go to support Jeannie, the pony at RDA, Inverarity.

Donations of games, books, toys and clothes are welcome – thank you.

News from our Twinning Partners

Over the summer our twinning partners in Hungary and Switzerland have time off from work and the business of church life. Some updates from them: Mihaly in Hungary says - Church life is quieter as many families go on holiday and some find it too hot to come to church. The church congregational camp was in July, where 50 members, young and old, travelled to the town Malyi by Lake Balaton. They held daily morning worship services, a communion, bible studies and had 3 guest speakers. The afternoons were spent playing football, swimming in the lake, quiz nights and sing-a-longs. Mihaly also tells us that Viki, who visited Forfar in 2023 with the group, is going to lead a church educational programme called 'You'll be my witness' this year.

Following on from our 'Caring for God's Creation' themed visit last September, Zuglo church members have been working towards becoming an Eco-Church in Hungary and will submit their proposal with their goals to the national church in September. This is fantastic news for them, but also for us, to hear of our influence in their green efforts and also helps us towards our goal of becoming a GOLD Eco Congregation! Well done Zuglo church.

We look forward to hearing how the Swiss enjoyed their time on Iona in July. Reverend Catherine took some much-needed time off to spend with family. Firstly, Malaysia where her daughter, son-in-law and

grandchildren live, then to North Carolina, to help care for her elderly parents, celebrate her mother's 90th birthday and see her siblings. She tells me Dubendorf and Schwerzenbach members loved their trip to Scotland and are keen to keep the connection with East, Old and Inverarity Parish going and hope to discuss the way forward with us soon.

The Souper Friday Lunches, held in Inverarity Hall, have been going well and attracted people of all ages and from places, far and wide. There is no charge, just a donation to benefit different causes each time - our July event raised a total of £174.41 for the wonderful charity Parkinson's Scotland and just as we went to press, our August lunch was scheduled, with the funds raised earmarked for Lochside Connections.



[Deirdre Knight Centre - Fundraiser](#)



Deirdre Knight
Centre



In the Summer edition of this magazine, we told you of our fundraising initiative whereby five members of our staff would participate in the 20.5-mile Dundee Kiltwalk. We asked for your support to raise £2500 towards the cost of a new minibus for the centre.

The girls successfully completed the Kiltwalk on 11th August, raising over £4314 - we are truly grateful to everyone that supported us and gave a donation. To top that, we've just heard the fantastic news that we've been awarded £20,000 towards the new minibus from The National Lottery Community Fund!



Grand Autumn Concert

As we go to press, our Grand Autumn Concert will be taking place in our Forfar sanctuary on Friday 30th August with our church elder Ian Stewart's daughter Julie and granddaughter Emily starring on the flute and Lionel Steuart-Fothringham on the piano.



This was Julie's third concert for us, and Lionel has delighted audiences in Inverarity church with recitals on the organ this past year and performances from his pupils at High School of Dundee, where he is Musical Director. We also welcomed the Arbroath Male Voice Choir for the first time, to entertain us in song, led by Adam Baliga and accompanied by Brian Hirst. A highly anticipated and most enjoyable evening of music and melody.

As well as the brilliant performers, we're very grateful to Wilma on the door, the Social Committee for providing the catering at the interval, Rev Malcolm Rooney for the vote of thanks and to WS Thornton Solicitors for their sponsorship donation.



Art Group - Our Group meets on a Thursday afternoon in East & Old Church and many budding artists attend. We will produce a 2024 calendar showcasing our work and hope to hold the annual Art Exhibition in the very near future - the date will be posted on Facebook and the website calendar in due course.

Bible Reading Rota - We are seeking volunteers to put their name forward to do the Bible Reading at East & Old church on a Sunday morning. The rota is kept on the windowsill in the Social Area – please consider putting your name on the list.



Boys Brigade and Girls Association - Our Parents Evening was on 30th May with the Company Section's 'synchronised swimming' the hit of the evening.



The weather was extremely kind on our weekend camp at Craggan Outdoor Centre, where the boys enjoyed geocaching, building a raft and playing in the water.

Anchors thoroughly enjoyed a party with Chloe to end the session, while the rest watched a film. The older boys, Tyler, Alvin and Alistair, joined the 30th Dundee group at their Canvas Camp for a week in July at Inverbervie. We started up again on Thursday 22nd August. Both old and new members, boys AND girls are very welcome to join us.

P1 – P3 6 – 7pm

P4 – P6 6 – 7:30pm

P7 > 7:30 – 9:30pm

Our annual Dedication Service takes place at the morning service at East & Old Church, on Sunday 17th November, when we would be pleased to see parents and friends attend.

We urgently require more helpers/leaders. Great as it is to see the company increase its numbers, there is a limited number of things the leaders can do! If anyone can spare an hour, please contact Betty Lovegrove on 01307 466467, we would be very grateful.



CHURCH MINIBUS

Our Church Minibus is available for hire.
Drivers must have a valid D1 code on their driving licence.
To make a booking, please contact Johnny Forbes on 07718244872





Come along to the Cosy Corner Café at East & Old church every Wednesday for soup and sandwiches, tea and coffee. You'll be given a warm welcome, where you can enjoy a bowl of hearty soup made by our volunteers.

We offer a choice of 2 soups (at least 1 is suitable for vegetarians) and a selection of sandwiches. It's a great time and place to meet up with others for your lunch and have a little chat.

There is no charge, however any donations are always gratefully received. Our volunteer team require additional helpers to join the rota helping every 3 or 4 weeks - if you would be interested in joining them, pop along any Wednesday lunchtime to see what's involved.

Monthly Breakfast Service - The Worship Team lead our **9:30am Breakfast Service, on the 1st Sunday of the month**, until November, in the Social Area at Forfar East & Old Church. You are most welcome to attend this short informal service, open to all, including a light breakfast. This gives you more time to do other activities on a Sunday. Services are led by different members of the Worship Team each month and are in addition to the regular Sunday worship at 9:45am in Inverarity and 11:15am in East & Old.

Qur Music Café is held at East and Old church every **Monday at 2:00pm**. All are welcome from the church and the community. Primarily it is for people with Dementia and their carers, but we have a variety of people who join us. A warm welcome with tea, coffee and tasty bites halfway through our singing.



The Sunday Refreshment rota is kept beside the tea rota in the Social Area and we are struggling to maintain it. Please consider putting your name down – two people each week are required to cover this easy task. Volunteers arrive a bit earlier, leave a bit later and everyone pitches in to help. Thank you to our regulars for helping out every week.

The Property Group has been quietly working away in the background. Most of their work hopefully is unseen just sorting out problems. However, if anyone is aware of something faulty or broken, please let us know – contact details are on the back page of the magazine.

Some time ago, Session approved the sale of the East Manse. The sale was recently approved by Perth Presbytery, then by the General Trustees. It is a grand old building set in its own grounds, with a wonderful view northwards over the town. Unfortunately, it doesn't meet the criteria expected for a minister today, so we really have no option but to put an alternative house in place before being allowed to call our new minister. Ministers are not immune to the cost of living and a good modern home is vital to attract them to our parish.

Discussions are ongoing to find a replacement.

Isn't East & Old church looking good with the fresh paintwork. Doug and Bill really did well repairing windows to let the painter get on with the job.



On another positive note, with Inverarity's future secured to remain open, outstanding painting and window repairs can proceed. Church HQ have also approved a small reorganisation of the pews to create an open space where there are currently displays – well worth having a look at these displays down memory lane.

Forfar & District Men's Shed



The Green Team recently enlisted the help of this local group to repair the wooden planters at East & Old church. They also praised the craftsmanship of Doug Robertson who originally built the planters.

The Big Kirk Shop

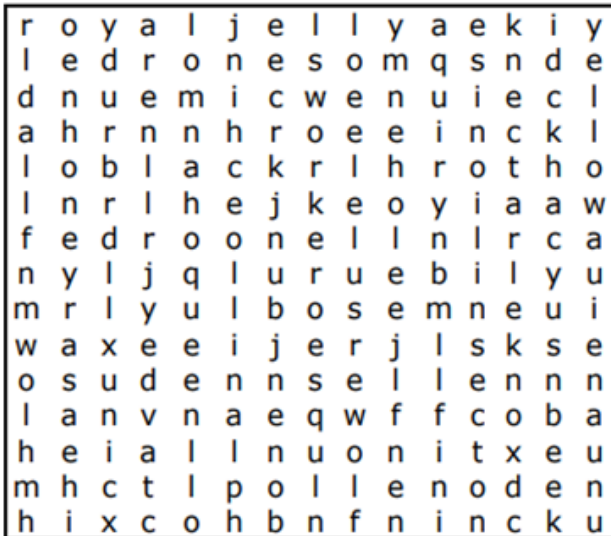
Our charity shop continues to do well and supports our missional work within the community and has been busy the last 3 months with lots of visitors. We could always do with more volunteers to assist, particularly to cover illness and holidays. If you can help, please contact Muriel on 07932 175871. As usual, we also need more donations of clothes, shoes, handbags etc but particularly good quality bric-a-brac, so if you're having a clear out, please remember to donate your goods to us. They will be put to good use! Many thanks for all your donations this year, have a lovely Autumn.

Muriel Fairley and all Shop Staff



Bee Word Search

Something for the children!
The Minister recently told us all about God's creatures' purpose in the world, including the bees.
Have fun finding words about bees!



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| Honey | Hive |
| Queen | Colonies |
| Worker | Drones |
| Pollen | Nectar |
| Flowers | Yellow |
| Black | Insect |
| Wax | Royal jelly |
| Bee | |

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Reducing your Carbon Footprint

I recently spoke about the ethical and spiritual challenges posed by Environmental Sustainability (ES) and Climate Change (CC). After the service, I was asked for a list of things we could do. Here are some suggestions....

Malcolm

Recycle / Where possible, avoid single-use plastic

Gradually turn your heating down to below 20°C

Put lids on pots when cooking / Don't leave taps running

Become knowledgeable about Environmental Sustainability

Read newspapers online / Install solar panels/heat pumps

Reduce Red Meat consumption / Reduce food miles

Shop sustainably / Use LED lights / Avoid food waste

Consider Shopping online / Drive electric or hybrid cars

Ban Standby / Use a green electricity supplier / Avoid Flying

Pick up litter / Avoid air-freighted food

Where feasible use public transport / Recycle Ink cartridges

Buy pot grown Christmas Trees and then wild-plant them

Drive petrol or diesel cars 10mph slower

If you drink wine, buy it in 3-bottle equivalent boxes

Avoid aerosols / Wear an additional layer of clothing

Write to Councillors/MP re Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change

Hold conversations with young people about ES and CC

Buy ethically produced clothing

Be a follower of values, not a follower of fashion

Switch off lights when they are not needed

Looking Ahead

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|  | COFFEE MORNINGS East & Old Church Social Area at 10am |
| | Saturday 7 th September for MACMILLAN CANCER |
| | Saturday 26 th October for LEPROSY MISSION |

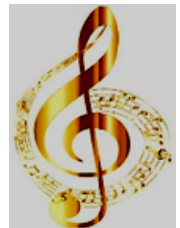


Our regular Folk Nights resume on **Wednesday 18th September starting at 7pm sharp.**

Two church members, Alf Birse and John Young, organise these events and are joined by local musicians to entertain us all. Please come along and join us for what is always a fantastic musical evening.

Future nights are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the months October and November – see website calendar for more details.

Youth Orchestra Concert - Thursday 19th September at 7:30pm in Inverarity Church - We look forward to this concert from the High School of Dundee pupils, with Lionel Fotheringham at the helm. Tickets for this are £10.



Bible Study Group - Our meetings resume on **Friday 20th September** and we would be very pleased to welcome any new members along to join us. We meet for one hour, at 6pm in the East and Old



Church Office. A bible passage is read and we have a relaxed and informal discussion about it.

Future meetings are scheduled for **18th October** and **22nd November** – see the website calendar for dates of our regular meetings.

Qur “Harvest Hooley” in Inverarity is planned for **Friday 18th October**. For ticket information and more details, see the ‘Upcoming Events’ section on the website .



Harvest Thankgiving Services – These services will take place on **Sunday 20th October** at 9:45am in Inverarity Church and 11:15am in East and Old. As usual, we are looking for donations of groceries to distribute to locals who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Please remember to turn your clocks BACK ONE hour on Sunday 27th OCTOBER when British Summer Time ends

Turn Clocks BACK



Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Services will take place at **9:45am** in Inverarity Church and at **11:15am** in East and Old Church, on **Sunday 27th October**.



After each service there will be a retiring offering in aid of the Fabric Fund. We look forward to welcoming you at either of these services.



Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 10th November
9:00am at Kinnettes cenotaph, 9:30am service in Inverarity Church and 10:45am in East and Old Church with a service at The Cross at 12:30pm.

All are welcome to attend these very special services as we remember those who served this country and gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Heritage Talk - Local historian Shaun Wilson MSc FSA Scot will give a talk about Inverarity through the Ages in Inverarity Church on **Sunday, 17th November 2024 at 2:30pm** followed by refreshments in the hall.



Inverarity 'After-School Club' - Plans are still afoot to start an 'After School Club' at Inverarity Hall specifically for Inverarity School pupils. We hope to have more information regarding this in the next edition of Inspire.

East & Old Guild News for Autumn 2024 - I hope you are enjoying the summer although the weather has been very changeable.



The members of the Guild met on Wednesday 26th June for our summer outing, and it turned out a lovely dry day, we had lunch at 'The Red House' at Coupar Angus followed by a trip up to Glen Isla and the Peel Farm shop and café.

A big thank you to the drivers who took our members on the trip and a special thank you to Alison and David Liddle, who although not members, kindly drove some of the ladies.

The committee also met with the Inverarity committee, to discuss how we come together as one Guild, working for the benefit of all our members at East Old & Inverarity.

We're still having our get-togethers on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and the last one was on 21st August. For 'Guild Week,' the Guild will take the morning service at East and Old on Sunday 15th September.

We start our **new session on Wednesday 2nd October**, where we will be entertained by Kenny Orrock, and members will be able to see the new syllabus with the theme this session being 'Sure Foundations', using this concept to build our Christian faith. On 16th of the month, Ian Stewart will be talking to us about bowling, and on Saturday 19th there will be a 'Mini Gathering' in St Andrews Church Arbroath, where members from all over the area will join together. If you wish to go to this, please let one of the committee know. Into November and at the time of writing this review, Wednesdays 6th and 27th are still to be confirmed.

I wish you all joy and hope to see you in the new session.

Marion Duncan

Inverarity Guild - Our first meeting of the new session will be at Inverarity Church/Community Hall on **Wednesday, 9th October at 7pm** with the topic and speaker still to be decided. We look forward to welcoming you.

June Richardson

East & Old Church ~ Ministry of Flowers

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| 1 | SEP | Sheena Ewart | 20 | OCT | Karen Murray |
| 8 | “ | Karen Kelly | 27 | “ | Isobel Farquharson |
| 15 | “ | Jean Alexander | 3 | NOV | J Gair & C J Milne |
| 22 | “ | Sheena Benvie | 10 | “ | Irene Duthie |
| 29 | “ | AVAILABLE | 17 | “ | Mr/s J Heron |
| 6 | OCT | Margaret Myles | 24 | “ | Marion Birse |
| 13 | “ | Liz Nicoll | 1 | DEC | Lorraine Dick |

Please pass your donations prior to your chosen Sunday to Catriona Milne, Irene Duthie or pop it in an envelope and hand it in to Jennifer at PRIMA Gift Shop which is located next to the church gates.

Thank you

EAST & OLD CHOIR

The Choir continued through the spring, helping the congregation with the hymns and singing an anthem of their own each Sunday. We decided on a break for July and the first half of August. This allowed us to go on holiday or sit with family in the congregation. It was good to hear that we were missed leading the praise.

Having resumed our regular rehearsals on Thursday 15th August, we began our Anthems again the following Sunday. We still need more singers, especially men to help strengthen the sound.

“At a Glance” Diary Dates

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| Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer at East & Old Church | Saturday 7 September 10am |
| Pre-loved is Re-loved Inverarity Church | Sunday 8 September 2 - 4 pm |
| Sunday Morning Service led by East & Old Guild | Sunday 15 September 11:15am |
| Youth Orchestra Concert at Inverarity Church | Thursday 19 September 7:30pm |
| Harvest Thanksgiving Service at both churches | Sunday 20 October Inverarity - 9:45 East & Old - 11:15 |
| Coffee Morning for Leprosy Mission at East & Old Church | Saturday 26 October – 10am |
| Sacrament of Holy Communion at both churches | Sunday 26 October Inverarity - 9:45 East & Old - 11:15 |
| Remembrance Sunday at both churches | Sunday 10 November (see page 23 for full details) |
| East, Old & Inverarity Visit to Budapest | Thu 10 to Tue 15 October |
| “HARVEST HOOLEY” at Inverarity Hall | Friday 18 October |
| Boys Brigade & Girls Association Dedication Service | Sunday 17 November 11:15am |
| Heritage Talk at Inverarity Church | Sunday 17 November 2:30pm |

*For further details of the above events, please see ‘Upcoming Events’
on our website at <https://www.thebigkirk.co.uk/>
or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/thebigkirk>*

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER



DEATHS

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|-----------------------|----|-----------|---------------|
| Jessie Gall | 24 | May 2024 | (district 34) |
| James Wallace | 27 | “ “ | (district 21) |
| Marion McKenzie | 5 | June 2024 | (district 29) |
| Catherine Jean McEwen | 12 | “ “ | (district 21) |
| Elizabeth Sturrock | 28 | “ “ | (district 11) |
| Jean Whitton | 3 | July 2024 | (district 4) |
| Marion Fenwick | 29 | “ “ | (district 19) |

~ **NEXT ISSUE OF INSPIRE** ~

The absolute deadline for submission of articles for the **WINTER 2024** issue is **FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2024**
Material can be given / sent to the Editor or e-mail eoieditor@yahoo.com

East Old & Inverarity Parish Website

Did you know our website has lots of interesting information about our groups and organisations as well as:

- ⚙️ A comprehensive “Graphical Calendar” with details of all regular and ad-hoc events
- ⚙️ “Upcoming Events” section with ‘at-a-glance’ current events

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