

## ECO NEWSLETTER

### Retirement of the Reverend Barbara Ann Sweetin

The retirement of the Reverend Barbara Ann Sweetin who has been actively involved in encouraging ecological practices and fostering community involvement at the East, Old and Inverarity Church after thirteen years is a significant event.

During Barbara Ann's time as our leader she has overseen the transformation of our church buildings, the transition of a new Kirk Session format, the creation of our Eco-friendly Green Group and helped us to obtain both a bronze and silver Eco Award.

As a congregation, Barbara Ann has also helped us to strengthen our ties with the wider community through a number of programmes such as:

- ◇ The creation of various groups including the youth group, mother and toddler group, art group, Baby Blether, Music Café and much more.
- ◇ The cooking programme at Strathmore School and the café they run at the church.
- ◇ The activities provided for children and families all year every year.

As a congregation we have also helped the environment in a number of ways:

- ◇ We honoured those who not only fought on the front lines of the Covid Crisis but also those we lost by helping us to create a memorial woodland at Padanaram.
- ◇ Created a Kids Kitchen Garden so that the children at Chimes Playgroup can grow their own vegetables and fruit.
- ◇ Use our church building as a Heat Hub in the winter for all members of our community.

Barbara-Ann leaves behind a legacy of environmental consciousness and a strong connection between the church and the community.

From everyone at the church we wish Barbara Ann and Billy a happy fun filled future.



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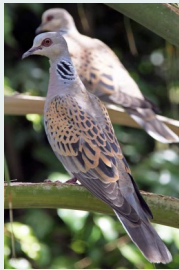
## CHRISTMAS CRACKER COFFEE MORNING

This year the Green Team have made a number of items for the Christmas Cracker Coffee Morning on 16th December in the church.



From crocheted fruit and vegetable creatures to handmade Christmas ornaments.

*“Merry Christmas Everyone”*



### ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS

1. On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me a partridge in a potted Christmas Tree.
2. On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me two turtle doves making their nests out of the pine needles that fell from the real Christmas potted tree.
3. On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me three French hens who were raised free range.
4. On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me four calling birds tweeting the news about having an Eco Christmas.
5. On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me five gold rings made from recycled material.
6. On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me six geese a laying organic eggs.



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7. On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me seven swans a swimming in a cleaned up stream with no waste or rubbish in it.
8. On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me eight maids a milking cows on an organic farm.
9. On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me nine ladies dancing to their own eco tune.
10. On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me ten pipers piping in a place where we had created a woodland to enhance our air quality.
11. On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me eleven lords a leaping in buildings using sustainable and environmentally friendly building methods.
12. On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me twelve drummers drumming a tune and song about the need to be more green in order to stop climate change.

*A very great welcome to the Eco Newsletter to our fellow parishioners at Inverarity Church.*

*A round up of the Eco related events and news from Inverarity includes:*

*Organ Recital—Inverarity church held a fantastic evening of music played by Lionel Fotheringham.*

*Thursday 21st September also saw the Youth Orchestra concert at the church. Everyone had a fantastic night.*

*Pre-loved is Re-loved event at the church on 3 September in the hall. A great day with people browsing, buying And making merry too—only with tea and coffee though. All money raised was donated to Riding for the Disabled in Angus.*

*The next Pre-loved is Re-loved was held on 19th November and all money raised was given to the Brechin Flood Fund.*

*Saturday 9th December—Community Christmas Cracker children's Party in Inverarity church Hall—1.30pm—4.00pm.*

*A Sunday Nativity Service at Inverarity church will be held on Sunday 24th December at 6.00pm. Everybody is welcome to come along and take part in this service which will be led by Reverend Carleen Robertson.*

## EAST, OLD AND INVER- ARITY CHURCH

A great thank you to everyone from the church who have lent their time to make all of our year long programme of events possible. Without these people we would not be able to host events or groups in our buildings at all.

If anybody would like to volunteer to help host an event, help with the catering or simply be an extra body to help with the many groups who attend the churches please let yourself be known to the family worker Sheila Whitelaw on 07735938528 or email eoifamily@yahoo.com

## MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Merry  
Christmas  
to Everyone  
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