

DORNOCH PARISH NEWS

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The **Social Committee** have arranged to show **"Pride and Prejudice"** at 7.30pm in the West Church Hall on Friday 11th June.
Admission £3.00 including refreshments.
All welcome.



Please note that there is a **Flower List** at the south door of the Cathedral. If you are willing to donate flowers or make a donation to the **Flower Fund**, please get in touch with Linda Thomas or phone Margaret Bruce on 810217.

The next meeting of the **Young Woman's Group** will be on Monday 7th June at 7.30pm, in Rhona Begg's home. We are looking forward to sharing time and thoughts with John McMurray our Community Outreach Worker. Further details from Caroline or Mhairi.

The celebration of the sacrament of Communion will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 20th June at 11.00 a.m. and will be conducted by the Rev. Susan Brown. All who love the Lord are invited to His table.



From The Manse



We live in a beautiful part of the world with all sorts of amazing wildlife around us. From plants to birds to animals, woodlands, seas and mountains we can't fail to be impressed by God's creativity. The skies too are stunning both by day and by night – and the sounds as well as the sights are enough to take our breath away.

For me, there's only one fly in the ointment.

I love birds and their songs. There is nothing nicer than waking up to the sound of the song thrush or blackbird – even the 'coo' of the pigeons is strangely calming. Where the Manse is however, all these other birds are in danger of being drowned out by the caw of the crows and there are so many of them nesting in the trees around the Burghfield that walking down to the town you almost need an umbrella for protection. Beautiful birdsong... and then the deep throated, guttural, caw of the crows. Hearing them makes you wonder if God ran out of sounds and colour by the time he got to creating them!

In case you can't tell, I'm not their biggest fan!

But then maybe their existence says something really quite important about God. Crows could be there to remind us that God is so generous in his being that he's willing to make room even for the most unattractive sounding and looking.

I quite like that.

God is not into 'image' or 'looks'. He doesn't pay attention only to those who sound good. In his book, every living thing is special enough to warrant his, her or its own special place in this world.

Perhaps if each of us lived our lives truly believing that then there would be an awful lot more respect around for this world of ours and everything and everyone in it – which is surely what God intended.

At every stage of the creation story as it is told in the Bible, God stepped back and looked at his handiwork and said, 'and it was good'. No exceptions. Even when he looks at us that is what he says. And presumably even crows he thinks are good.

So it looks like I'll have to learn to love them.

That still leaves midges though....

Have a great summer. Enjoy all around you – people, sights, sounds, smells! And see if you can see God's hand in them all.

Please note that each Sunday's sermon is now available on the website www.dornoch-cathedral.com and navigate to bottom of worship page.

Cathedral Register



Baptisms Ryan Leni, infant son of Nicola and Andrew Morrison
 Kevin George David, infant son of Jill and Kevin Richardson
 Rosie Ann, infant daughter of Scott and Laura Morrison
 Lenny Connelly Fraser, infant son of Kevin and Karen.

Weddings Paul O'Neil and Chris Brown
 Peter Collins and Heather Smith
 Graham Paton and Haley Loratt
 Trevelyan Courtney-Wildman and Sandrine Kan



Funerals John Madden, Acheron, Spinningdale

Sympathy

READERS FOR JUNE

6th Ronnie Bruce
 13th Sheila Duncan
 20th John Gunn
 27th Margaret Macrae



READERS FOR JULY

4th Shiona Stuart
 11th Robert Mills
 18th Roger Thompson
 25th Liz Manson

READERS FOR AUGUST

1st Alison Burnett
 8th Gwen Melville
 15th Fergus Robertson
 22nd Evelyn Calder
 29th. Andrew Mackenzie

ROTA OF ELDERS AND DEACONS FOR DOOR DUTY AND COLLECTION

JUNE

JF. Robertson J. Muir Mrs. L. Manson Mrs. G. Muir W A Macdonald

JULY

D. Goskirk Mrs. T. Geddes Mrs. L. Broadhead Mrs. KIM McCarthy T. Fraser

AUGUST

J. Gunn W. Murray Mrs. S. Duncan Mrs. S. Clubb WDM Mackay

FORTHCOMING EVENTS in the CATHEDRAL

Tuesday 1st June at 8pm

Coronach and Musick Fyne Annual Concert

Saturday, 26th June at 7.30 pm

Highly acclaimed Chamber Choir
"CHANSONS" from Perth.

Saturday, 18th September at 7.30pm

An Edinburgh Duo comprising Feargus Hetherington (violin) and Will Pickvance (piano) will give a recital in the Cathedral.

Friday, 15th October

As part of the Women's History Scotland Conference being hosted by the UHI Centre For History in Dornoch, a free public lecture will be given in the Cathedral when the main speaker will be Dr. Stana Nenadic of Edinburgh University, who will speak on Highland Gentlewomen.

Saturday, 6th November at 7.30pm

Return visit of the Internationally renowned Russian Vocal Ensemble "Resurrection" who on their last performance in November 2009 met with a rapturous response from a well-nigh Packed Cathedral.

National Samaritan Walk

Kim and Susan are once again participating in the National Samaritan Walk on June 12th. All money raised will go to your local branch of Samaritans, who support the despairing and the suicidal.

If you would like to sponsor them, please get in touch with either Kim or Susan (810805 / 07732355170)

Duty Roster for Eventide Homes

Oversteps

20th June - Rev Susan
18th July - Margaret Macrae
15th August - Peter MacLeod

Meadows

20th June - Helen Fairgrieve
18th July - Gwen Melville
15th August - Peter MacLeod



Hymn 365

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said,
'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river!'

With even greater emphasis he said,
'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river!'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air,, he said,
And if I had all the whisky in the world I'd take it and pour it into the river!'

Sermon complete, he sat down....

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song. Let us sing hymn 365
' SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER!'

Laughter really is the best medicine!

DORNOCH SWRI – May report

We commenced our last meeting of the season with our President, Helen Fairgrieve, welcoming 25 members and our two tellers, Joan Whittingham and Margaret McHardy, to our Annual Business Meeting at West Church Hall on 18 May 2010.

Helen introduced our speaker, Meg Shanks, who gave us a very interesting talk on the history of Acupuncture. The clinical diagnosis and treatment in Traditional Chinese Medicine is mainly based on the yin-yang and takes six years to learn. Western acupuncture is very different from the Chinese method and is often used in conjunction with massage, ultra sound, posture and exercise. Meg asked the members to stick their tongues out at each other which caused plenty of laughter. This was done to explain that the tongue can be used to diagnose a patient's health. She also showed us the various sizes of needles which are used. Meg runs her own clinic in Golspie as well as being part of the Physiotherapy Department in Golspie.

We had a Grand Hamper Raffle and the baskets were beautifully presented by Moira Rennie. We wish Marie Blair well with her shortbread entry representing Sutherland at the National Finals in Troon.

There were no competitions this month but the trophies were presented for the year's competitions. The Stewart Fitzroy Rosebowl was won by Barbara Beckett, 2nd – Margaret Spence and 3rd – Joyce Macdonald.

The Agnes Livingstone Memorial Award was won by Catriona Wood and 2nd -Margaret Bruce.

Our thanks go to the ladies who provided a most enjoyable tea – Linda Thomas, Barbara Beckett, Phyllis Thompson and Kate Robinson.

Our President thanked the tellers for counting the votes, and her Committee who all worked hard and provided us with interesting subjects for our meetings this year. We wish all our members a healthy and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

DORNOCH CINEMA

JUNE

Thursday 24th **Avatar** cert.12

Saturday 26th **Coraline** cert PG

Adults £4.00 Children £2.00 Family £10.00 (2 adults 3 children)

Annual membership £36.00 (12 films for the price of 8)

KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese:
'Our Father, Who does art in heaven,
Harold is His name.
Amen'

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A little boy was overheard praying:  
'Lord if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it...  
I'm having a real good time like I am.'

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After the christening of his baby sister in church,
Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.
His father asked him three times what was wrong.
Finally, the boy replied,
'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian
home,
And I wanted to stay with you guys.'

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One particular four -year-old prayed,  
'And forgive us our trash baskets  
As we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'

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LIFE AND WORK

JUNE ISSUE

The Conference That Changed the World

Professor Brian Stanley reflects on the impact of the World Missionary Conference in 1910; and looks ahead to the centenary event being held in Edinburgh from June 2-6.

General Assembly 2010

Further reports to the Assembly

Feeding Minds

Jackie Macadam meets Kenyan charity worker Judy Ndibo, a qualified lawyer who works in the slums of Nairobi.

A Reformed Union

The world's two biggest alliances of Reformed Churches join forces this month. Jackie Macadam previews the event.

A Financial Revolution

Graham Blount reports on the savings bank movement inspired by a 19th century Church of Scotland minister.

Simple Church

This month's growing church is Stockethill, a new charge development in Aberdeen.

Sermons Summary

Dr Robert E Stewart considers the potential benefits of feedback for ministers.

Fair City Faith

John R Hume visits St John's Church, Perth

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