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Wishing our readers, and the World (5 letters)
throughout the New Year.

Cut out and re-arrange the pieces to get the rest of the message!





LIFE AND WORK

JANUARY 2019 EDITION

Celebrating 150 Years of Social Care

Lynne McNeil looks back at the proud history of social care in the Church of Scotland.

Jackie Macadam looks at some of the innovative work carried out today by the Church of Scotland's Social Care Council, CrossReach.

'True Enrichment in Life'

Jackie Macadam interviews Susan MacKenzie, a lifelong volunteer for the Girls' Brigade

'It's Even More Amazing Than I Thought'

Thomas Baldwin meets Amanda Mukwashi, the new chief executive of Christian Aid.

Remembering the Iolaire

How the Isle of Lewis will mark the sinking of the Iolaire, 100 years on. Plus, a prayer by the Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Lest We Forget

A gallery of images from across Scotland as churches marked the centenary of the end of World War One

Burns Day

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers looks at the Bard's relationship with the Church.

The Very Rev Dr Finlay Macdonald offers prayers based on Burns' poems.

Plus news, reviews, letters, registers and crosswords

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ROTAS For DOORS & EVACUATION DUTY JANUARY 2019

Door Duty: T.Geddes, E.Sim, W Thomson, K.McCarthy, R. Begg

Evacuation Duty: K.Gordon, G.Muir, R.Begg

Duty Rota for both Oversteps and Meadows

Oversteps:

Leader: Trish Geddes Pianist Tony Rundle

Meadows:

Leader: Trish Geddes Pianist Tony Rundle

NEXT DEACONS COURT (WCH)

6th Feb 2019. 7.00pm

Cathedral Register

Weddings

1st December 2018. Jordan Hagan to Ashley Handley

DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF PARISH MAGAZINES

February Issue:	January 20th
March Issue:	February 17th
April Issue:	March 17th
May Issue:	April 14th (Easter is 21st)

Parish Calendar - Cathedral Life isn't just about Sundays.....

There are lots of things going on in the Parish every week. Get involved, volunteer, join in!
[WCH = The West Church Hall]

<u>Sundays</u>	Sunday worship in the Cathedral, 11:00am, all welcome Sunday Prayer Group , Upstairs room in WCH 9:45 -10:40am, all welcome Monthly services , 3 rd Sunday of the month, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversteps at 2:30pm• The Meadows Nursing Home at 3:15pm, anyone welcome to join the residents in worship
<u>Mondays</u>	NatterNNosh Twice a month, from September to June, 12:30pm in WCH, main room. Open to everyone, come along and enjoy a two course meal for £4.50 [DFG] Inter-church prayer group , last Monday in the month, in various homes, 2.30-4.00pm All welcome to join with friends from other local churches
<u>Tuesdays</u>	NatterNKnit Every week, 10.00am-12:30pm in the upstairs room of the WCH. Open to everyone, bring your crafting and enjoy a blether and a cuppa. £1.50 [DFG] The Guild Twice a month, usually 2.30-4.00pm in the WCH main room but occasional evening meetings. Open to everyone....men too! Anchor Boys/Boys Brigade weekly meetings in school term at 6-7pm for the youngsters and 7-8.30pm for the older boys. In the WCH. [Morag Macaskill: momacaskill@btinternet.com]
<u>Wednesdays</u>	Common Ground , Weekly, 7-9pm in WCH. Activities and occasional outings for adults with learning difficulties [DFG]
<u>Thursdays</u>	Brownies , Weekly meetings in school term 6-7.30pm in the WCH [Kate Matheson: katepip@btinternet.com]
<u>Saturdays</u>	Social events, Cake Sales, Sales of Work, Coffee mornings , usually in the WCH.....keep your eye on the Cathedral notice board and the Order of Service
<u>Restarting soon.....</u>	The Bakery For adults with physical or learning difficulties who meet up to prepare and cook a meal which is then shared with carers, family and friends. In WCH. [DFG]
<u>To come.....</u> And on Tuesdays	Community Men's Shed – Renew your hobbies and interests or start new ones over a chat and a cup. [DFG] Playgroup , 10.00-11.30, WCH [Fay Wilkinson: fay@ecosse.net]

Many of our community activities are under the auspices of the Dornoch Firth Group [DFG]. If you are interested in any of the activities marked "DFG" please contact Charles Minall, DFG Outreach Worker 07533 518 399 or 01408 641279 or email Charles on charles@dfgcommunity.com

ARE YOU FREE ON TUESDAY MORNINGS?

We intend to start up a playgroup for pre-school children
on
Tuesday mornings from 10-00 - 11.30
in the West Church Hall.

Would you like to help?
Duties involve, getting toys out at the start, making tea and coffee,
and tidying up afterwards.

Please e-mail fay@ecosse.net or speak to Fay (in the choir).

New events that are coming up outwith Dornoch.

Full details can be found on the
new noticeboard in the Cathedral by the West Door.

National Mindfulness Day for Christians
23rd March 2019 Edinburgh

NATTER & NOSH

It's the new year, Natter and Nosh on January 14th and 28th
Do come and enjoy fellowship and lunch.

Like really fresh veggies? Grow your own?
Or just an excuse to be outdoors for well-being ?
The Dornoch Community Garden have a vacant plot for you .

For more information contact:-
Kate Robinson on 01862 810519 or 07900 532558
or email: kcsrobinson@gmail.com

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, “where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2: 1-2)

Three kings came to see the king and asked him where the new king was born. But the first king told the three kings that he didn't know where the second king was. His advisers looked in the Bible - though not in First or Second Kings - and found that the second king was to be born in Bethlehem. So the first king, told the three kings, to find the second king, and tell him, the first king, where the second king was, because the first king thought the second king was one king too many. But when the three kings found the second king they realised he was actually the number -one king - the King of Kings - and that, compared with him, the other king and all the other kings were really no kings at all.

Wise men still seek him...

We are accustomed to thinking that the greatest gift of the Magi was gold, frankincense and myrrh. It wasn't. The greatest gift they brought was their devotion; their willingness to endure whatever it took and to look as long as it took to find what God had promised them through the sign. Their physical gifts paled in comparison.

Dan Schaeffer.

Who are the wise men now, when all is told?
Not the men of science; nor the great and strong;
Not those whose eager hands pile high the gold;
But those amid the tumult and the throng
Who follow still the Star of Bethlehem.

B Y Williams

**DORNOCH CATHEDRAL GUILD CELEBRATES MEMBERS'
OUTSTANDING LONG SERVICE!**

At a recent service in Dornoch Cathedral, Rev. John Chambers had the pleasure of presenting Long Service Certificates to the following members:

Mrs Sylvia McDonald	67 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild and others
Mrs Sue Campbell	60 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Alison Burnett	58 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Isabelle Calderwood	51 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Irene Fraser	43 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Mary Gall	42 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Isobel Leslie	36 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Ann Barclay	35 years	Golspie and Dornoch Cathedral Guilds
Mrs Janette Bremner	30 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Alison Allan	25 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Sheila Duncan	24 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Stella Pettit	24 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild and another
Ms Margaret Macrae	21 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Mora Douglas	20 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Margaret Wight	20 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Mary Mackay	20 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild
Mrs Anne Chambers	20 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild and another
Mrs Evelyn Calder	20 years	Dornoch Cathedral Guild

The above totals **616 years' Service from only 18 of our members!** We think that's pretty special.

The Cathedral Guild currently has 43 members regularly attending our worship and meetings, and there is always a warm welcome for visitors or those who might like to join us on an occasional basis. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, at 2.30 pm in The West Church Hall. First Meeting in 2019 is on Tuesday, 8th January, "Poetry, Prose and Profiteroles!". For further information please telephone Sue Boyce on 01862 810415.

DORNOCH SWI

The next meeting of the Institute will be held in the West Church Hall on Tuesday, 15th January at 2pm. The speaker will be from Caithness and Sutherland Women's Aid. Visitors welcome.

Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Lawson Cambusavie Quiz
The winner was Mrs J Colie from Stonehaven
The total raised was £110.00

Thanks to those who spotted that the Oystercatcher,
had lost one of the 'c's!

Mary Gall

Dornoch Cathedral Guild

On Tuesday 13th November 2018 **Morag Sutherland** gave a wonderful account of the life of **Elsie Inglis** and her connections with the Highlands including the people from the local area who were associated with her.



Elsie Maud Inglis was born in India in 1864 and died in 1917. During her life she made a tremendous impact as a doctor in London, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Serbia. **Elsie** also toured the Highlands in 1912 campaigning endlessly for Women's Suffrage.

Elsie was determined to improve the hospital conditions for women and eventually went to Serbia where her presence was important in improving hygiene, reducing typhus and other epidemics which had been raging there. She was known as the "Serbian Mother from Scotland".

Morag felt very fortunate to be at memorial service held in St. Giles Cathedral in 2017 to commemorate **Dr Elsie Inglis'** remarkable achievements.

On Tuesday 27th November 2018 we welcomed **Marjorie and Dale Peterson**, who are trained Debt Counsellors working for the charity **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**.

The charity (run through a local church) helps people deal with unmanageable debt as well as helping to prevent debt through a money course. The counsellors are assisted by volunteer Befrienders who accompany them on visits to the clients.

If anyone is interested in this valuable work please visit:

www.capuk.org



CAP helps empower lives and gives hope to many during a difficult time. Our thanks to **Marjorie and Dale** for their inspired talk and we wished them good luck for the future.

We enjoyed our Christmas Lunch at RDGC. After a delicious meal some of the members read a favourite festive story or poem followed by group seasonal singing.

The Guild wishes everyone a very happy and peaceful New Year



Dates for your Diary: Everyone Welcome 2019

Tuesday 8th January
Tuesday 22nd January
Tuesday 12th February

POETRY, PROSE & PROFITEROLES
LOOK AT ME: Learn more about Lip Reading
THE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE OF SCRIPTURE UNION

In House Fun
Debbie Miller
Colin Carmichael