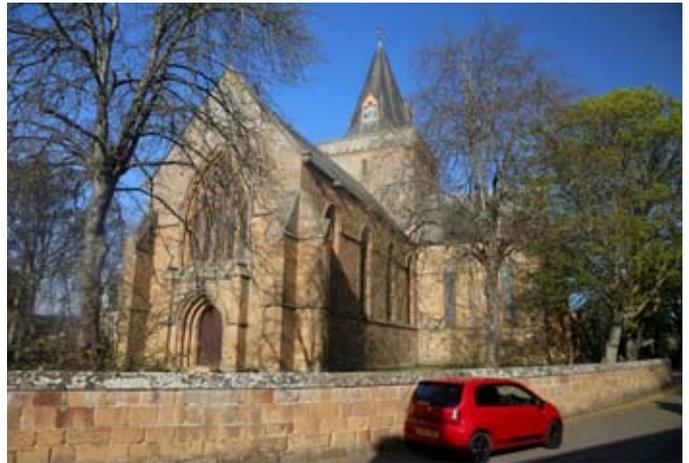


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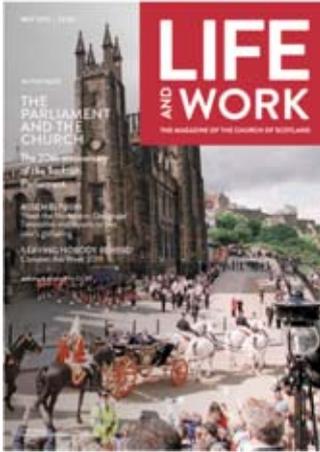
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This month **Christian Aid Week falls between 12-18th May**. Envelopes will be put in the pews on the Sunday before the week starts. See article inside magazine.

For music lovers, there are two concerts coming up soon. **Tain Choral in the Cathedral on 29th April** and **Golspie Choral with Invergordon on the 11th May both at 7.30pm**

For those who like to socialise, there are a few opportunities coming up this month. **Natter and Nosh are on 13th and 27th of May**, in the West Church Hall. **A Fairtrade Coffee morning is on the 24th May**. **Sunday 25th May is the Christian Aid Lunch**

On the **1st June, The Promise's Auction takes place at West Church Hall**. (See back page for details)



## LIFE AND WORK

MAY 2019 EDITION

### **Parliament and the Church**

As the Scottish Parliament reaches its 20th anniversary, politicians and church officials remember the official opening in the Church of Scotland Assembly Hall

### **General Assembly 2019**

Interview with the Moderator-Designate, the Rev Colin Sinclair  
Comment from the Rev Dr Doug Gay and the Very Rev Dr John Chalmers  
Reports and timetables  
Heart and Soul preview  
Prayer for the Assembly

### **Christian Aid Week**

Interview with Christian Aid's country manager for Sierra Leone, focus of this year's appeal

### **'One of the Success Stories of the Church'**

The 50th anniversary of the Housing and Loan Fund

### **Called To Set An Example**

In the latest youth column, one of the Church's youngest ministers reflects on his experience

### **Plus news, reviews, letters, registers and crosswords**

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Jebbeh Konneh is heavily pregnant. Her sister recently died in childbirth and Jebbeh fears she may be next: 'I'm afraid. I pray, when that day comes, God will help me to deliver safely, so that I can have a bouncing baby and I'll be healthy.'



Jebbeh washes her hands in Sawula village in Pujehun district, six hours south from the capital, Freetown.

Tenneh Bawoh gazes adoringly at baby Ansumana. Tenneh's first pregnancy ended in tragedy but thanks to nurse Judith and medical training you helped to provide, Tenneh's second labour resulted in the safe delivery of her baby boy.



Tenneh and baby Ansumana receive care from nurse Judith at the community clinic.

Photos T Pilston & A Finch © Christian Aid UK

### ***Christian AidWeek: 'All mums should live'***

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only **two delivery beds**.\* Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking. Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth. ***This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live. \*£300 would pay for a bed.***

# ROTAS For DOORS & EVACUATION DUTY MAY 2019

Door Duty: R, Begg, S.Anderson, K.Black, T.Rundle, M.Macaskill  
Evacuation Duty: A.Chambers, N.Mackay, M.Macaskill

## READERS FOR MAY

5th Alison Allan  
12th May Morag Macaskill  
19th May Anne Chambers  
26th May John Calder

## Duty Rota for both Oversteps and Meadows 19th May

Leader: Kisha Black Pianist Roddy MacLean

## NEXT DEACONS COURT (WCH)

Tuesday 28th May at 7.00pm

## Cathedral Register

### Funerals

Mr Alex Dingwall. Bonar Bridge/Inverness  
Mr Robert Mills. St Callans Old Manse Rogart  
Mrs Sandra Clubb 7 Judges Court, Canmore, Dornoch

## FUTURE DEADLINES FOR ISSUES OF UPCOMING PARISH MAGAZINES

June Issue: May 19th  
July Issue: June 23rd  
August Issue: July 21st  
September Issue: August 18th  
October Issue: Sept 22nd

## **SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP**

This informal prayer group meets on a Sunday morning before the church service. We meet a little before 10am for coffee and chat upstairs in the West Church Hall, and then start a session of open prayer until 10.40am. We pray for each other's concerns, and those of our church, wider community, and the World.

If you would like to join us any time, you will be made very welcome. If you would like to pray with us but aren't able to join us in person, we invite you to join your prayers with ours just where you are, and know that you are also being prayed for.

## **TUESDAY TOTS PLAYGROUP**

A playgroup for pre-school children  
Tuesday mornings from 10-00 - 11.30  
West Church Hall

## **NATTER & NOSH.**

May 13th and May 27th  
West Church Hall

## **CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH**

Sunday May 26th  
West Church Hall.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Fair Trade Coffee Morning**

FRIDAY 24th MAY  
10.30 - 12.00

## **WEST CHURCH HALL- LOST PROPERTY**

Ladies grey leather gloves with buttons.

Boys 6 year old 'Heritage Division' grey hooded jacket.

Bright blue 'george' rainjacket 7 - 8 years

Bright pink 'Mountain Warehouse' padded jacket 9 - 10 years

Girls black hooded jacket with pink heart lining 9 - 10 years.

# STRONGER

We're all searching for something true.  
Surrounded by fake news, extreme views, everyone's confused.  
But I've seen that life is stronger than fear, haven't you?

Sometimes it feels like there's nothing we can do,  
We don't know who to trust, systems are being abused -  
it can be lonely when you're searching for something true.

We long for hope, we long for something new,  
We long for that bitter mountain to be moved,  
Yet I've seen that love is stronger than despair, haven't you?

Society seems to be in crisis, and perhaps our hearts are too,  
But there's a different perspective you can choose  
When you're searching for something true.

If you peer behind a veil that's been torn in two  
You'll see the promise of a world renewed -  
I've seen that love is stronger than hate, haven't you?

Maybe that's not enough. Maybe we need another clue.  
Maybe there are some things that will never be proved.  
Yet we're all searching for something true.  
And I've seen that life is stronger than death, haven't you?

Gideon Heugh

*The above poem is reproduced with permission from Tearfund UK.*

# KIRK SESSION PASTORAL TEAM

## Children's Area in Cathedral.

The Children's Area in the north transept of the cathedral is now a comfortable place for parents or carers with young children, toddlers or babies in buggies to be part of the service while the children play with the toys, look at books or draw if they would care to. You can go to it any time during the service.

## Hospital Visits

We invite anyone from the congregation who is to spend time in the Lawson or Migdale Hospitals and would like a visit from one of the elders during their stay to contact Mrs Morag Sutherland . . . Please do not hesitate to ask.

## Church Transport Arrangements

We are offering to arrange lifts to the cathedral on Sunday mornings for any in the congregation, whether from Dornoch, Tain, Golspie, Rogart or any other outlying area, who would not otherwise be able to attend the service. We cannot guarantee that every request will be successful as much depends on the availability of volunteers coming into Dornoch and the number of seats in cars but we will always try. In the first instance contact Miss Margaret MacRae . . . . .

## Pastoral Visits

If you are part of the congregation but not a member or adherent and you would like a friendly pastoral visit at any time just contact Rev. Margaret McKay on 01862 811859 and she will arrange for one of our volunteers to visit you.

## **Dornoch SWI.**

The Institute will hold their short **AGM on May 21st at 7pm** in the West Church Hall, before welcoming Rev. Lady Margaret McKay to be our speaker. Margaret has done much research into the background of the MacKays and we look forward to hearing of the tales she has uncovered.

This promises to be an evening of interesting facts and light-hearted humour and if this sounds like something you'd enjoy, why not join us there. Visitors are most welcome.

On May 11th, Sutherland Federation host their bi-annual Exhibition of Work in Rogart Hall. Doors will open to the public at 2pm.

Everyone will be most welcome, so come along and admire the ladies' handiwork and enjoy a nice afternoon tea while you are there.

## **TAIN CHORAL**

**INVITE YOU TO THEIR**



# **SPRING CONCERT**

**IN**

**DORNOCH CATHEDRAL**

**ON**

**MONDAY 29th APRIL**



**7.30pm**

GOLSPIE CHORAL GROUP  
WITH  
INVERGORDON CHORAL  
PRESENT

*A Spring Concert  
Of Choral music*



Saturday 11th May 2019

Dornoch Cathedral

7.30pm

Conductor Mr Roddy McLean  
Accompanist Mairi Mackenzie

Collection at the door  
In aid of various local charities



## AN ORDINARY DAY

Today was just an ordinary day—  
I went about my usual tasks the usual way;  
The path was one that I had often trod,  
But oh, the difference—  
    Now I walk with God.

Today was just an ordinary day  
And nothing special happened on the way,  
But oh, the inner joy you didn't see,  
Now that I know my Saviour  
    Walks with me!

Today was just an ordinary day,  
The usual work, and then a bit of play,  
But oh, the sense of peace at eventide  
To know that God and I walk  
    Side by side!

Helen Lowrie Marshall. © Hallmark.

## Dornoch Cathedral Guild

On **Tuesday 12th March 2019** Alison Paterson came to give us talk on the Social Enterprise Group: **Made in Tain**. It is a registered charity and non profit organisation where all monies made are put back into the project.

**Made in Tain**, Tower Street, Tain, was set up to help young people within the local community with support needs. It offers placements to those who have just left school by helping them to develop a variety of work and life skills to build up their confidence in preparation for the workplace.



In the shop they sell a variety of items including soaps, candles and cards which are created and made on the premises by the students and volunteers. There is also the opportunity for some students to work in a garden in Edderton where there is a polytunnel. Produce grown here is also sold in the shop.

They like to recycle as much as possible and every effort is made not to use plastics. If you have anything to recycle (eg. egg boxes and fabric) it would be much appreciated.

You are warmly invited to come and visit their premises.

We thanked Alison for coming along and applauded their achievements.



### STOP PRESS

**Extra Date for your Diary: Everyone welcome to join us**

**Guild Outing:** Tuesday 10th September 2019. We are visiting Newtonmore Folk Museum followed by a meal at North Kessock Hotel.

If anyone is interested in going then please contact Gwen Muir.

More details will follow in the Church Intimations

**Guild Week:** Sunday 8th– Sunday 15th September 2019



# PROMISES AUCTION

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June in the West Church Hall  
 From 10am until 12 noon

In aid of Dornoch Cathedral and other charities.

Organised by Dornoch Cathedral Women's Group  
 Join us for Tea, Coffee and Home baking while bidding for  
 original and unmissable opportunities!!

| Promises                              | Wishes  |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| A cake a month for a year             | Lesson with the Best Oatcake Maker in Dornoch |
| A pressing of apples into juice       | Fly fishing lesson                            |
| Lawn mowing while you are on holiday  | Pet Sitting                                   |
| Meringue making lesson                | Advanced driving lesson                       |
| One night B&B at No.9 Dornoch for two | Photo shoot                                   |
| Original handmade cards               | Golf lesson                                   |
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**If you have a contribution to make**

Please contact:- Rhona (893418), Roslyn (892173), Caroline (881708)  
 Morag (810429), Sue Prince (811816) or Susan (811687)

**All donations will be gratefully received.**