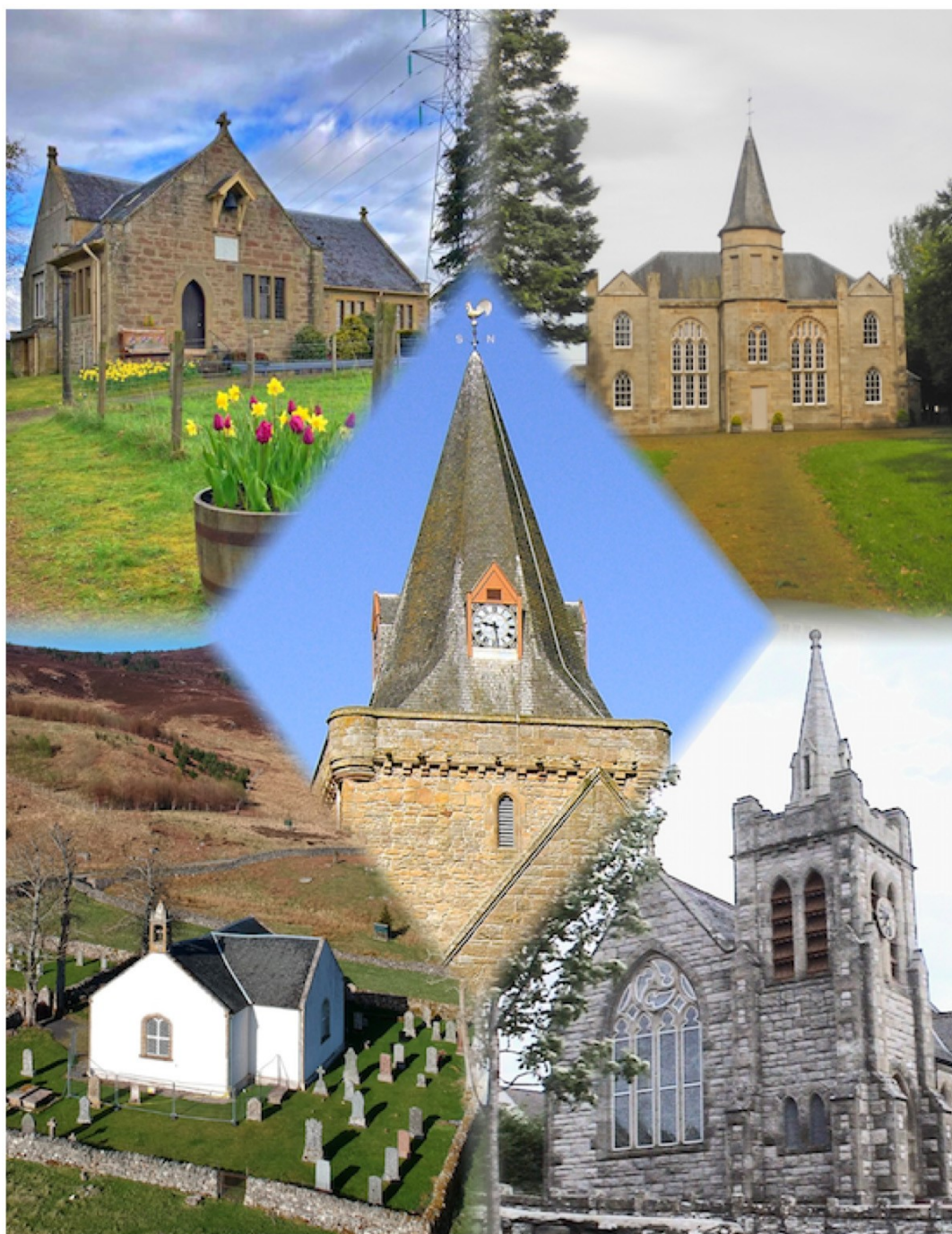




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The New Parish

THE DORNOCH FIRTH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND PARISH was formed on 1st January 2024 bringing together the congregations of Creich, Dornoch Cathedral, and Kincardine, Croick and Edderton as one Union.

This Union has been agreed and approved by the Church of Scotland and this allows the new Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland to start the process of appointing a Minister. The Rev. Carol Anne Porter is still our Locum Minister.

The Church of Scotland have also created larger Presbyteries and the Presbytery of Sutherland is now part of the Highland & Hebrides Presbytery with the official title *Clèir Eilean Ì.*

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Minister's Thoughts

Dear friends

I LIVE IN A WILD wild place, not quite in the sea but toward its edge. Some mornings, when I open the door to let the dog out, he looks at me like it's confirmed in his mind that I really am a lower form of intelligence. And there are days I imagine Velcro on the soles of my shoes as I stumble my way to the car.

I am totally in awe of everything that makes its home here in this wildness. The Scots Pine trees which, as I write, are leaning back in the wind, buffeted by yet another storm. I imagine their roots intertwined as if holding hands to brace the force. A tiny dunnock which sits sometimes in the feeding box on the window, looking out at the wildness; what does she know, I wonder? Does she sense me watching her? Gorse holding stubbornly to the bank, a shelter to all sorts of creatures. The weasel, whose fur has turned white now, and which uses the pallet fort my neighbour has built for grandchildren as its very own mustelid playground, racing round it at a dizzying, death-defying rate.

I watch and listen and wonder, learning what it is to be at home here. Because being at home in ourselves is a work we are all called to. We might behave as though we are self-made people. We might behave sometimes as if the land does not make us, as if we are not all as connected as the roots of the trees outside. But we are not. And it does. And we are.

My imagination is as active as a five year old's when I think of the strange and ancient tale of God, hunched over, messing about in the mud, gently, carefully, breathing life into what they have made. You are of the earth. You are here and you are of the earth. I make you. I wake you to find a home in me here. We belong to the earth and to God and to each other, a truth which transcends the tale.

Wherever you are as you are reading this, I hope you can look around and take in what is about and beside and of you. Wonder at things seen and those which are quite beyond our vision. And I hope you feel the deep down peace of knowing whatever is going on, however wild the world about you, your home is here in God. And God is love and shelter and belonging.

Go well this day. Be at home here in God. And may peace and wonder and love become you always.

Carol Anne



Life Events

Baptism

19th November - Minnie Helen Moran Day

New Members

Mrs Tracey Aldridge-Russell - 26th November

Mrs Juna M. Sutherland - 11th December by resolution of the Kirk Session

Funerals

Jesse Shearer Leslie - 2nd December 2023

Joan MacLeod - 13th December 2023

Rena Bethune - 11th January 2024

Helen Finlayson - 13th January 2024

Isabelle Calderwood - 26th January 2024

Jean Grant - 2nd February 2024

Janette Bremner - 9th February 2024

Finance update

THE UNION of Dornoch Cathedral, Creich and Kincardine, Croick and Edderton parishes as the Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland has resulted in several changes to the bank accounts.

Rather than Dornoch Cathedral Cashflow the main working account will now be called Dornoch Firth Cashflow – the number remains the same: **sort code 80-06-36, account number 06002380.**

Standing orders

If you have been paying by standing order into Dornoch Cathedral you do not have to take any action – your standing order will automatically be transferred to Dornoch Firth Cashflow.

If you have been paying by standing order into Creich or Kincardine, and you wish to continue contributing, you will have to change your standing order to: sort code 80-06-36, account number 06002380.

Cheques

If you are paying into the account by cheque, please make any future cheques payable to 'Dornoch Firth' or the bank will not accept them.

Donations

Any donations should be paid into **Dornoch Firth Cashflow, sort code 80-06-36, account number 06002380.**

Gift Aid Envelopes

If you would like gift aid envelopes for 2024 please let Fay Wilkinson (01862810646) know by **Wednesday 14th February.**

Finance Team

Going forward the finance team is Kim McCarthy (Treasurer), Alison Bartlett (Gift Aid Convener), Jeani Hunter, Christine Mackay and Fay Wilkinson.

If there are any questions about Finance please get in touch with **Kim McCarthy on 07961152147** or any of the finance team.

Parish News payment

If you wish to continue to receive a digital copy please make a £5 payment for the next set of 6 issues up until November 2024. Paper copies will remain at £1.

To make your donation you can use either:

- **Bank transfer**, details are Sort Code **80-06-36** Account **06002380** and include as a reference - Parish News, or
- **Cheque** made payable to **Dornoch Firth** and take to church with your name on the envelope and marked Parish News, or
- **Cash** in an envelope taken to church with your name on the envelope and marked Parish News.

Social Committee

THANK YOU for your support in 2023 which enabled us to raise over £3,000 with £340 coming from the sale of Christmas parcels.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new friends in the Dornoch Firth Parish to our monthly coffee mornings with fresh scones and pancakes and a baking stall from 10.30 -12.00 held in the West Church Hall.

We would like to invite new members to join our social committee, if you are interested please contact me on 07534 880958

Dates for your diaries: Fridays 23rd February, 22nd March and 19th April.

Una Reid

Property update

THE RECENT STORMS have given us cause for concern about the Cathedral with water being driven into the building. This has damaged the ceiling above the pulpit and we had water dripping close to the organ console.

Most of the leaks have been sorted but we still have some damp patches after rain, at the top of the tower stairs. Rain water also got in through the window seals at the three stain glass windows at the East end of the Cathedral where the communion table is.

The West Church Hall needs work as rain leaked into Maggie's Room and this was after gutters were cleaned. Also, three small panes of glass have been broken.

It is expensive maintaining old buildings but be reassured the Property Team are active in both small and larger jobs. We thank Kyle Sutherland of Sutherland Services for the emergency work he so speedily completed.

Once more settled weather comes after Spring, we shall repair the mortar that needs replaced on the central square tower walls on the outside walkway.

When the General Trustees visited in autumn 2023 they advised that we should fit an additional handrail to the wooden steps that lead up to the top of the tower walkway and complete a risk assessment before we consider opening the tower to the public.

This was a very popular activity on Saturdays when the Pipe Band were playing and tourists gathered in the Square. Watch this space. We will require some volunteers for health and safety reasons. We also have many tourists and especially cruise ship passengers as potential visitors.

We need to increase our income and as always our Treasurer welcomes donations and support to improve the fabric and ongoing maintenance costs. It is a big building to heat but we are exploring different heating systems.

Our Sunday Services continue to be live streamed from the West Church Hall until 3rd March when we return to the Cathedral on Sunday 10th March when it is warmer weather.

One major ongoing project is to finalise our audio/visual system to which Stephen MackIntosh has given so much of his personal time. As well as the congregation on Sundays we reach many other people. Some who can no longer attend, some on holiday, people who have moved away from Dornoch and some who never attend Church, but leave a comment on social media.

Including our Hogmanay Service plus the first three Sundays in January there were over 2,200 viewings. Access to view is currently via Facebook but we are looking at a direct YouTube Link. A permanent modern audio visual system is a must, especially with the Churches at Bonar and Ardgay within our Dornoch Firth Parish boundary and the Cathedral the central place of worship.

Willie MacKay - Property Convenor

The Guild

WE HELD our Christmas Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 5th December for members and friends. Margaret welcomed us all and we enjoyed a sumptuous Tea with sausage rolls mince pies and lots of other goodies provided by committee and members.

Roddy MacLean entertained us with Christmas Music and we enjoyed some duets from Ann and Lizzie and Trish and Elspeth. Myra and Elspeth performed some amusing and thoughtful poems and Kathleen Greer gave a heartfelt Christmas Reflection.

This was topped off with some Carols sung by us all and led by Roddy to whom we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Unfortunately our January meeting had to be cancelled due to bad weather but we hopefully will

meet again on Tuesday 30th January when all are welcome.

Trish Geddes



Guild Christmas Afternoon Tea

Kincardine Church

IN ARDGAY, Kerry ran *Nanny's Café* in the Kincardine Church Hall. It became a real 'hub' for people to gather and talk. Groups such as the walking group would gather after their walk. Kerry also opened for evening events such as slide shows and provided excellent food for special celebrations.

On Sundays she sometimes provided lunch for the congregation after church or food and drinks for a "Café Church."

For Christmas Day she prepared a wonderful meal for anyone who was alone and this was enjoyed by all who participated.



Nannie's Christmas Feast

Christmas Celebrations

On the last day of term, the pupils from Gledfield and Edderton schools came with many parents and friends to Kincardine Church for their end of term Service at Christmas time. The Christmas tree which had been decorated by the Nursery pupils assisted by those in P7 was much admired.

The Christmas story by puppets came as a surprise and this was very evidently enjoyed, as were the carols which the pupils performed beautifully. Each pupil received a gift bag containing a card with the Christmas story and several tree decorations to remind them of that. Mincemeat pies and Christmas biscuits provided by Nanny's Tearoom were appreciated during a chance to meet for a chat after the Service.

By Rev. Mary Stobo

Creich Congregation

DECEMBER WAS BUSY for Creich Church as we approached the end of our long linkage with Rosehall and shorter one with Kincardine, Croick and Edderton.

On 31st December we had a joint service for all those congregations with refreshments afterwards. It was good to have lots of pews full and the praise and singing were great. We said, 'Goodbye and thank you!' to Lizzie Campbell who has been our part time locum for 16 months and also farewell to Rosehall who are going West!

On the last day of term we welcomed all the young people and staff from Bonar Bridge Primary School for their end of term service. They were well supported by parents, grandparents and siblings as they read and sang very well reflecting on the Nativity story. Again good to have busy pews.

The weather for our Watchnight Service was kind so we had the usual very good number to hear the readings, sing Carols and welcome Christmas Day.

Now we look forward eagerly to being part of The Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland.

Jeani Hunter



Kerry & Victor – every good chef needs a kitchen porter?

In addition to running the café, Kerry provided opportunities for people to learn more about the hospitality trade. The food and atmosphere were always wonderful.

The closure of the café at the end of 2023 is a huge loss to us all. We cannot overstate our gratitude for her wonderful gift and service to the Church and wider community. Many thanks, Kerry!

By Marion Foggin



Women's Group

THE WOMEN'S GROUP organised the Carols for Christian Aid Service in December; it was well attended and over £530.00 was raised for Christian Aid. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Service and those who came along to support us.

Nowadays this Group exists primarily as a fellowship and friendship group but it was formed 56 years ago in February 1968 as an offshoot of the Women's Guild.

We have dug out the minute book of the first meetings and thought you would be interested to learn about its beginnings. To qualify as a member of this Dornoch Cathedral Young Wives and Mothers' Group you had to be under 40 years of age or have a child under the age of 8. Once you no longer met this criteria you were promoted to attend the Women's Guild. How times have changed!!!

At the right are photos of the first committee meeting minutes. Script below:-

The Dornoch Cathedral Young Wives and Mothers' Group was formed in Feb 1968 under the auspices of the Women's Guild. A group of the Young Mothers and their children of the Parish of Dornoch met in the West Church Hall. A discussion took place and it was decided that a Playgroup for under 5's might be formed.

Mrs G Fulton, The Manse, Dornoch was elected President; Mrs G Melville - Vice President and Group Leader; Mrs K.M. Munro, 'Cyderhall', Dornoch - Secretary; Mrs J. Macleod, Balloan Cottage, Dornoch - Treasurer.

Committee: Mrs J Appleton, 'Malvern', Dornoch; Mrs J. Macdonald, Church Street, Dornoch; Mrs K Gillanders, 'Gilldonald', Dornoch; Mrs M. Skinner, 24 Macdonald Rd, Dornoch.

Several Committee meetings took place to work out plans for the playgroup. A coffee morning was held in June 1968 and over £30 was raised towards equipment and running expenses.

It was hoped to hold several evening meetings throughout the winter.

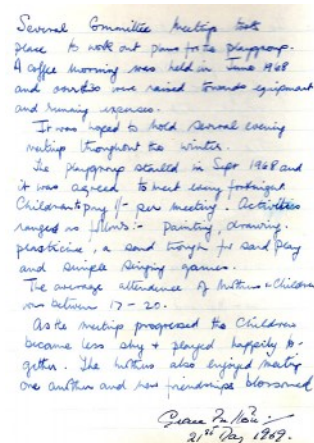
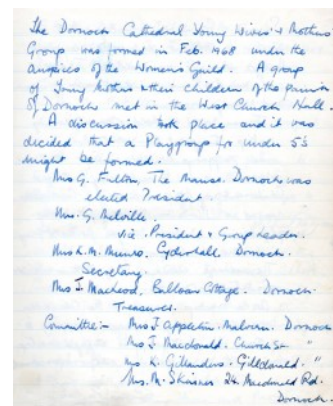
The playgroup started in Sept 1968 and it was agreed to meet every fortnight. Children to pay 1/- per meeting. Activities ranged as follows:- painting, drawing, plasticine, a sand trough for sand play and simple singing games.

The average attendance of Mothers and Children was between 17-20.

As the meetings progressed the children became less shy and played happily together. The mothers also enjoyed meeting one another and new friendships blossomed.

Signed Grace Fulton 21st May 1969 (Wife of Rev. Freddie Fulton)

What a wonderful inclusive vision these ladies had. Thank you to them all.



Christmas Carols choir



Christmas Carols Brownies

Natter & Nosh



Some of the fifty who attended

THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH was on Monday 11th December. Over fifty sat down to a lovely meal in full festive spirit. All the helpers were dressed for the occasion and everyone enjoyed themselves. The dates from now on are as follows:

February 12th and 26th March 11th and 25th April 15th and 29th
May 13th and 27th June 10th

We meet in the West Church Hall Dornoch on Mondays at 12.30pm and all are welcome.

Trish Geddes



A Merry Christmas Natter & Nosh Staff

Cathedral Sales & Welcome Table

HAPPY NEW YEAR greetings to everyone, and especially to our wonderful Sales and Welcome Volunteers of 2023, who, during the Summer and Christmas seasons, helped raise just over £7,000 towards maintaining our beautiful Cathedral. Financially, this was a “best ever” year and bearing in mind the steeply increasing cost of Cathedral building maintenance, our Sales Table income was much needed.

In the forthcoming 2024 season, we anticipate equalling, or indeed exceeding, last year’s success. However, this will only be possible with a strong team of volunteers. We always need more help, and of course we are hoping that all of you who worked with us in the past will return ... you are now certainly well experienced in the role! Many of you have told us how much you enjoy your shifts, looking after the sales table and meeting visitors from all over the world. It is, genuinely, an immensely satisfying way to spend a morning or afternoon.

A reminder of volunteer duties:

- the summer season is from early May - mid September
- volunteers work in teams of two
- one 3 hour shift every two weeks (but more volunteers would = shorter shifts)
- training can be given

We need a minimum of 40 volunteers and ideally more! We know it’s early to be asking, but please ... could you be part of our team this year? We need you and would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact us in the coming weeks.

With our thanks, as ever,

Sue Boyce (01862 810415 or 07833698040)
Anne Chambers (01862 811520 or 07549187687) and
Lisa Dickenson (01862 810973 or 07708587098).



some of the goods the Welcome Team sell

Faith Impact

- Christian Aid Scotland Supporter Gathering. We would be thrilled if you join us on **Tuesday, 27 February at 10am**. See <www.christianaid.org.uk>
- Lent Vigil for Climate Justice and Lent course

Prayer is powerful - especially when we join together. Invite your Church to be part of the vigil - you can book as a group on the registration page.

- Tear Fund – see <www.tearfund.org>

To register for Creative for Climate Justice 2024, an art project for primary and secondary schools, email <egardner@christian-aid.org>

- Tear fund are suggesting a plastic free July which might be really good for raising awareness and a bit of fun too. To find out more about the Bin-go challenge log onto <www.tearfund.org/rubbishbingo> and document your journey on social media by using #RubbishBingo. As well as taking action in your own life, join us in calling for an end to this plastic crisis globally through our petition by logging onto <www.tearfund.org/rubbish>

For further information contact Jeani Hunter <nielsenhunter@btinternet.com>

Dornoch Cathedral - 800th Anniversary

DID YOU KNOW that 2024 is the 800th year since the first stones of the Cathedral building were laid? It was 1239 when the first Services were held in the Cathedral. A celebration weekend, Saturday 30th March to Monday 1st April, is planned to mark the laying of the foundation stones.

The Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev. Sally Foster-Fulton is joining us for the weekend and taking our Easter Sunday Service.

There are numerous activities organised which we hope in time will be added to so we recognise this significant landmark in our history and heritage.

Easter weekend will see a banner designed by 1st and 2nd year pupils of Dornoch Campus with Art, History and English departments collaborating.

A treasure hunt for children is planned to be held around the Cathedral.

There will be a Songs of Praise in the West Church Hall on Saturday 30th March from 4 – 5pm and the Labyrinth in the Cathedral will be open from 5pm. Drop in for 5 or 10 minutes when it suits you - open until 7pm.

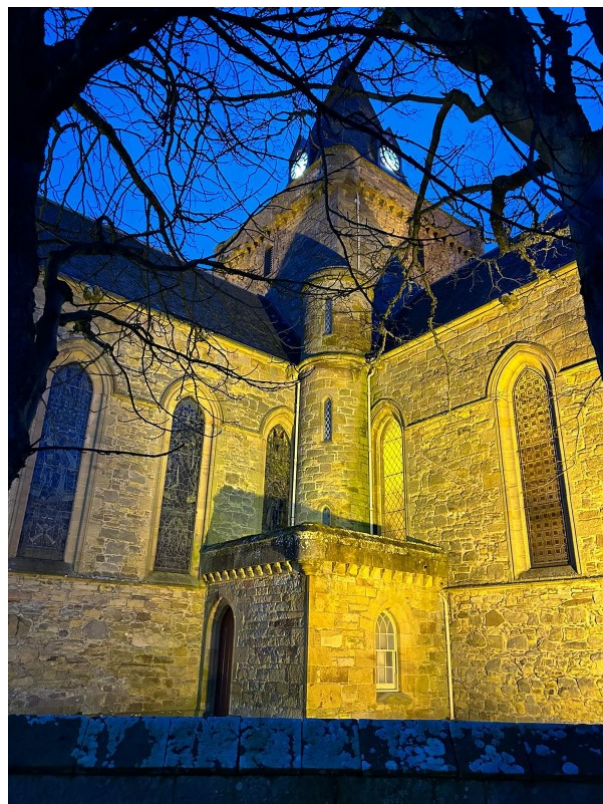
Easter Sunday will start with the Sunrise Service at 06.35 at the Beach car park and watch the sun rising above the horizon around 06.46. The Easter Sunday Service will be followed by an Easter Soup & Sweet Lunch in the West Church Hall (12.30pm)

A small group will recreate St Gilbert's walk from Halkirk to Dornoch. The actual walk will be later in the summer, but at Easter a virtual walk is planned.

Keep watching for the date of an extravaganza of music in the Cathedral with performances from our local children and adults. Did you know there is a Dornoch Firth Churches Youth Band as well as our Dornoch Firth Churches Youth Theatre.

We would love individuals, businesses and organisations to come together and support our Flower Festival which runs from Monday 1st to Sunday 7th April.

Willie MacKay, Parish News Editor



Peter's Story

*Three times they asked me, three times I denied,
Then the cock crowed and I realised.
I'd said I'd be faithful, I'd said I'd be strong,
Yet my strength petered out when I thought He was
gone.*

*But gone He was not – death would not be the end,
For He rose on the third day and returned to His
friends.
And one morning while fishing, a fire in the shore
Was a sign that He'd come back to see us once more.*

*Three times He asked me, three times I said yes,
Then receiving His mission I felt truly blessed.
His simple request "Peter - feed my sheep";
My commitment I gave Him, an oath I will keep.*

*One day in the city, to the crowd in the square,
I told of the Good News so that each one would hear.
But each heard the message in his own mother tongue;
By the power of the Spirit, the mission begun.*

*The mission continues, more work to be done,
There are more yet to hear the Good News of the Son.
One thing I ask of you, will you feed His sheep?
If you too love Jesus, then your promise you'll keep.*

Alasdair MacKay

Boys' Brigade

THE ANCHOR BOYS and Junior Section broke up for their holiday at the beginning of December. Anchor Boys started this term with a New Year Party and enjoyed party games as well as party food and jelly and ice cream!

Unfortunately the Junior Section New Year Trip to Inverness to Rollerbowl had to be cancelled due to wintry weather. This will be rescheduled later in the term.

In November all boys entered the Highland Battalion Christmas Card Colouring competition. Three of our boys received 1st place in their year group so huge congratulations to them. The winners were Angus Smith for P1, Max Dawson-Clark for P2 and Fraser Macdonald for P3. Well done to Callan Pauley and Peter Mann who were runner ups for P3 and P5 respectively.

Morag McAskill



Happy boys ready for party-time



Angus, Max & Fraser – Christmas Card Colouring

Dornoch Firth Churches Youth Band

ALL INVOLVED were delighted to get the Youth Band up and running. Lively and enthusiastic, the children were invited to bring any instrument along - and they didn't disappoint! Chanter, violins, keyboards, drums, oboe the list goes on.

Music maestro, Roddy Maclean, was up to the challenge as he quickly wrote out parts so everyone could play together.

The meeting time is now 4:45 pm until 5:45 pm each Friday during school term time in the West Church Hall. All young musicians are welcome.

Graham McCarthy



Dornoch Firth Churches Youth Theatre Group

The Lion King

THE YOUNGSTERS of the theatre group had been working hard for many weeks towards their performance of *The Lion King* - and how their work was rewarded!

With hugely supportive audiences for both the afternoon and evening performances, the West Church Hall came alive with wholehearted acting, energetic dancing and tuneful singing.

All were transported to the wonderful African landscape so brilliantly created by Judith Holden - and the audience sat spellbound as the familiar story unfolded.

Currently having a well-earned break, the group recommences after the half term break on Monday 26th February. Next up - *The Jungle Book*.

Graham McCarthy



Care Home Services

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY of the month, you will find a group of us at Oversteps and The Meadows sharing worship with the residents. This is very much appreciated by the Residents and those taking part enjoy spending time at the Homes.

Communion has always been a feature of worship at Oversteps but instead of the formal service, short informal communions were introduced and the residents have found them meaningful. This is now happening in The Meadows and at Innes Mhor in Tain, where several Cathedral members live.

Would you like to come along and join us? You won't be asked to take a service as we have a dedicated team. Just come along and worship with the residents. You don't need to go every month. You can choose to attend Oversteps or The Meadows or come to both. If you feel God is calling you to do this, we will be delighted to see you.

Oversteps at 2.30pm and The Meadows at 3.15pm. Rev Carol Anne Porter will be taking services on 18th February.

Margaret Macrae



The Meadows Care Home

WHAT FUN the residents had when Manager, Jackie Macrae organised a snowman building morning. Those that wanted to be outdoors enjoyed the fresh air and chatted about their childhood memories. One resident, Jeanette, was asking for a sledge. Jackie Macrae, manager, said, "Fresh air is so important as it's good to improve the mind, body and soul. You can visibly see a glow and smile in the residents."

"All out activities are person-centred, so not everyone wanted to brave the elements."

Some residents stayed indoors for games of bingo and crafts. Everyone had an afternoon tea and shared memories of the great snow storms, such as 1955 and 1978.

Jackie Macrae, Manager



Prayers for the New Dornoch Firth Parish

BEFORE THE YEAR-END, you may recall that some of us were meeting together to pray for the parishes of Creich, Dornoch and Kincardine, Croick and Edderton as we looked ahead to the Union which took effect on 1st January 2024. We are now continuing to meet together in a dedicated time of prayer for the new Dornoch Firth Parish on the third Thursday of the month, locations alternating between Dornoch and the Bonar Bridge/ Ardgay ends of the parish.

We have been and will be praying for God's vision for the union, the mission of the parish, the administration of the parish and for the new Kirk Session and sub-committees, those which will continue or expand and those which will be formed to move the parish forward in what will be a time of change for all of us. We are praying for communication within and across the parish so that we all move forward together.

These gatherings have provided a valuable opportunity to get know people from all the congregations which have now formed Dornoch Firth Parish. Becoming God's family in new ways is exciting and a great encouragement to us all. These times of prayer are open to anyone who would like to join with us.

January's meeting took place on Zoom due to the weather, so the next meeting will be on Thursday 15th February at 10:30am in the Hub in Bonar Bridge.

To close I will share an image first shared at our January meeting. If we think of ourselves like snowflakes, tiny in the grand scheme of things but uniquely and wonderfully made by God, just remember what we can do when we all come together.

Dornoch Firth Parish Prayer Group



Dornoch Firth Group Activities

Natter and Knit

During December and January our knitters branched out and shared some of their other crafting skills with the group. In December they enjoyed a wool wreath making session with Fiona and a felt Christmas decoration making session with Gillian.

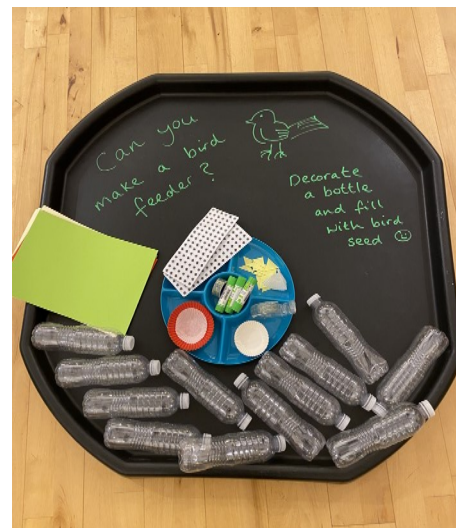
In January, Eileen showed them how to make gift boxes out of old Christmas cards with lovely results. Natter and Knit runs on a Tuesday at the West Church Hall between 10am-12.30pm. Please contact <jen@dfgcommunity.com> for more information.



Tuesday Tots

December was a very busy and exciting month at our baby and toddler group with crafts, treats and our lovely Christmas Party with a visit from Santa to finish off the term. Our new term is now underway and so far, we have been exploring the changing weather through our water and ice play as well as making bird feeders and nests.

Over the next few weeks, we have loads of fun sessions planned including our Burns Baby Ceilidh, Toddler Tea Party and more! Tuesday Tots runs every Tuesday during term time at the West Church Hall between 10-11.30am and costs £1.50 per family. Contact <jen@dfgcommunity.com> for more information.



Baby Massage

Our baby massage class run every Tuesday during term time from 9.30-10am in the West Church Hall. Parents are welcome to stay for our Tuesday Tots session following massage for a cuppa and a blether. Contact <eilidh@dfgcommunity.com> for more information.

Walking Group

Our walking group is taking a short break to avoid the worst of the winter weather but will be back soon with more fun story adventures at Camore Woods. For more information contact <jen@dfgcommunity.com>

New Projects!

Jen and Eilidh are delighted to be leading new projects for families in the Dornoch area during 2024. The first of these is our outdoor baby and toddler group "Little Otters" which will launch on 10th February with an open day at Davochfin Farm between 12-2pm. Families with children aged 0-5 are welcome to come along and enjoy a session focusing on nature play and exploring our new outdoor site!

Then on 26th February join us for our first "Mamas' Club" crafty session at the Old School in Embo between 10.30-12noon where mums can enjoy some 'me' time while being creative and making friends. Booking is required for these creative sessions so please contact Jen for more information <jen@dfgcommunity.com>

Children learn what they live

If
a child lives with criticism,
she learns to condemn.

If
a child lives with hostility,
he learns to fight.

If
a child lives with ridicule,
she learns to be shy.

If
a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilt.

If
a child lives with tolerance,
she learns to be patient.

If
a child lives with encouragement,
he learns confidence.

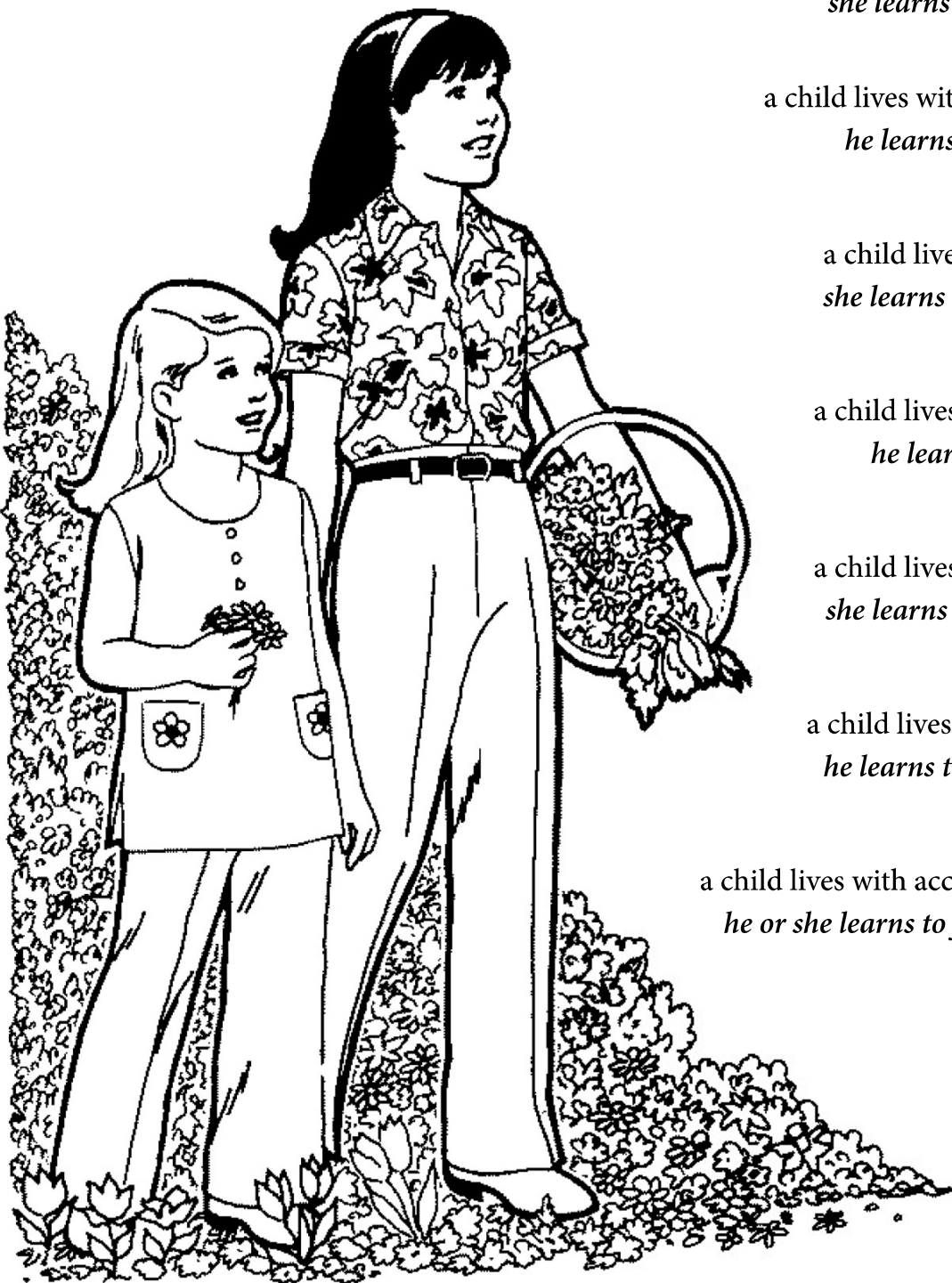
If
a child lives with praise,
she learns to appreciate.

If
a child lives with fairness,
he learns justice.

If
a child lives with security,
she learns to have faith.

If
a child lives with approval,
he learns to like himself.

If
a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
he or she learns to find love in the world.



Dates for your diary

Sunday 18th February
CARE HOME SERVICES
Oversteps 2.30pm and The Meadows 3.15pm

Sunday 3rd March
SERVICE IN WEST CHURCH HALL

Friday 8th to 10th March
DORNOCH FIBRE FEST
15th Anniversary – see <www.fibrefest.org.uk/>

Sunday 10th March
COMMUNION SERVICE AND SERVICE OF UNION IN CATHEDRAL

Sunday 10th March – Mother's Day

Sunday 17th March
CARE HOME SERVICES
Oversteps 2.30pm and The Meadows 3.15pm

800 Year Anniversary of Dornoch Cathedral
Saturday 30th March to Monday 1st April

Holy Week – Easter in the Cathedral
Monday 25th -Thursday 28th March
A SHORT INFORMAL SERVICE AT 6PM
Good Friday - 29th March – 7.30pm also in Cathedral

Saturday 30th March 4–5pm
SONGS OF PRAISE
West Church Hall

Saturday 30th March
THE LABYRINTH
in the Cathedral. 5pm to 7pm – just drop in anytime for a few minutes

Sunday 31st March
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
Beach Car Park starts 06.35 with sunrise expected at 06.46

Sunday 31st March – 11.00am
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

in Cathedral
conducted by Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of Church of Scotland

Sunday 31st March 12.30
EASTER SOUP & SWEET LUNCH
in West Church Hall – for Christian Aid
(Keep an eye for ticket sales as numbers are limited)
SONGS OF PRAISE
at 6.30pm in Cathedral

Monday 1st April – Sunday 7th April
FLOWER FESTIVAL
in Cathedral

NOTE: Sunday 31st March – clocks go forward one hour



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