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# *Minister's Thoughts*

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## **Dear friends**

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MAY HAS BEEN my favourite month of the year so far, partly because the birds returned from wintering. From the daredevil swallows, darting, chattering to the post-dwelling osprey, wild, watchful, my soul just feels a bit fuller somehow with them here.

I heard a story once, told by Scottish singer-songwriter Dougie MacLean, if I recall, about some well meaning conservationists. There were ospreys which nested near where he lived too and back they'd come each year, to try to raise their young. One year, the conservations were worried. It was getting a bit too blustery, they thought, and the tree where the ospreys were nesting was swaying wildly back and forth. They put their heads together and came up with a plan: they would secure the tree with tall posts to stop it from swaying, straightjacket the tree. Genius! Except when the next big gust of wind came it blew the nest right out the tree. I wish they known what the ospreys knew. The ospreys knew the movement, the swaying back and forth was part of the plan. And it kept them living.

May was, this year, also the month we got to celebrate Pentecost. Known sometimes as the birth of the church, Pentecost was when God's Spirit descended in a dramatic way on friends and followers of Jesus. They must have felt something swelling in them too, as they spoke the story of God's love for the world in languages foreign to them but which others, travellers to the city from other regions, could understand. This was God's way of taking down the posts, releasing the straightjacket. Freeing the tree to move a little - or a lot. The church of God needed loosing. And some ideas needed losing, not least that the Christian faith could be contained to a particular people on a particular patch of the earth.

The good news of God's love was, the first disciples were learning, for EVERYONE. And the church, called to embody and share that love needed not to be rigid but as free as a tree in the breeze, as free as the breath of God blowing where it wills, as free as the love of God meant not just for some but for all.

And it's how we're called to be too. Freed from rigid thinking and customs which inhibit. Free to love widely, to share generously. Free to look after each and everyone. And do you know, your soul might just feel fuller too. Joy and peace to you,

*Carol Anne*



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## **Prayers from Carol Anne**

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Here I am, Lord  
listening for you  
feeling my way toward you  
remembering you are here already  
and so may we be as one  
your thought, my thought  
your yearning, my yearning too  
and the world a gentler place  
my walk a steadier pace  
because we are here  
together

Lord, I'm tired  
tired of pretending everything is okay  
and I know what I'm doing  
when everything inside me is screaming the  
opposite  
and I see myself, back against the wall

*My love, my dear dear love  
why would you ever need to pretend  
why think you need to know every last thing  
my love, my dear dear love  
listen and know this one thing -  
it is all you need - I believe in you*

# Life Events

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## *New Members*

Mrs Eileen MacKintosh, from Greenbank Parish Church via Certificate of Transfer

## *Baptisms*

Ronnie Askew-MacIvor – 21st April  
Isla Christina MacSween - 12th May

## *Marriage Blessing*

Dean Knuth and Suzanne Yavorsky – 15th May  
Clarck and Natalie Nussey - 25th May

## *Funerals*

Ian Grant - 8th April  
Mrs Joan Dutch - 4th May  
Billy More – 24th May

## *Interment of Ashes*

Gilbert Gray – 1st April

## *Bible Verse*

*The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

PSALM 34.18

# Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

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Many congratulations to Sander & Joyce Macdonald on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



This lovely photo was taken of Cally & Billy More on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Sadly, Billy passed away on 14th May. Our thoughts are with Cally and Family who so appreciate the care at Migdale Hospital and The Meadows.

# Where are we now? – May 2024

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A LOT OF BACKGROUND work has been going on in the new Parish over the last few months. The new Kirk Session has met 4 times and the webpage and Facebook page have been amended to show the name of our new Parish, a logo has been agreed (as above) and new email addresses for the Session Clerk Team and the Treasurer have been completed.



Finance accounts have been merged and a committee structure is being developed so that everyone can play their part.

The Electoral Roll has been completed.

A Parish Profile is being prepared.

The Kirk Session voted at their meeting on the 22nd April to depart from the Church of Scotland's position on Ministers in a Civil Partnership or Same Sex Marriage Act 1 2015.

## *What happens next?*

Our next stage is to seek a new minister of Word and Sacrament.

A Nominating Committee of 13 will be appointed in the next few weeks and you are asked to give prayerful consideration around who might be suitable for this role.

The finalised Parish Profile will be circulated to the Kirk Session and to Presbytery for comments in the next few weeks. Once this is done an edict will be read to the congregation on 2 separate weeks, after which the Nominating Committee will be formed.

A Vision and Mission Statement is being prepared.

## *How will a Nominating Committee be formed?*

The Committee will be formed from representatives from all 3 former parishes. There has to be an odd number on the Committee, up to a maximum of 13. Candidates must be on our Electoral Roll, agree to stand and have a proposer and a seconder, who are also on the roll. There will be a Congregational Meeting held to elect representatives.

Rev. Alistair Drummond, Kilmuir and Logie Easter, Invergordon, will take over as Interim Moderator on 3 June 2024 from Rev Iain MacLeod.

We hope this information sheet will be helpful in keeping you up to date in our procedure to appoint a new minister to Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland.

*Session Clerk Team*

# Property report

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THE GENERAL TRUSTEES in their Fabric Report stipulated that we should install emergency lighting in the tower and additional lighting in the upper floor area. As we wish to open the tower to the public and provide an additional income stream we have progressed plans with estimates from local trades.

We have been successful applying for funding to open the Cathedral Tower. Thanks to Royal Dornoch Community Fund for £500 towards developing a History & Heritage Story. Our application to Dornoch Area Community Council asking for funding from the Dornoch Common Good Fund was supported by the Community Councillors. This now goes to the 'Members' for approval.

We are also very grateful for Morrisons Construction, the company that are building the new clubhouse at Royal Dornoch. They are generously donating wood and labour to erect display benches for the History & Heritage Story which we hope to have ready for later in the year.

Audio system – I know it has been a long time to finalise but we are getting there. Stephen McIntosh has been outstanding with the service he has provided. We are so fortunate in having such a talented and knowledgeable expert live locally. We will soon have a visit from John Turner, from the Church of Scotland General Trustees, to discuss the final stages of our audio visual system. The new loop system should be installed before long – apologies to those with hearing issues (me included).



## Property report – continued

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Judith Roebuck, General Trustees, visited our three churches and the Kincardine Hall. An offer has been accepted for Kincardine Manse. Valuations have been confirmed for Creich Church and Kincardine Church and hall. The visit included reviewing fixtures and fittings and moveable furniture in all buildings.

Lighting and Heating in the Cathedral. Mrs Roebuck provided very useful information of our future plans to have better lighting and heating. We await her report but have actioned a lighting assessment plan by Thorn Electrical Service who provide this FOC.

You will read how we have formed a Fund Raising Committee to help meet the costs of running and maintaining the Cathedral both as a place of Worship and also a tourist attraction. Getting the balance is important, but involving the locals and the visitors is how we will achieve our target.

Over the coming years we will have minor work and larger scale projects. Broken windows in the tower, damp patches in the West Church Hall, several stain glass windows in the Cathedral need re-sealed, algae and moss removed from both buildings, lime mortar parapet stonework. The parapet is safe but needs attention. Clock faces are showing signs of rust in some brackets.

We are pursuing funding agencies as well as raising funds. It is important that we do raise capital as often funding is match-funded, not fully funded.

To complete my report please find time to say a massive thank you to Trish Weeks who for many years has not only looked after the plants around the Cathedral but also grown and nurtured many from seed and young plants. Jane Mackay would like a helper to share the void left. Trish, thank you most sincerely.

*Willie MacKay, Property Convenor*

## Fundraising for the Parish

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DORNOCH is a special place as many of us know. Reputedly it is known as a thin place where heaven and earth are very close. But even here in Dornoch we have been touched by the financial impact of COVID and the following fallout from that.

Unfortunately financially what we bring into the church falls short, as our annual costs continue to increase and for some of our members their ability to contribute has decreased due to the cost of living.

A group of 12 volunteers has been formed to respond to this situation. We have agreed an Action Plan which we hope, with your support, will meet the gap in our funding. We realise that not everyone in the parish can contribute more, so we are spreading our net wider, seeking support from the wider community as well as visitors to our special place.

We plan to organise activities within the parish for membership, the wider community and tourists/visitors. The first of these was a barbecue held at Will & Carol Anne's home.

<b>Annual</b>	<b>Friday 31st May in the Cathedral 10.30 to 3pm</b>
<b>Gift Day</b>	<b>Come along and enjoy tea, coffee and a chat.</b>

## Natter & Nosh

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A massive thank you from Trish to all the volunteers and especially Roz and Kim who stepped in as chefs when Trish could not manage.

The next dates are Monday 27th May and 10th June at the usual 12.30 time.



# Easter and 800 Years Celebrations

DORNOCH CATHEDRAL had its 800th Anniversary of the Laying of the First Stones.

Our celebration weekend took place over Easter, including St Gilbert's Day, on 1st April.

It was a great pleasure for us all to be joined over Easter weekend by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev. Sally Foster-Fulton, and her husband Stuart. The Moderator and her husband very much enjoyed their time in Dornoch and took part in many of the activities arranged for the celebration to mark the 800th Anniversary of the Laying of the First Stones of the Cathedral.

Such events included a visit to residents and staff at Oversteps Care Home, the Darkness to Light Event, the Labyrinth and the Ecumenical Songs of Praise, where she was joined by representatives of all our other local churches as well as our former minister, the Very Rev. Dr. James A. Simpson.

The Moderator and her husband also joined us at the beach for our Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning and preached to a very busy congregation at our Easter Sunday morning worship.

Before leaving Dornoch, the Moderator visited Dornoch Distillery to see the Cask being prepared to store a whisky, Cathedral Spirit, which will be for sale in 15 years, in time for the celebration to mark 800 years since the first worship services were held. Lastly she called at the Cathedral to see the preparations for the Flower Festival.

During Morning Worship on Easter Sunday, the Moderator was presented with a Tain Pottery plate to mark her visit. The Moderator presented a gift with a puzzle "Remember Who You Are" which was the theme of her sermon.

After the Service many of the congregation enjoyed a soup and sweet lunch for Christian Aid.

An amazing concert took place, involving local artistes, on Monday evening. The wonderful talent of so many youngster was enjoyed by a large audience.

The Flower Festival took place from Tuesday to Sunday after Easter and was enjoyed by many locals and visitors, even if the weather was a bit on the chilly side!

A virtual walk was held throughout March, with members of the congregation noting their miles/steps throughout the month to see how many times the walk between Halkirk and Dornoch could be made and to mark the journey made by St Gilbert so long ago.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to, helped, took part or visited any of the 800th Anniversary events. It would not have been the success it was without you. Well done everyone!!



*the Right Rev. Sally Foster-Fulton*



*Sunrise service at the beach*



*Christian Aid lunch*



*Celebratory concert*



# Easter and 800 Years Celebrations – continued

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## ALSO at EASTER

### Walk of Witness

On Friday 29th March an Ecumenical Walk of Witness from Ardgay to Bonar Bridge was held.

We were about 25 in number 29 if the dogs are counted in! There were folk from the Episcopalian and Church of Scotland churches. We had a booklet of appropriate hymns to sing and we stopped eight times on the way for a reading, a reflection and a prayer. Our last stop was in the Bradbury centre and we thankfully arrived before lunch was served and we all had a good sing there. We then nipped along the field to the church where we enjoyed Hot Cross buns, tea and coffee.



### Easter at Bonar

On Easter Sunday at 8.30am a short Easter Sunday Outdoor Service was held in Bonar Bridge at 'The Stones' beside the bridge. Members of our congregation from Ardgay and Bonar gathered to celebrate the risen Lord. We hoped those who didn't manage to come would hear us!!,

*Jeani Hunter*

## The Guild

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THE LAST MEETING of the Guild was in March. We do not meet during the summer months but we will be back starting again in September. Though there are no meetings until September, the Committee are busy arranging meetings for 2024/25. If anybody knows of a speaker or an activity that they would like us to include, please tell us. The Committee are Margaret MacRae, Gwen Muir, Ann Creed, Lizzie Campbell, Trish Geddes, Annie MacDonald, Morag Macaskill and Liz Broadhead.



## News from the Cathedral Welcome & Sales Team

### Update and Appeal for Help

The summer season has got off to a very encouraging start on all fronts. Dornoch's early summer visitor numbers increase year on year and we have been kept busy welcoming folk from all around the world .... many of whom express delight at the surprising beauty of "this small cathedral in the Highlands", which they had simply not expected! It is also always a pleasure to speak to those overseas visitors (mainly from Canada, the USA or Australia) who tell us proudly that their great, great grandfather/mother came from Dornoch many, many years ago ... and they've longed all their lives to visit the place they feel is their real home.

Being a part of the Sales & Welcome Team is a very rewarding way to spend three hours, once a fortnight with a partner or friend and, as always, we are incredibly grateful to our team of volunteers. However, we do still need at least another four more volunteers to complete our 2024 team: two couples, or two sets of friends, or a single person prepared to pair up with someone else. Otherwise, sadly we may be unable to cover two of our shifts and this is unfortunate for two reasons: firstly, there will be no welcoming smile for visitors calling in at those times, and secondly, we will lose badly needed cathedral income from lack of sales. If you think you could help us, we would really appreciate hearing from you. Please contact any of us listed below; we can have a chat about what volunteering entails, and one of us could sit with you during a first shift if you felt you wanted help. We really do need you!

**Sue Boyce (01862 810415 / 07833 698040), Anne Chambers (01862 811520), Lisa Dickenson (01862 810973)**

## Women's Group

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THIS PHOTO shows a happy gathering at the Young Wives and Playgroup Mums 1983 Christmas meal in the West Church Hall. There are lots of familiar faces in this lovely photo. Perhaps you can help us fill in the names of the two ladies we are stuck with!



Back row left to right:-

*Margaret Ross, Joan Martin, Liz Cairns, Kay Gordon, Catherine Hibbert, Maureen Mackay, Susan Wright, Rose Matheson, ?who is this?, Ann Macdonald, Sandra Ross, Margaret Thomson, Eileen Macrae, Shirley Irving, Moira Herbertson.*

Front row left to right:-

*Margaret Seatter, Gwen Muir, ?who is this?, Lily Anderson, Norma Mackay, Alison Christie, Robbie Banks, Kathleen Mackenzie, Frances Munro, Susan Gardiner, Etta Hayward, Kathleen Gunn and Patricia Stewart-Fitzroy*

### **Annual General Meeting**

– 3 words that strike fear and dread into the hearts of most right-thinking people! Images of an agenda a mile long, much constitution-based procedure and the painful task of electing office bearers as well as a committee from a room full of people studiously inspecting their shoes and avoiding any eye contact...

At the Dornoch Firth Women's Group, the words Annual General Meeting often means something quite different – we have had our meetings in restaurants, gardens, kitchens, conservatories, whilst on a walk as well as a pub and yet this year we surpassed ourselves. We met, discussed the necessary business, heard reports from the Treasurer and the Chairperson, re-elected our Office Bearers and drafted a syllabus for the next 6 months, all whilst sitting at a bench overlooking Dornoch Beach whilst the sun sank slowly below the western horizon. As the last feathering of pink faded to a dark night sky, we drew the meeting to a close and parted company.

And so another year of our welcoming, friendly and supportive group begins...

*Caroline Gilchrist*

## Prayer Group

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THESE ARE worrying times for everyone, be it cost of living concerns, new parish or larger church worries, or fears of global conflict. News bulletins are full of BAD news. It would be easy to despair. But as Christians we must rail against that temptation, and look positively to the future. Good people are trying to do the right things both domestically and internationally. We need to do what we can to help, in our community, in our country and, where relevant, overseas. We need to encourage others to be similarly optimistic. But most of all, we need to have faith, rock solid faith, that our God has this world - his world - in the palm of his hand and is the final authority. Each time we say The Lords Prayer we ask that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven, so let's do that now....

*“Lord, I recognise that You are still on the throne. No situation in the world today is beyond Your reach and no situation that I may be facing is too difficult for You. Rule and reign in my life and in our world today. Amen.”*



*Dornoch Firth Prayer Group*



## Cathedral Choir

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THE CHOIR continues to meet most Friday evenings in the West Church Hall. We are currently rehearsing music for the summer Services and preparing a programme for the final Sundays @ 7 Service. New voices are always very welcome.

*Roddy MacLean*

## Sundays @ 7

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OUR SUNDAYS @ 7 services will resume on 2nd June. These are short informal acts of worship during the summer months which consist of lots of singing mingled with prayers and readings. Everyone is most welcome.

This year, as in the past few years, they will be led by members, adherents and friends of Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland.

Please join us in raising the roof and singing praises to Our Lord.

### *June*

2nd - Jeani Hunter and friends from Creich

9th - Concert by Badenoch Chorale (NOTE EARLIER TIME of 6.30pm)

16th - Maureen Mackay

23rd - Boys Brigade

30th - The Guild

### *July*

7th - Worship Team

14th & 21st TBC

28th - Pastoral Care Team

*Mhairi Mackay*

## Social Committee

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THE NEXT COFFEE MORNING is on **Friday, 14th June**. Thank you all who have supported us throughout the year. We will have a break with coffee mornings resuming once again in September.

*Una Reid*

## St Gilbert Pilgrimage

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MANY OF YOU did the virtual pilgrimage from Halkirk to Dornoch during March. If anyone would like to walk the actual route - the whole 71 miles, or just stages of it - during the summer months please get in touch with Fay <[fay@ecosse.net](mailto:fay@ecosse.net)>

*Fay Wilkinson*



## Youth Theatre

Walt Disney's Jungle Book with a Dornoch spin. The performance was as exciting as the film and the enjoyment at rehearsals was really special for the twenty children involved. The make-up of the animals was such that even parents could hardly tell who their own children were.

The twist to the story was that the jungle was disappearing at an alarming rate with the animals and man cub Mowgli fleeing for help from the 'Man Village.' But in the spirit of the show – they all lived happily ever after but the environmental message was strong.

This is another performance that the children will remember and the parents and grandparents enjoyed, appreciating the many hours the Youth Theatre adults have devoted to the production since March



*Make-up and costumes were very professional*



*The lumberjacks were the 'baddies' tearing down the trees*



*Even Abba's Dancing Queen was in Jungle Book*

## Dornoch Firth Junior Band

THE BAND is going from strength to strength and we're now on our fourth tune! We hope to perform at one of the "Sundays at Seven" sessions in the summer as well as gigging on the Cathedral Green sometime soon.

We have been delighted to welcome some new instructors and helpers in Chris Dunin-Rzuchowska, newly retired music teacher at the Dornoch 3-18 campus, Dominic Adams, our schools strings instructor and parent, Gwen Jenson. We are very lucky!

The group runs from 4:45pm to 5:45pm in the West Church Hall every Friday during term time. New members are most welcome.

*Graham McCarthy*



## Dornoch Boys' Brigade

SINCE THE EASTER HOLIDAYS the Anchor Boys and the Junior Section have been out and about on alternate Tuesday evenings. The Anchor Boys have been to the beach, the woods and the airstrip. The Junior Section have been to the woods and have had an evening of Archery at Connell Outdoor pursuits.

Thankfully the weather has been kind to us each evening so we hope it continues as we still have a lot to cram into the last few weeks of term.

*Morag Macaskill*



## £2,000+ Barbecue

WE HAD A WONDERFUL evening at Will and Carol Anne's home on the 21st May. Despite the terrible weather, the fellowship and welcome was warm, not to mention the variety of food and beverage.

The musical entertainment was ably provided by 'Strathfleet Buttons & Bows.' A very big thank you to Will and Carol Anne for opening their home to the congregation and friends for this event. A total exceeding £2,100 was raised and this will be used to provide heating in the Cathedral during the winter.

Thank you to all those who donated, bought tickets and attended. The chefs were turning out burgers and sausages all served on a scrummy roll with the usual salad ingredients for self-service. The drinks area was busy, especially hot tea and coffee.

We are also very grateful to the Youth Theatre Group, who raised £655 at the Jungle Book performance and donated this to the Cathedral.

This was a memorable evening and a great start to the fundraising activities in the Parish.

*John McMurray*



*BBQ Masterchef at Meikle Caption Master Chef at Meikle*



*Service at the Porter Bistro*



*Strathfleet Buttons & Bows – (even the Band were clapping to warm their hands)*

## Girls' Brigade starting

THE 1ST DORNOCH Girls Brigade is starting on Monday 2nd September 2024. This is open to all girls from Primary 1 through to 6th Year Academy Girls. We will meet in the West Church Hall on Mondays from September to March during the school term.

You will have great fun whilst developing friendships, sharing experiences, learning new skills & crafts and tackling new challenges

Age groups and times are:

Explorers (P1-P3) – Mondays, 6:15 - 7:15pm

Juniors (P4-P7) – Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Brigaders (S1-S6) – Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Please contact <[dornochgb@gmail.com](mailto:dornochgb@gmail.com)> for more information and enrolment details.



## Oversteps

We enjoyed having the Moderator visit, where our resident Betty O'Brien presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

We have also had a visit from Davochfin Farm, who brought a lamb for the residents to meet.

*Jen Macdonald,  
Manager*



*Betty O'Brien with the Moderator*



*Christina Williamson  
with lamb*

## The Meadows

WE HAVE HAD a variety of events over the last few months, the highlights having been our tipsy tea party which involved the local community, the ability bikes where residents enjoyed cycling around the town with the care staff and the Abbamania/Eurovision day, where we enjoyed music with Lesley Graham.

*Jackie Macrae, Manager*



# Dornoch Firth Group

JEN, EILIDH AND KELLY, the Community Projects and Family Learning team of the Dornoch Firth Group, always have a busy week of activities planned for families in the area. Visit our Facebook page [DornochAreaFamilyEvents](#)

## Monday

### *Woodland Story Walks (Fortnightly during term time)*

Our free Story Walks are proving very popular with families at Camore wood. We meet fortnightly for a themed walk based on a children's book or story. There is an activity, snack and an opportunity to have a stomp round the woods and enjoy being outside in nature. Recently the group was joined by Jason from the Tain Museum for a fairy storytelling session. There were some lovely fairies in the woods that day. Dressing up is optional but always encouraged!

We meet at 10.30am at the Camore car park, no booking required. For updates on planned walks please contact <[jen@dfgcommunity.com](mailto:jen@dfgcommunity.com)>

### *Mamas' Club (Fortnightly during term time)*

This group is a lovely opportunity for mums to gather to enjoy a creative activity. Babies, toddlers and children are welcome but the focus is on the mums, to allow time to be creative and try out a new craft. At the end of April, the group was joined by Charlotte MacKenzie from Arts in Nature who led a wonderful Spring wreath making session. All the wreaths were so beautifully unique, and our Mamas had a lovely morning creating, chatting and enjoying cake.

Mamas' Club is at The Old School in Embo and costs £2 to attend. Contact Jen to book your place <[jen@dfgcommunity.com](mailto:jen@dfgcommunity.com)>



## Tuesday

### *Tuesday Tots Baby and Toddler Group*

We have had a very busy time at Tuesday Tots over the last few weeks with lots of themed activity days to promote learning and spark the imagination. We've been dressing up, discovering dinosaurs and exploring under the sea. With lots of messy and sensory play involved it's been amazing fun for the babies and toddlers.

We meet 10-11.30am on Tuesdays during term time at the West Church Hall, £1.50 per family and everyone is very welcome!

Contact [jen@dfgcommunity.com](mailto:jen@dfgcommunity.com)

### *Baby Massage*

Our popular drop-in baby massage sessions run on a Tuesday during term time between 9.30-10am at the West Church Hall. A chilled out half hour for babies and parents to make new friends and learn the basic massage strokes to promote bonding and wellbeing. Massage oil is provided but please bring a pillow and a towel.

Contact <[eilidh@dfgcommunity.com](mailto:eilidh@dfgcommunity.com)>



## Dornoch Firth Group – continued

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### *Knit and Natter*

Our wonderful group of crafters meets between 10am-12.30pm at the West Church Hall on a Tuesday morning to enjoy tea and biscuits and share their latest projects. This group is fantastically supportive and welcoming so if anyone would like good company while they knit, crochet or craft please come along and join us.

Contact [Jen@dfgcommunity.com](mailto:Jen@dfgcommunity.com)

### Thursday

#### *Little Otters*

Our outdoor baby and toddler group at Davochfin Farm is growing weekly and now more than 60 families have registered and taken part in a session. The outdoor space at the farm and the changing season is an amazing backdrop to promote outdoor learning and spark curiosity for the children in the world around them. Families who attend have commented on the freedom it allows to explore and discover as well as fostering a love of nature and the outdoors for their children. If it's windy, we'll make kites, if it's wet and muddy we'll jump in puddles and paint with mud. If the sun comes out, we play with water and chase butterflies.

Little Otters runs on a Thursday morning during Term time. We meet at Davochfin Farm, Dornoch between 10.30-12noon. It costs £1.50 per family and snack is included. Contact [<eilidh@dfgcommunity.com>](mailto:eilidh@dfgcommunity.com)



## D-Day Celebrations

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### *Thursday 6th June - timetable:*

18.15 – Young Curators parade with a lone piper from the War memorial dressed as evacuees.

18.20 – Joined by the Boys Brigade and Brownies at the Cathedral Green.

18.30 – Ringing of the Bells of Peace

Followed by Service for Children conducted by Simon Scott

Laying of the Wreath

Reading of the National Tribute

19.00 – Barbecue & Music at the Lifeboat Station

20.45 – Dornoch Pipe Band play in the Beach Car Park

21.00 – Service of Remembrance by Rev. John Chambers

21.15 Lighting of the Beacon



Neil Dalton, ESRA Chair and Kim Tulloch,  
Depute Lord Lieutenant

## Dates for your diary

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Sunday 26th May

### LAMBING SERVICE

3pm Hillview, Dounie. Ardgay IV24 3BW.  
Refreshment & feed the lambs.



**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**Lambing  
Celebration  
Service**

Sunday 26th May, 3pm  
Hillview, Dounie,  
Ardgay, IV24 3BW  
Followed by refreshments &  
opportunity to feed lambs

**FAMILY EVENT - ALL WELCOME  
DORNOCH FIRTH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

Friday 31st May

### ANNUAL GIFT DAY

in Cathedral

Saturday 1st June

### CATHEDRAL TOWER OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

on every Saturday the Dornoch Pipe Band  
plays. See Noticeboard for dates.

Sunday 2nd June

### SUNDAYS @ 7

start and continue through summer months  
until 25th August

NOTE – Sunday 9th starts at 6.30pm for  
Badenoch Chorale

Thursday 6th June

### D-DAY CELEBRATIONS

(see schedule on preceding page)

Sunday 16th June

### COMMUNION

at the Cathedral

Sunday 16th June

### SERVICES

at Oversteps (2.30pm) & The Meadows  
(3.15pm)

Sunday 21st July

### SERVICES

at Oversteps (2.30pm) & The Meadows  
(3.15pm)



Rt Rev. Sally Foster-Fulton and her husband Stewart having a view  
of Dornoch from the tower parapet

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