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Colourful Harvest display

Picture: Annie MacDonald

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**And much more!**

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# Minister's Thoughts

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## Dear friends

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I DON'T KNOW about you but I haven't taken well this year to the shorter days that come with winter.

Usually I enjoy the stay-at-home cosiness of it all. I mean, if you ask me, it's never too early for jammies at the best of times! And so what if hibernation mode leads to an extra pound or three on the hips, there's good reason those jammies are elasticated!

But... the season isn't, this year, for me, the contented sigh it so often is. And hunkering in just doesn't feel to be an option. Maybe because the world itself feels sometimes to be pressing in. Too much uncertainty. Too much violence. Too little trust and tenderness to pull us through.

If you feel like me, navigating Christmas could be even trickier. And getting in the Christmas spirit a bit of a tall order... if, I guess, what we mean by that is jollyng ourselves up and getting on board with making of Christmas opportunity to up the consumer ante.

But what if getting in the Christmas spirit is actually to expect to find such elusive things as trust and tenderness. Because isn't that how God came to us that first Christmas. Leaving behind power and knowledge such as we can only imagine. Entering the world the same way we all do, in the womb of a woman, trusting her to nurture and protect and grow God in tenderness.

There is the wonder of it, the mystery, the beauty.

I pray, as Christmas nears, we all might find a little of this wonder and mystery and beauty settle in our soul, opening us to trust and tenderness, making of us a shelter for God who comes to us still. And real joy and deep peace will surely become us all.

Go gently, friends, venture well. And a truly happy Christmas to you when it comes,

*Carol Anne*



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## An Advent Prayer

I would have despaired unless I had believed  
that I would see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

Be strong and let your heart take courage;

Yes, wait for the Lord.

-from Psalm 27

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## Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee have been meeting regularly and the process is ongoing. We would appreciate the continuing prayer support of the congregation.

Ann Creed (Clerk)

# Kincardine Church Closing Service

THE SERVICE to mark the closing of Kincardine Church had a large congregation on Sunday 13th October. The local school, Gledfield Primary, had their own special Service on Friday before the pupils broke up for their October holidays. This was very fitting as the school was used for Services while the current Church was being built in 1909.

Regular Services were conducted until the end of December 2023 when Kincardine, Croick and Edderton and Creich Church and Dornoch Cathedral were united in a new Union, the Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland on, 1st January 2024.

The Service was led by Interim Moderator for the Dornoch Firth Parish, Rev. Alistair Drummond, and supported by Rev. Carol Anne Porter, Locum Minister for the Dornoch Firth Parish, the Rev Mary Stobo. Amanda Anderson, Highland & Islands Presbytery Support Officer, read the formal Pronouncement of Closing:

*“Brothers and sisters in Christ, these buildings of Kincardine Church and Hall, having been blessed and set apart as a place of worship, together with the land on which they stand and all objects remaining in it, we now formally release for whatever future honourable use lies ahead.*

*“In the name of the Church of Scotland and Presbytery of Cleir Eilean I: Highlands and Hebrides, I declare that at the close of today’s worship, this church building will no longer be used by this congregation for regular worship. May it yet be a blessing through its new owners to the people of this community and neighbourhood.”*

The Rev. Carol Anne Porter led the congregation in the last prayer with the Rev. Drummond closing the final Service in Kincardine Church with the blessing.

It was a historic and emotional occasion with some in attendance who were married, some were baptised and many whose parents had gifted various items to the Church. There was time after the service where the sizeable congregation shared memories with a display of photos as they enjoyed refreshments and the usual quality spread of goodies for which Kincardine are noted.



*A sizeable congregation gathered for the closing Service in Kincardine Church*

# Life Events

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## Funerals

**Charles (Charlie) Forbes** - 20th September  
**Lorna M. C Currie** - 9th October  
**Jerry Strang** - 22nd October  
**Charles W. Brooke** - 24th October  
**Alice Grant** – 5th November (Bonar Bridge)

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.*

– from Psalm 23

# Harvest Services

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AS WELL as having a Harvest Service on Sunday 6th October when we have our Family Service on the first Sunday of the month we enjoyed an outdoor Service courtesy of Charlie and Tanya Brooke clearing and cleaning one of the barns at Midfearn Farm.

Some found the bales better than the pews, but everyone enjoyed the fellowship and cuppa after the Service.

Sadly, Charlie passed away a week after hosting this service. We will remember him for his generous hospitality. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tanya and their family.



# Guild Report

Tuesday 17th September was the opening meeting of our new session. This was held in the West Church Hall in Dornoch. Margaret Macrae welcomed everyone back to the Guild with a special welcome to new members. Worship was led by Margaret and Liz Broadhead.

Margaret then welcomed Carrie MacDonald who is the local fundraiser for Highland Hospice. The Hospice gets some funding from the Highland council but most of its funding comes from local fundraisers throughout the year continually holding events to support the work of the hospice. A large amount comes through their Charity Shops which are very popular and there is a new café opened at the Hospice in Bishop's Road in Inverness. Margaret thanked Carrie for coming to speak to us and we then enjoyed a welcome cup of tea.

On Tuesday 1st October our meeting was held in The Tea Room in Bonar Bridge Village Hall. Margaret Macrae and Ann Creed led the worship. Our speaker was Gordon Scott from Highlands and Islands Blood Bikes assisted by his colleague Sandy McPhail. The service covers 12,500 sq. miles and is entirely operated by volunteers. Riders transport urgent medical samples, medication and equipment. The four main hospitals they cover are Fort William, Wick, Raigmore and Oban. A truly wonderful service supporting the NHS. £250 was collected that afternoon to give to the cause which had inspired us all. Thank you.



L to R Sandy McPhail & Gordon Scott



The Meadows Residents enjoyed celebrating the 600th person to use the wheelchairs

On Tuesday 5th November in the West Church Hall, Trish Geddes welcomed everyone to the meeting and then she and Myra Campbell led the worship. Lynne Mahoney, curator at Historylinks Museum, in Dornoch gave us a fascinating, illustrated talk about Dornoch through the ages, from before the bronze age to modern times. The Heritage Centre will be open on Fridays and Saturdays till the end of the year and it has some fascinating artefacts on show.

On Tuesday 19th November Colin Carmichael will be speaking to us about Scripture Union. Members made a donation from a baking stall to the work of Scripture Union.

The final meeting of the year will be on Tuesday 3rd December when we will have a Christmas Tea and entertainment. All welcome.

The Guild will restart in the New year on Tuesday 7th January when Sue Prince will be with us to guide us through some "Pilates". It should be a lot of fun.

*Sue Boyce*

## Women's Group

AUTUMNAL nights mean our group moves indoors and have enjoyed some seasonal bakes and activities. Our focus has been on this year's "No tree Christmas tree". We are nothing if not flexible so in small groups or out with our dogs we enjoyed daylight walks in the woods with our collecting bags - our task to collect cones but with no specific size nor conifer it meant our reading glasses weren't needed!

We then gathered round a big table to create our tree from these collections! A bit like a 'Blue Peter' creation with glue and enthusiasm and some useful items saved for such an occasion! Many hands do make light work but too many cooks can spoil the masterpiece so... our multitasking natures meant we spread out so all were busy with the cones or knitting or wrapping or packing whilst discussing our singing and roles in "Carols for Christian Aid" Phew! All washed down with tea and of course bakes!

Fellowship, fun and loving support is what we share and there is always room for more members. We do hope you enjoy the fruits of our labour throughout advent!

*Roslyn Oliver-Jones*



*Getting their No Tree Christmas Tree made*

## Welcome and Sales Team

Our Summer Season drew to a close on the 20th September, marking a very successful few months. We have seen more visitors than ever in Dornoch this year, most of whom included a visit around the cathedral to their trip. As recorded in previous issues of the Parish News, the welcome given by our volunteers is always well received by folk from all over the world and in turn they often leave us with a happy comment and a smile, making a purchase to remember us by - and sometimes a generous donation too.

As always we extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers, without whom we would have nothing to report. Your efforts this year have achieved a magnificent profit for the Cathedral in excess of £6,000. We are also already investing in stock for Christmas and for the 2025 season, so we hope everyone will make a note of the date below:

**Our Christmas Sales Table will be open on  
Sunday, 1st December after the Family Service.**

🎄 CrossReach Christmas Cards 🎄

Gifts bearing Cathedral Logo

🎄 Stocking Fillers for Adults and Children 🎄



*We look forward to seeing everyone there ....*

*Please remember to bring cash or credit card to the  
service on that day.*



**Thank you from Sue Boyce (01862 810415),  
Anne Chambers (02862 811520),  
Lisa Dickenson (01862 810973).**



# Parish Prayer Group

OVER THE LAST few weeks we have found it difficult to meet together on Sunday mornings due to trips away and other commitments. However the importance of prayer is always in our hearts and we continue to pray for our Parish and all the activities and outreach going on.

Please continue to support our locum minister, Carol Anne, the different parts of the new Parish, Nomination Committee and Sunday Services in prayer, as well as the elders and those running all the outreach activities across the Parish.

The Joint Prayers for the Parish also continue on the third Thursday of the month, rotating between the West Church Hall and the Bonar Hub. November's prayers are in the WCH at 10.30am and everyone is welcome.

In these challenging and difficult times our faith family and church are so important.

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you:  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
And give you peace.*

*Rosie*

## Grasping the Nettle



GRASPING the Nettle is a movement formed by church leaders in Scotland to promote dialogue within the Church and society at large about belief in God, especially in relation to science.

There is a default assumption in society – especially in academia and the media – that we have outgrown the need for God. The fact that religious belief is often unquestioningly held by adherents compounds the situation.

There are very interesting evening talks on line with excellent speakers and they are available to all. Find out more at

<https://www.graspingthenettle.org>.



## Dotty the Donkey Trail

IN DORNOCH CATHEDRAL, from Friday 1st December to Nativity Sunday 22nd December 11am.

Find five minutes to come and meet Dotty the Donkey and follow the Christmas Trail. This is perfect for little ones and parents and grandparents to come together to find out what Christmas is all about. As you follow the trail, you'll find things, draw, give yourself a hug - or hug each other - and more besides. And, at the end, there'll be a treat and a special invitation, just for you.

*Carol Anne*



# School Remembrance Services

THE CATHEDRAL pews were full on Friday 8th November when all Dornoch Campus Secondary pupils were joined by Primary 6 & 7 pupils from Bonar Bridge and Dornoch Primary Schools.

An emotional slide presentation featuring local young men who gave their lives in World War I and World War II and bible readings was delivered by Head Boy and Girl, Kieran Allan and Clare Mackay, along with Jasmine Riordan, Alexander Shepherd, Zoe MacBeath and Freya MacCulloch.

The Service was attended by Major General Patrick Marriott CB CBE, HM Lord-Lieutenant for Sutherland, Depute Lord-Lieutenant Kim Baxendale, Cllr Jim McGillivray and members of the School Council.

Locum Minister, Rev. Carol Anne Porter, led the Service with school teacher Danny Parkin piping the procession from the Academy campus to and from the Cathedral. Wreaths were laid in the Cathedral and at the War Memorial.

Pupils from Edderton Primary and Gledfield Primary also held their Remembrance Service at their respective War Memorials.



*School Dornoch Campus Memorial*



*School Remembrance Service Cathedral Party*



*School Cathedral Dornoch Campus West Aisle*



*Edderton Primary School*



*Gledfield Primary School at Ardgay War memorial*



## Remembrance Services

DORNOCH FIRTH Church of Scotland held acts of Remembrance across their new Parish with Services held in Ardgay, Bonar Bridge, Dornoch and Edderton.



*Edderton*



*Bonar Bridge*



*Ardgay*



*Dornoch*

## Carols for Christian Aid in the Cathedral

PLEASE MARK 4.00pm Sunday 8th December in your dairy and on the kitchen calendar for an afternoon of Carols, Music, Readings in the Cathedral and enjoy the friendly chat in the lead up to Christmas. What did Winnie the Pooh say to the Minister?

Entry by donations at the door.

## Youth Theatre Group

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THE PHOTO shows the Theatre Group youngsters holding a “pose” at the end of their “signature dance” “Let’s Get Ready to Rumble.”

You can see “The Rumble” live as part of “The Revolting Cinderella“, coming to the West Church Hall on **Saturday 14th December**.

King Foolhardy and Prince Love-a-lot plan to hold a disco where Love-a-lot will choose a bride from any of the women there-and live happily ever after ...they imagine! Not realising times have changed, Foolhardy and Love-a-lot are in for a rude awakening!



*Rehearsal time for ‘The Revolting Cinderella’ Pantomime*

Entry is by donation and we are looking forward to two packed houses! Hope to see you there!

**Performances will be at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Get Saturday 14th December in your diary.**

## Junior Band

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THE PHOTO shows the current members of the Dornoch Firth Junior Band who are (l to r) Rosie Minty, Lilly Tarry, Anna McGillivray, Hollie Sangster, Rosanna Cameron, Rhian Jensen, Olivia Sutherland, Jack Tarry and Travis Cameron. Missing from the photo are Lucas Walker and Ruairidh Sangster.



Our newest recruit is 10 year old Anna McGillivray who plays the flute in the band but also plays the accordion. Our latest instrument addition is Hollie Sangster’s trumpet. With this and Lilly Tarry’s oboe, shy and retiring we are not!

The group have learnt a couple of new tunes and thoughts are now turning towards learning some carols. We hope to be coming to a venue near you to share some Christmas cheer!

## Concert in Cathedral – Thursday 2nd January – 7.00pm

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On 2nd January there is a concert with local artists and musicians starting at 7.00pm. If you were lucky enough to attend last year this is a date not to miss. Doors open at 6.15pm with entry by donation.

As 2024 draws to a close what better way to welcome in the New Year than by a celebration of music in the Dornoch’s atmospheric cathedral. The date for your diary is Thursday 2nd January at 7:00 pm.

There will be performers from near and far and music for all tastes, from pop to classical. Please come along, relax and share in this life-affirming concert of great music. Entry is by donation. Hope to see you there!

*Graham McCarthy*

# The Singing Waiters

IT WAS with anticipation that the audience waited for the WAITERS. They were not disappointed as they enjoyed a great evening of entertainment and wonderful food in the Bonar Bridge Village Hall. Fay Wilkinson planned the table layout perfectly and with her volunteers the hall was set out as though it was for a wedding meal.

Kerry Hawthorne and her kitchen team produced a tremendous meal of chicken in a tasty sauce, boiled potatoes in their skins, chunky carrots cooked in a savoury sauce with a light gravy. This was followed by Kerry's special apple pie and custard and tea and coffee to finish.

Dressed in their white shirts, black bow ties and black trousers with black aprons, their appearance was very professional. For some, the singing was the easy part, serving the food was their concern. During a rehearsal one of the singers asked what was on the menu for the evening. The comment, "It doesn't matter, as long as it sticks to the plate," was not said in jest.



Waiters' tables



Waiters' full tables

Choirmaster Roddy MacLean, had a varied selection of operettas and Scottish songs to start the evening and in between courses he and Willie MacKay tested the audience's musical knowledge with *Name that Tune - Name that Hymn* when Roddy played the last line of the music. From Abba hits to the Beatles and Gilbert and Sullivan, the evening was full of FUN.

So is it to be - "The Singing Waiters On Tour" or are our Ladies going to upstage them? Whatever the follow-up is, Roddy MacLean will be at the heart of the evening.



The Singing Waiters

From L to R. Mike Hanley; Ian Shearer; John McMurray; John Gunn; Alasdair MacKay; Roddy MacLean (Choirmaster) Derrick Macaskill; Alastair Sutherland; John Calder; John MacKenzie; John Chambers.

## Natter and Nosh

NATTER and Nosh is back in full swing. We have a regular attendance of 30 or so patrons and there is a lovely atmosphere in the dining hall. It would be great to have more people join us. There are two dates left this year November 25th and December 9th.

It is hoped that we will restart in the New Year on Monday 13th January 2025 and we look forward to seeing you all again.

Please contact Roz on 07734 108075 or Trish on 07751 015956

*Trish Geddes*



## Dornoch Firth Social Committee

HERE ARE the coffee morning dates for your diary so you can enjoy home baking, company and chat as well as helping the Parish funds.

All on Fridays from 10.30 to 12.00 in the West Church Hall.

13th December; 17th January; 21st February; 21st March; 25th April; 16th May; 20th June.

**On Sunday 15th and 22nd December, Christmas Parcels will be on Sale at £5.00 each at the end of the morning services.**

*Una Reid (Convenor)*



## Final Fundraising Report for 2024

THOSE of you who are sharp and up to date will have noticed that the Fundraising totaliser on the cathedral organ pipes has been updated showing that we have achieved 85% of our £60,000 target. Since I made this alteration even more funds have come in, so we are closer to 90% of our target.

Well done everyone and a very big thank you for all your support of our activities. I hope you found it to be fun.

Looking to next year the Finance Committee are busy pulling together a budget which will help the us determine our target for next year.

The Fundraising Committee are not sitting on their laurels but have already planned for 2025:

- A use of Talents activity in the spring
- Spring/Summer/Autumn concerts
- Regular visits to the clock tower during the summer, Saturdays and Market days
- Guided tours round the cathedral
- A Golf event

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to continue to lead the funding committee beyond 2025 and to work with me during next year so that there is a smooth transition. If you are interested or know of someone who could do this, please speak to me on 07801496609.

Thanks again for all your support.

*John McMurray*



## The Meadows – Special Days

IT WAS a very special day for Paul and Ehrentraut Lippock who celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. They had a lovely day. It was good to be able to celebrate together. Paul gave his wife flowers and chocolates and they shared some of their lovely wedding pictures with staff and reminisced about their wedding day.

Jimmy Munro was the 600th user of the beach wheelchairs for this excellent volunteer run group. For the less able people to enjoy the sea air, the sound of the waves and the open spaces of Dornoch beach deserves to be applauded.

*Jackie Macrae, Manager*



## 1st Dornoch Girls Brigade

WE ARE officially a Company and our dedication service of 1st Dornoch Girls Brigade will be on the 24th November at Dornoch Cathedral. We have regular seven Juniors (Pr. 4-7) and eight Explorers (Pr. 1-3).

We would like to thank the parents & carers of the girls for entrusting Jane & myself to help their daughters learn about Jesus whilst having fun.

We have settled into the West Church Hall and have started our badgework in earnest. The Explorers are learning about other countries that have Girls Brigade. The Juniors have finished "exploring birds" for educational and are onto learning about the Bear Necessities Charity for Service.

*Marianne MacLeod (Leader in Charge)*

## 1st Dornoch Brownies

IN OUR first term back we warmly welcomed some new recruits. These girls have been working on their Brownie Promises and have earned their Promise Badge.

Once again we are massively proud of the part our girls played in the Remembrance Parade.

Our current activities include filling shoe boxes for the Blythswood Appeal and badge work. One is for making a No-Tree-Christmas Tree for this year's Cathedral display. Thinking caps are on!

*Julie Herbertson*



## Friends of Oversteps

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AT OVERSTEPS, work has begun on the Sensory Garden with the laying of the paths. Members of the Men's Shed are kindly going to be involved in making raised beds and other work in creating the garden. If anyone is able to contribute cuttings and plants to Oversteps, they will be much appreciated.

Looking ahead to 2025, support in raising funds for a suitable Mini-bus will be a priority.

If anyone is interested in joining the "Friends" - even for a couple of years - we'd be delighted to have you. Contact Shiona on <shiona.stuart61@gmail.com>

*Shiona Stewart*

## Oversteps

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OVERSTEPS have had a busy month and one highlight for a resident was when the Nursery children visited from Dornoch Primary. Congratulations to all the Staff who gained their Care Worker of the Year Awards.

Lenka Simekova has now commenced in her role of Deputy Manager at Oversteps.

*Jen MacDonald, Manager*



Crossreach Awards 2024



Mahari enjoying sharing a book

## Smartie Tube Collection

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Did you collect a smartie tube in October? For those new to this way of making a donation to worthwhile causes you replace the smarties with 20 pence pieces, but the tube will also hold pound coins. This year the appeal will go to Gazza.

Please bring your Smartie tubes to morning Service on Sundays 8th and 15th December, but even earlier if you wish.

Thank you for your generosity.

*Mhairi Mackay*



# Golf Day

A GOLF EVENT and dinner raised more than £15,000 to support the Dornoch Firth Parish.

The organisers of the fundraiser welcomed the backing from nearly 50 competitors and supportive businesses.

Royal Dornoch Golf Club teed-up access to the Struie Course and Morrison Construction, who are building the eagerly awaited new clubhouse, were the main sponsors.

Each hole was sponsored by a local trader, with Glenmorangie providing team prizes and Royal Dornoch sponsoring the longest drive and nearest the pin.

A clubhouse dinner held after the golf was attended by 59 players and supporters, with the raffle generating £1700 and the auction raising a further £3240.

An out of town bidder enjoyed a successful internet bid for a three-night stay at Knockbreck House kindly donated by Town and Country Lettings.

Other items in demand were a 100-year-old ladies set of hickory clubs, with bag, and a new to the market Octogrip putter featuring the Royal Dornoch name and logo on the base.

Fundraising convener John McMurray said: "It was a very successful event and hopefully it will become an annual fixture on the local calendar. The money raised will be used to continue the fine work of Dornoch Firth Parish.

It was a fitting result for the Dornoch Parish golf event to have a son and son-in-law of the late Rev Jim Simpson, a former Cathedral Minister and past captain of RDGC in the winning team."

The 15-strong volunteer fundraising team, together with other helpers giving their time on the day, would like to thank all those who sponsored the event, participated, bought raffle tickets, and bid for auction items. A big 'Thank You' is due to them all."



Winning Team 'The Bandits': Keith Henry, Derick McCaskill, Phil Prince, Graeme Simpson John McMurray (centre)



The Bandits team won the event – (see photo) Runners-up, Jeani's team, included Jeani Hunter, Christine Cruden and Ian Roylance. With Mairi Urquhart and Sons Funeral Group team of David Ross, Suzanne McClenaghan, Grant Geddes and Martin Geddes finished third.

*John McMurray*

*New clubhouse project manager Brian Harper drives off with fellow Morrison Construction team members Mark Cooper, Scott Birch and Calum MacKay joined by RDGC general manager Neil Hampton and Dornoch Firth Parish fundraiser John McMurray.*

## Local Donation

The “Pinkie-Col” charity golf event, held in memory of local man Alexander Campbell, has been run for several years, always held the day after the Dornoch Games when many exile Dornoch folk return for the weekend. The entry this year reached maximum numbers with over 80 playing and naturally everyone was dressed in pink. Beneficiaries from the event were ESRA, Beach Wheelchairs and Dornoch Cathedral.

Traditionally the winner gets half the proceeds raised for their chosen charity. Jim Oliver from Rogart, donated the entirety of his winnings to the Cambusavie Unit at the Lawson Memorial Hospital. They were delighted to receive the money which they have put towards the purchase of patient transfer scales. These will make the job of the staff much easier and the patients more comfortable when being weighed and transferred.

When the organisers heard about The Gift Project established by Annie MacDonald and supported by several other Dornoch ladies they decided to include them when distributing the fund raised.

Annie writes, “The very generous donation of £200 from the Pinkie-Col Golf will help the Gift Project purchase essential clothing and toiletries for the women, children and young people being supported by Caithness and Sutherland Women’s Aid, who are now in a place of safety.”

If anyone would like to get in contact with CASWA for support please call 0345 408 0151 or email <info@caswa.org.uk>.



*Annie MacDonald (centre) receives a £200 donation from Tegan Murray and Sophie Hallam (Alexander’ niece). Colin Murray, Tegan’s father on left.*

## No Tree Christmas Tree

ONCE AGAIN there will be “No Tree Christmas Trees” designed by local businesses and organisations, both young and old, displayed in the Cathedral from Friday 6th to Sunday 20th December. Be sure and visit and enjoy the wonderful imaginative creations.



*An entry from last year*



## Dornoch Firth Group

WE CAN always rely on Jen and Eilidh to have colourful photos for our Parish News.

For Little Otters Outdoor Baby and Toddler Group, Baby Massage & Tuesday Tots at the West Church Hall, Dornoch contact <eilidh@dfgcommunity.co.uk>

For Woodland Story walks at Camore Wood and Mamas' Club at the Old School in Embo and Knit and Natter on a Tuesday morning in West Church Hall contact <jen@dfgcommunity.com>

For the Men's Shed contact <charles@dfgcommunity.com>

**Join our Facebook page <@DornochAreaFamilyEvents> to keep up to date.**



*Hallowe'en*



*Woodland Fun*



*Marshmallow Time*

## Dates for your diary

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### NOVEMBER

30th St Andrews Fayre followed by Carols in the Cathedral at 3.30pm.  
Cathedral Tower opened from 1.30 to 3.00pm.

### DECEMBER

1st 11.00am Family Service in the Cathedral & Christmas Sales Table open afterwards.

6th to 20th – “No Tree Christmas Tree Display” in the Cathedral

7th 6.30pm Golspie Christmas Choral Concert, Ardgay Village Hall.

8th 11.00am Family Service at the Cathedral. Live Streaming to Bonar Bridge

8th 4.00pm in Cathedral - Carols for Christian Aid (Women’s Group)

10th 2.30pm Carol Service at Oversteps

11th Carol Service at The Meadows  
Carol Service at Innis Mhor, Tain, will be announced in Order of Service

12th 7.30pm Golspie Christmas Choral Concert, Fountain Road Hall. Golspie.

15th 11.00am Family Service at the Cathedral  
Afternoon Services at Oversteps 2.30pm and The Meadows 3.15pm  
Carol Anne has a family based Christmas afternoon service/walk at 3.00pm in Gearrhoille Wood, Ardgay, to include carols, story telling and hot chocolate. Meet at the car park.

22nd 11.00am Cathedral Family Service/Nativity Inter Church Open Air Service at 6.00pm (TBC) on the Cathedral Green, involving the Church of Scotland, the Free Church & the Episcopal Church. If weather is poor the Cathedral shall be used. Dress for outdoors.

24th **CHRISTMAS EVE** 11.00 for 11.30pm: Watchnight Service - Cathedral

25th **CHRISTMAS DAY** 10.00 am Family Christmas Service in Cathedral  
12 noon a Christmas Lunch in Ardgay Hall for local people living on their own.

29th 11.00am: Family Service in West Church Hall  
1.30pm Service of Lessons & Carols in the afternoon at Bonar Bridge Village Hall.

30th Tower open 6.30pm to 7.30pm

31st Labyrinth in Cathedral 4.0pm to 6.00pm (volunteers needed)

**HOGMANAY STREET PARTY**  
in The Square

### JANUARY

2nd 7.00pm Concert with local talent in the Cathedral.

5th 11.00am: Family Service in West Church Hall

**Sunday Services in Dornoch will be held in the West Church Hall from Sunday 29th December to Sunday 16th March**

*A Happy Christmas and Good New Year to all our readers*

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