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EASTER SUNDAY - SET YOUR ALARM AND JOIN US AT 6:20AM

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Minister's Thoughts

Dear friends

WE STAND on the cusp of the week the church calls 'holy'.

It's a week that begins with the joyful and somewhat comical sight perhaps of Jesus, the carpenter from Nazareth, entering the city on a donkey, crowds of folk cheering him on - his disciples (probably more than twelve and most definitely women and men); those who'd listened to his stories, the never-the-same-again folk who felt seen and heard by his words; those who'd been healed by him, those who'd witnessed the disabled throw away their crutches, and the blind take in the beauty and complexity of the man, smiling, in front of them; those religious leaders who lingered, out of sight, secretly admiring, wanting to protect him, while maintaining the cover of their position; children, singing, excited, those pure-in-heart ones, those who saw and believed: Jesus was from God, the Messiah, the one for whom they'd waited for so long.

All this was on one side of the city. What we sometimes forget, or maybe don't know is that there was another procession going on, at the same time, on the other side of Jerusalem. And there was nothing joyful (nor comical) about this one. Horses. Chariots. Soldiers. This was a show of power by, Rome, the occupying force - the equivalent of Russia parading its tanks through Ukraine maybe, or ICE, masked and armed of course, marching through a Hispanic neighbourhood.

Safe to say, the two parades couldn't have been more different - A show of power and military might on one side, people singing to Jesus, the man of peace, who knows the less than peaceful end that waits him in the city; and, as the shadow of the cross begins to loom on the days ahead, a force to fear, and someone to be afraid for.

As the story of this week unfolds, we can stand by, indifferent, or we can pick a parade and join. And, in fact, it strikes me that, every day, we get to choose our parade. In the things we say and do, in the ways we are with each other, we can side with power and privilege, or we can put ourselves on the side of those Jesus considered his friends - the poor, the marginalised, the little ones, the looked past and walked over. Every day we get to choose: we can, in ways obvious or less so, stand on our opinions, lord it over others, or be alongside each other, shoulder to shoulder.

Perhaps, as this holy week unfolds, a week in which the most terrible, unholy things will happen, we can begin by being alongside Jesus, the man who will weep for the city that refuses to listen to who he is; who will meet the violence, the worst we are capable of, with love as vulnerable as a baby in a feeding trough; the man who, in his dying moments, will reassure the thief next to him, that, soon, they will walk together in the garden, who will entrust his mother to his friend, his friend to his mother, a continuing circle of care; the man who will defy death, and surprise his friends, and turn upside down everything we thought we knew about power.

With you,

Carol Anne



Prayer Group

DESPITE DIFFICULTIES in getting together on Sunday mornings, we keep in touch and continue to set aside time for prayer.

We thank our Father for the way he has led and strengthened us as the new larger Parish, for our minister and elders, and the many different activities that bring us together and reach out beyond our church.

As we write this, the war in the Middle East enters its second week and continues to escalate, causing intense suffering and death.

Please continue to pray with us, for peace in the many areas of conflict across the world.

Desmond Tutu, who worked with Nelson Mandela to bring an end to apartheid in South Africa, shares the following:

Goodness is stronger than evil

Love is stronger than hate

Light is stronger than darkness

Life is stronger than death

Victory is ours through Him who loves us.

Amen

Prayers for the Parish are held on the third Thursday of each month at 10 o'clock with time for a coffee first.

Dates:

19th March – West Church Hall

16th April – An Tobar

21st May – West Church Hall

18th June – An Tobar

All Welcome



War Child Soup Lunches

IF YOU HAVE NOT managed to go to the manse to support Carol Anne's fund raising Soup Lunch there are still two dates in March, Tuesday 24th and 31st. You might wish to go a second time and take someone with you.– ALL ARE WELCOME

Donations are for 'WAR child UK,' the only specialist charity for children affected by conflict. For over 30 years the group have been driven by a single goal – *for no child's life to be torn apart by war.* They aim to reach children as early as possible when conflict breaks out and stay to support them through their recovery – keeping them safe, helping them learn and cope with their experiences, and equipping them with skills for the future.

Children's needs are understood, their rights respected and the children are at the centre of the solution. They campaign for changes to policies and practices to support children in conflict, working with children and young people to support their rights.

Together with partners, WAR child UK delivers vital life-saving work in countries across Africa, Asia and the Middle East, Europe and Latin America.



Soup Lunch at the Manse

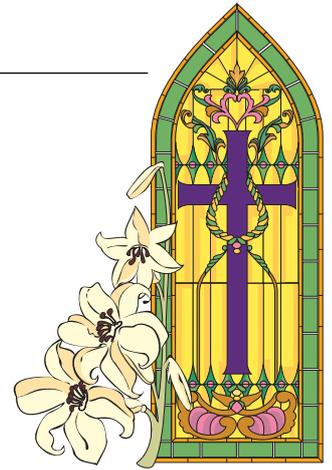
Life Events

Funerals

5th February **Bobbe MacDonald**
6th February **Harry Forshaw Rennie**
10th February **Sheila McKenzie**

*To everything there is a season,
a time for every purpose under heaven...
but God has made everything beautiful in its time.*

From Ecclesiastes



Communion Tokens

THE CELEBRATION of The Lord's Supper was a revered ceremony in the Calvinistic Presbyterian Church. It generally took place two or three times a year and lasted from Thursday until Monday.

Communion tokens were used in the Church of Scotland from the 16th to the early 20th Century. They were issued to those members of the congregation whom the Kirk Session and Minister deemed spiritually fit to participate and receive the Lord's Supper; no token, no participation. A secondary purpose of the tokens was to protect the church from spiritual enemies in times of turbulence, for example in the times of the Covenants.

Early tokens were made of lead or pewter by local blacksmiths. There was no standard token. It depended on the decision of the local Kirk Sessions. They could be rectangular, (northern Fife,) square (Aberdeen and Nairn), circular (Roxburgh), or oval (Perth and Midlothian). Early tokens simply had the letter of the parish on them and this progressed to the initials of the minister as well. Dates appeared later and by the 19th Century, Biblical texts or images of the Burning Bush had begun to appear. By this time they were commercially produced and copper or brass were used.

Later paper Communion Cards replaced the tokens, which were often buried in batches on the premises, once they were no longer required.

Now we have no cards. How times change!!

This token was found in the back of a drawer in the vestry. The Minister from 1843 – 1853 was the Reverend Alexander Maciver.

Side 1 reads: DORNOCH PARISH CHURCH 1864

Side 2 reads: THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. BUT LET A MAN EXAMINE HIMSELF.



Side one



Side two

DORNOCH FIRTH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ANNUAL GIFT DAY

IN
DORNOCH CATHEDRAL

FRIDAY, 24TH APRIL
10AM – 3.30PM

COME AND ENJOY TEA / COFFEE, BAKING AND FELLOWSHIP
EVERYONE WELCOME

COME AND ENJOY a cuppa and each other's company. Come and consider and be part of the conversation about how we can use all our gifts - our time and talent as well as our wealth - to build up our church and serve our parish.

Dornoch Firth Kirk Session

World Day of Prayer

THERE WAS A GOOD attendance for the World Day of Prayer service. The liturgy was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria and featured the stories of three Nigerian Christian woman who told about faith lived out amid fear, violence and poverty. The Theme was drawn from Matthew's Gospel, and words spoken by Jesus of Nazareth who said, 'Come to me, I will give you rest'.

Thank you to the team for organising the service and drawing us together.

Carol Anne



Walk of Witness – Bonar to Ardgay

Good Friday – 2nd April

THE WALK will consist of eight stops, with a variable amount of walking between them. There is room for at least a few cars at each stop and so it will be possible for those who cannot or do not wish to walk the whole route to participate by adjusting the amount of walking required to suit their needs.

The walk will start outside Creich Church in Bonar Bridge at 10.45am and finish at An Tobar, beside Kincardine Church around 12.15pm where there will be Hot Cross buns and tea/coffee available.

Car Parking - you can use the car park above the church in Bonar or in the streets opposite. There is also a small car park if you turn in front of the church and then drive to where the road bends left.. You might want to arrange with another car driver to leave one car in Ardgay Church car park and ferry each others' passengers from one end of the walk to the other. Those who don't wish to walk all the way can stop at the various car parks en route and join in.

At each stop, there will be a reading from scripture, a short reflection and a prayer (leaders may organise different people to do each). As we leave heading towards the next stop, we'll sing a hymn.

The stops are as follows:

Location 1: Outside Creich Church

Location 2: The Bradbury Centre

Location 3: Car Park below Doctor's Surgery

Location 4: Garden near Caley Cafe

Location 5: Stonehenge just over the bridge toward the Hub

Location 6: Drovers' Stone Ardgay

Location 7: Ardgay Village Hall Car Park

Location 8: An Tobar, Kincardine Church Car Park

Jeani Hunter



Birthday Celebrations

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Rhoda Muirhead who celebrated her 95th birthday with a special cake at the Bradbury Centre.



Social Committee

EVERYONE is welcome to join us for tea/coffee and freshly made scones and pancakes.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing tea/coffee with you.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 20th
March
10.30 - 2.00

Friday 17th
April

Friday 15th
May

Friday 19th
June



*The
Social
Committee Team*

Womens Group Dates

AGM on Monday 17th April in Royal Dornoch clubhouse

Sunday 17th May – Soup & Scone Lunch raising funds for Christian Aid in West Church Hall after our Sunday Service. ALL WELCOME.

Caroline Gilchrist

Natter and Nosh

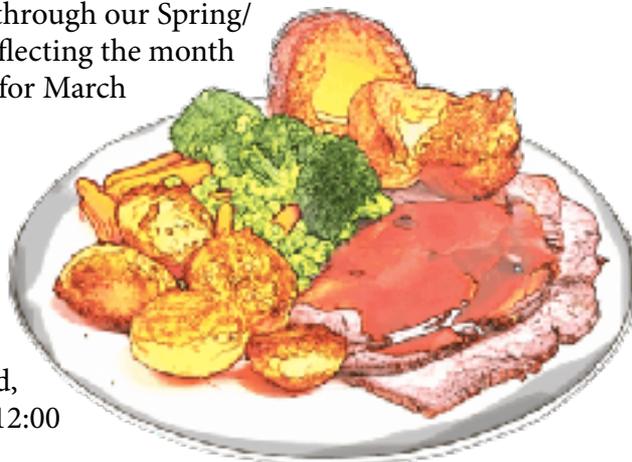
BY THE TIME you read this, unbelievably we will be half way through our Spring/Summer programme. What a joy it has been so far with food reflecting the month - haggis in January, heart shaped cakes in February and carrots for March hares!

Highlight as always has been the sound of happy chatting throughout. NnN is always a team effort and we have a great team but would welcome anyone keen to get involved. Of course most important are our regular eaters for without you we wouldn't get the opportunity.

So over the next three months why not join us for good food, great company and the Blessings that provides. Welcome from 12:00 to natter and food from 12:30

West Church Hall 13th & 27th April, and 11th & 25th May and our last one on 8th June

Roslyn Oliver-Jones



The Guild

January 27th

Ann Barclay welcomed everyone and led us in Worship. Our speakers were two young ladies from Alness. Christina and Cathey founded Bear Necessities in 2010, along with another friend Louise. It is a not for profit charity which helps provide social and educational need in a small town in Bulgaria, where they now run a soup kitchen, medical clinic and provide winter boots to every child in the village

The local minister, Pastor Rumen works tirelessly with them and the Church of Scotland Guild is helping them build a Church in the village of Sluven to reach those who have never experienced the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Christina and Cathey spoke passionately of how they found their faith again and how grateful they were for the work of the Guild and their support to the “Build my Church “ project.

There was a sales table of produce, with all proceeds going to Bear Necessities. It was a very moving meeting and lovely to hear more about one of our current Guild Projects. Una Reid gave a lovely vote of thanks on behalf of the Guild.

February 10th

We had a change of format at this meeting and started with tea and home baking. After welcoming everybody and giving notices, the worship was led by Trish Geddes and Gwen Muir. Fay Wilkinson was given a warm welcome and we settled down to a wonderful talk with perfect photos of Fay’s holiday in Chile & Tierra del Fuego to observe the penguins and pumas.

The easiest way to travel through Chile is to fly and Fay showed us some amazing photos showing us similarities in the scenery to Scotland. The penguins were cute and she also had a lovely photo of a puma with her cubs. Fay invited Una Reid to comment about her holiday in Chile and she underlined what an amazing country it is to visit. Both ladies would love to go back. Trish Geddes gave the vote of thanks for a wonderful afternoon .

February 24th

This meeting was held in An Tobar and Margaret Macrae welcomed a good turnout of members. Margaret and Gladys McCulloch led the worship accompanied by Roddy Maclean. Margaret then introduced Martin Macleod who is CEO of ILM Handyman Service in the Highlands, which is based in Alness Retail Park.

Services provided range from grab rails in showers and bathrooms to stairlifts , to make it easier to stay in your own home as one gets older. They also dispose of all electrical goods and pick up those left at recycling plants in local Amenities centres. Mary Stobo gave a warm vote of thanks to Martin .

March 10th

Lizzie Campbell welcomed everyone, especially Julia Tryon our speaker. Lizzie then led the worship assisted by Janet Pool.

Julia then took over the meeting, Paint and Pray. She explained that art provides an opportunity to stop and slow down and pray. Maybe have a conversation with God. You don’t have to have a lot of skill, it is about the process, not the end product. Silence reigned as we all concentrated. We all learnt a great deal about ourselves in a short space of time. Thank you Julia for sharing your time and talents with us and also bringing your beautiful children.

March 24th AGM at 2.30pm

This will be the last meeting for this session and it will be at 2.30pm in the West Church Hall This is a formality as the committee has agreed to carry on, so please come along and join us. Our Minister, Carol Anne will be sharing with us and there will be a Daffodil Tea with entertainment provided by Roddy and some members. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Trish Geddes



Junior Band

ON MARCH 6TH the Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland Junior Band entered the Inverness Music Festival for the first time and much to their delight they emerged victorious, winning the Fraser Trophy for elementary groups.

Stepping into the unknown, nervous and excited, the hard work of the previous few weeks paid off in full measure as they rose to the challenge and played better than ever before.

The adjudicator was fulsome in his praise. In the first song, The Skye Boat Song, *“a lovely lilt was established with some dynamic contrast and shading.”*

The second song, After the Gold Rush, *“had a compelling start with good rhythmic definition and the group was tight and nicely balanced with a lovely harmonic line.”*

Along with these lovely comments came a Distinction award, and unsurprisingly everyone left Inverness in high spirits.

Graham McCarthy



The victorious Band with the Fraser Cup and Distinction Award

Mikeysline

FOUNDED IN 2015 following the tragic deaths of two good friends, Mikeysline has a focus to support young people and breakdown barriers with their drive for everyone to understand “It’s OK not to be OK”.

Our Junior Band raised funds from their New Year concert as well as the Christmas collection plus the teas at the Choir Concert in Ardgay organised by Roddy Maclean.



Charlotte Butler from Mikeysline collecting money raised by our Junior Band

Theatre Group

THE THEATRE GROUP is up and running again and are in the early stages of practising for their version of Robin Hood. The date for your diary is Saturday 20th June. There will be two performances on that day in the West Church Hall at 2.30pm and 7.00pm.

You are warmly invited to meet the villainous Sheriff – Nottingham the Nasty – and his sidekick Ronnie Rattle – known as the Rat. Will they and their followers prevail or will a hero dressed in green save the day? Entry is by donation.

Graham McCarthy

Welcome and Sales Team

AS WE GLADLY welcome Spring back into our lives, our thoughts turn to welcoming this year's visitors to the Cathedral; some will be new, others returning, but all will be met with a friendly smile from members of our volunteer Welcome/Sales Team.

We're delighted that we have gained a few new members this year, who are keen to learn the ropes, but **WE DO NEED SOME MORE**, so if **YOU** can spare 2 or 3 hours once a fortnight, you'll make us very happy!

We are holding **Refresher/Training Sessions** in the Cathedral on:

Monday, 20th April at 10.30 am

Tuesday, 28th April at 2.30 pm

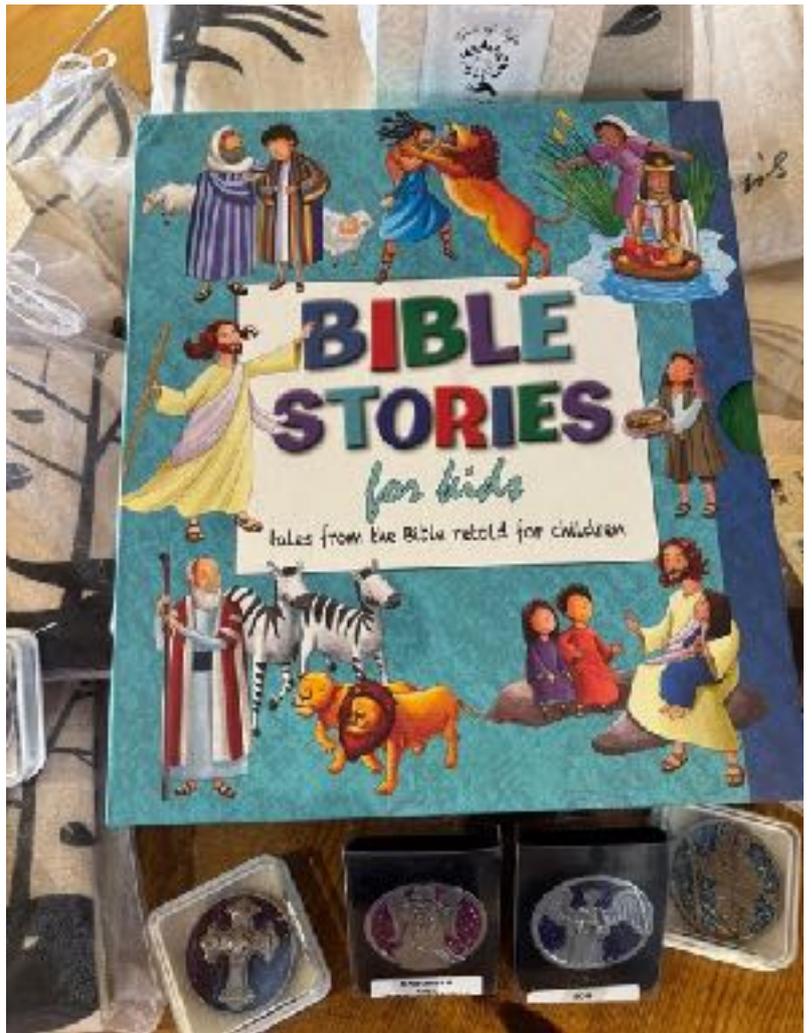
Everyone - existing, new and "maybe" members - are welcome. Meet the team, get acquainted with this year's stock and learn how we operate.

We are re-opening on Monday, 4th May at 10.00 am so our fortnightly rota for volunteers starts then. In the event of illness or holidays, we are always open to swapping around to cover each other, so please do not be put off by any concerns you may have over committing your help.

DO NOT BE AFRAID! You do not have to have an encyclopaedic knowledge of the Cathedral - just a friendly smile; you'll be amazed at how quickly you pick up the basic pieces of information that most visitors request.

Please give us a call for a chat.

Sue Boyce (07833 698040), Anne Chambers (01862 811520 and Lisa Dickenson (01862 810973)



New merchandise has arrived





Girls' Brigade

OUR SERVICE Badgework this year was learning all about Adopt-A-Child. A big thank you to Alison and Janis who came to talk about the Charity.

The Company then held a coffee morning and raised £402. Another big thank you to all who helped, donated and visited us on the day.

It was then up to the Juniors to count the money and decide what projects with Adopt-A-Child to sponsor.

They have decided to sponsor a child for the year, provide two food parcels and buy two chickens for a family.

Marianne MacLeod (Leader)



Girls ready to serve tea/coffee/cakes

Our New Highland Home & Garden

IN THE LAST edition of the Parish News, my article detailed some of the background to why, last June, Jane and I moved from Wombourne in Staffordshire to our house (Woodgate) in Station Road, Dornoch. I now continue from Part One with more on Woodgate's story and the connection with yours truly.

It is 1942 and my, then, nineteen years-old Black Country-born father (Raymond - pictured in his RAF uniform) from Dudley in the West Midlands was initially billeted in Woodgate, Station Road, when responsible for signals relating to RAF operations from Dornoch's war-time Airfield.

It was at Woodgate that Raymond first became acquainted with his future wife, Christine (nee Johnstone), also pictured in a photo taken when in her early twenties.

In 1942 Christine was living in Woodgate with her sister, Rhona, and their mother, Christina, and engaged to a dashing Army officer (Alec Lamond).

Tragically, in 1944, Alec was killed during active service in Italy. As you can imagine Christine was devastated. However, she threw herself into Dornoch life teaching, initially at Embo School then Dornoch Academy, and as a Guide Leader whilst still living in Woodgate.

After demobilisation (whilst in Egypt) from the RAF in 1946 Raymond (initially studying at college in London and then working in Dudley) often returned to Dornoch (and Woodgate) for holidays. His friendship with the Johnstone family deepened, and a long-distance romance with Christine developed. Eventually they married in September 1953, and settled in Dudley where yours truly was born in 1956.

My clearest childhood memories from the early 1960s are of summers staying at Woodgate with my grandmother ("Grannie Johnstone") - always the entire six weeks of the school holidays.

In those days Woodgate was, and had always been, a much-loved and fully-occupied home for some six decades. Despite my tender years, Woodgate's beautiful garden made an indelible impression on me. It comprised over a third of an acre of manicured lawns, flower beds, a kitchen garden,



Woodgate in 1912



Woodgate in 2026

raspberry, blackcurrant and gooseberry bushes, a rhubarb patch and fruit trees (apples, pears, damsons and cherries) plus over a dozen mature sycamore, ash and elm trees. It was tended by a virtually full-time gardener.

I have always attributed my love of gardening to that wonderful paradise in stark contrast to Dudley! My hope, now I'm permanently living at Woodgate, is to try and recreate a garden that Grannie Johnstone would be proud of. The journey to that destination has begun...

I have included a photograph of Woodgate taken in 1912. The lady in the doorway is, I think, my great grandmother (Christina MacRae, nee Ross, from Tain), and one of the two girls on the bridge being, again I think, Grannie Johnstone with one of her three sisters. I've also included a photograph taken last June from the same position in Station Road.

You will note that the arch over the front door remains but a dormer window has replaced the 1912 skylight, also a stone urn in the border opposite the front door has remained in exactly the same spot for at least one hundred and fourteen years! Amazingly, the rambling rose that in 1912 can be seen growing up to the roof is still there and thriving.

Next time I'll focus on my recollections of Woodgate from the mid-1960s to Jane's first visit to Dornoch in 1985. Sadly, during this time, the paradise garden of my early childhood memories suffered a steep decline.

Wilf Hadley



Raymond Hadley



Christine Johnstone

New Community Centre for Dornoch

FOR NEARLY 20 years, there have been determined efforts to create a new, purpose-built community centre for Dornoch. Every consultation has shown strong community support for the project. The challenge has always been our 180-year-old Social Club building, which is no longer fit for purpose. Its age, condition, size, location and high running costs - which our income can no longer cover - mean it simply cannot meet the needs of our changing and growing community.

That is changing!

We're now in a strong position to move forward and build a new, flexible, energy-efficient Community Centre - a welcoming, modern space for all ages that will bring people together, support local groups and events, and help Dornoch thrive for generations.

- Site is secured at Dornoch South, next to the MUGA
- Fully costed conceptual design, with an estimated build cost of £1.8 million
- Already raised £1million of the £1.8 million *Note †*
- Professional team appointed – architect, quantity surveyor and consultants to prepare the business case and secure the rest of the funding

- Submitted Planning in Principle application to Highland Council

† Note: This is made up of grant commitments (£280,000), saleable assets (£410,000) and cash (£310,000)

Next Targets

- First Half of 2026: Obtain building warrant and start tender process
- Second Half of 2026: Finalise funding
- Early 2027: Begin construction

Paddy Murray
Chair, Dornoch & District Community Association

Dornoch's new Community Centre

Very soon all households in IV25 will receive a leaflet and voting form detailing the proposed design for a new Community Centre for Dornoch.

Please show your support by voting YES for the project!

Location: Dornoch South carpark, next to the MUGA

This will help secure the remaining funding needed to turn this proposed design into a reality.

The benefits of a new Community Centre:

- ✓ Warm, welcoming, fully accessible spaces for all ages and activities
- ✓ An energy-efficient, low-cost building for long term sustainability
- ✓ Flexible rooms for hosting several events at once
- ✓ Modern kitchen and social areas for community gatherings
- ✓ A venue for cinema, drama and larger events

DADCA DORNOCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Art Exhibition in The Cathedral – 27th July to 1st August

YOU ARE INVITED to a very special Exhibition in Dornoch Cathedral of Art *Created in Prison*.

This 'Made Visible' exhibition builds on the very successful 2025 event, with artwork from across prisons in Scotland.

Made Visible is more than an art show, it is a bridge between worlds. It offers those in custody a chance to be seen as creators, not just inmates. It strengthens ties with families and communities, and it reminds us all that rehabilitation begins with recognition. For many, the shift from being labelled offender to being recognised as an artist is transformative, changing not only their lives, but those of their families and local communities.

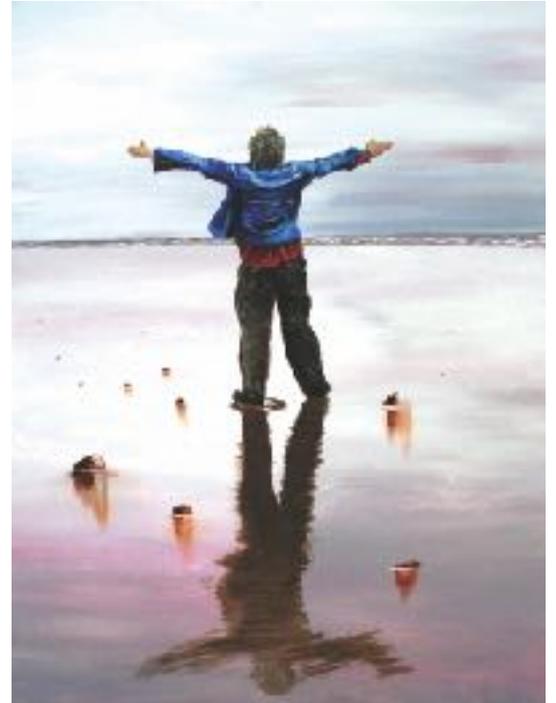
Launch events on Monday 27th July at 2pm and also 7pm, with shortbread and wine (or a soft drink), plus a welcome from guests supporting the prison system.

Donations from the launch events go to supporting Dornoch Parish.



This exhibition is organised by Dornoch resident, Robert Morrall and his not-for-profit social enterprise: Pictora - Art with conviction. www.pictora.org

Come along and enjoy the variety of exhibits.



Enjoy many more works of art. Pictures tell a Story

Dornoch Firth Group

OUR TUESDAY Tots baby and toddler group recently enjoyed a cafe role play day with wee ones serving up some delicious imaginary food, as well as lots of songs, stories and Valentine's crafts.

Knit and Natter have made even more beautiful crafts for friends and family, as well as enjoying a big lunch out together at the new Royal Dornoch clubhouse.

Our Mamas' Club all wrote gratitude cards to pass on to others recently and are looking forward to our Easter activities.

We've been blessed with calm (if a little chilly!) weather for our Storywalks this year, including a busy woodland walk at Camore in the sunshine making nature wands and a Tiger Who Came to Tea beach walk!

Jen & Eilidh



A day in Camore Wood



Tuesday Tots had great FUN

Golf Charity Event

ONCE AGAIN the Dornoch Firth Church of Scotland with their main hub being the historic Dornoch Cathedral is needing support for funds to meet our ongoing running costs.

A charity golf event on Royal Dornoch's Championship Course is planned for Friday 23rd October. We are offering golfers the chance to collect a "goodie bag", and have a bacon roll, play on the World famous Championship Course and enjoy a two course meal afterwards in the wonderful new clubhouse. At £150 per player this is less than half the normal green fee costs. Find a team of four and get your entry in as only 18 team in total.

Royal Dornoch are offering all entrants the chance to play a round on the Struie Course on the Saturday (24th) for half price too. So make a weekend of it, or longer. If you live away from the Highlands look at www.golfhighland.com to see other golf courses on route that you can consider playing.

We hope this will attract a lot of players from across Scotland and indeed the UK with this opportunity to play a Championship golf course which is regularly in the Top 10 Worldwide. We hope that Royal Dornoch members will join to support the Cathedral's fund raising charity day to help this 800 year old magnificent building.

Might you consider entering a team? It is a great way of inviting friends to play together in an event with great prizes! We are grateful for Glenmorangie Distillery for generously providing special malt whisky for the first three teams. There will also be a raffle and an amazing list of auction items to bid for after the meal.

Entry forms are available on www.dornochcathedral.com or by emailing neilsenhunter@btinternet.com

There will be a social golf day at Bonar Bridge & Ardgay Golf Club with details to be announced soon.

Jeani Hunter



"El Banditos" 2025 Winners

Daffodil Day

TAIN AND DORNOCH Firth Marie Curie Fundraising Group is holding its Annual Daffodil Day at the Duthac Centre, Shandwick Street, Tain on Saturday 11 April from 2pm - 4 pm.

There will be refreshments, home baking, craft, book, preserves and plant stalls along with a Raffle and Lucky Squares not to mention lots of lovely fresh daffodils for sale.

We hope you can come along and support our fund raising which contributes to nursing care, evening visits, bereavement support. Admission free but donations very welcome.

Heather Murray



Dornoch Gatherings Events

HERE ARE the next four events Dornoch Gatherings have organised to be held in Dornoch Cathedral.

Tickets available on www.dornochgathering.com

DORNOCH GATHERINGS PRESENTS

The Battle of Littleferry

Commemorating 280 years since the Battles of Littleferry and Galluden

Experience this local history told by our Lord-Lieutenant of the County and come on a marvellous musical journey with us

With Patrick Marriott
April Sutherland
Rachel Campbell
Ruairith Mackay
Row Little

Wed. 15th April
Dornoch Cathedral
7.30pm - 9.15pm

Tickets £3 under 18s max
www.dornochgatherings.com



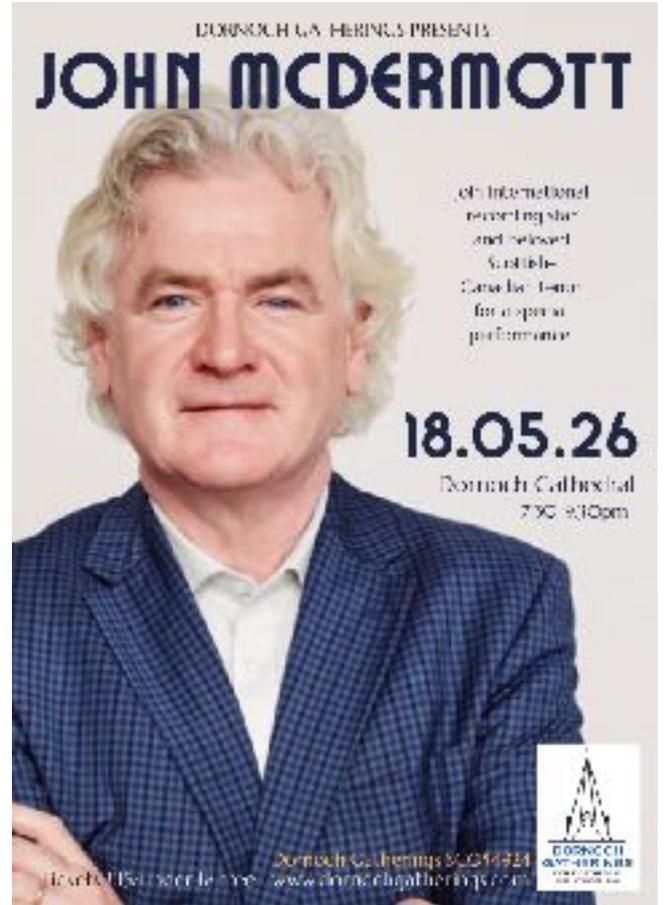
DORNOCH GATHERINGS PRESENTS

JOHN MCDERMOTT

Of International recording star and released Scottish Country Tune for a special performance

18.05.26
Dornoch Cathedral
7.30 - 9.10pm

Tickets £15 under 18s max
www.dornochgatherings.com



DORNOCH GATHERINGS PRESENTS

NEW TALENT WINNER

Amira

For a special performance IN DORNOCH CATHEDRAL

A prize in a lifetime opportunity for witness Amira Wilby (Singer) - one of the most beautiful voices in the world.

SAT. 20TH JUNE
8.30 - 10.30pm

BOOK NOW
www.dornochgatherings.com
info@dornochgatherings.com

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DORNOCH GATHERINGS PRESENTS

SIAN

With original tunes of folkies and inspiration of the young folkies - Sian and her band will be performing traditional music with a contemporary twist and a deep connection to the Cathedral.

08/07/26

DORNOCH CATHEDRAL
7.30-9.30PM

Tickets £0-£18: www.dornochgatherings.com
Dornoch Cathedral SC054924



For your entertainment

THERE IS A TREMENDOUS list of events for you to enjoy in Dornoch Cathedral with a few others in the West Church Hall. Why not mark these in your diary to remember them? As more events are organised they will be displayed on our website <www.dornochcathedral.com> and also for some events please check <www.dornochgatherings.com> where you can buy tickets.



Wed 15th April 7.30pm	Battle of Littleferry in Cathedral (Dornoch Gatherings)
Fri 17th April 7.30pm	Concert – Rachel Campbell in Cathedral
Thur 23rd April 7.30pm	Duncan Chisholm & Su-a-Lee in Cathedral (Sutherland Sessions)
Thur 30th April 7.30pm	Choral Concert in Cathedral
Sun 10th May 3.00pm	Organ Recital – John Brozovsky in Cathedral
Thur 15th May 6.00pm	BBQ at West Church Hall
Mon 18th May 7.30pm	John McDermott – Singer in Cathedral (Dornoch Gatherings)
Thur 28th May 7.30pm	Daisy Goodwin – Speaker in Cathedral
Thur 4th June 7.00pm	Concert – Gizzen Briggs in Cathedral
Sat 13th June 3.00pm	Inverness Symphony Orchestra in Cathedral
Sat 20th June .8.30pm	Concert – Amira Willighagen in Cathedral (Dornoch Gatherings)
Fri 26th June 7.00pm	Ceilidh Buttons & Bows – West Church Hall
Wed 8th July 7.30pm	Sian in Concert in Cathedral (Dornoch Gatherings)
Sun 19th July 3.00pm	Organ Recital – John Brozovsky in Cathedral
Mon 27th July to Sat 1st August	Art Exhibition in Cathedral. Launch Mon 27th at 2pm & 5pm
Sat 29th Aug 7.00pm	Concert – Dornoch Parish Women’s Group in Cathedral
	Sat 12th Sept 8.30pm Charlie McKerron & Friends in Cathedral
	Sun 18th Oct - Time TBC Damien O’Kane & R.Block Band in Cathedral (Dornoch Gatherings)
	Sun 25th Oct 3.00pm University of Aberdeen Choral Choir in Cathedral
	Sat 30th Oct 6.00pm Singing Waiters – Bonar Bridge Village Hall
	Sun 13th Dec - Time TBC Carol Concert for Christian Aid in Cathedral



Dates for your diary

WORSHIP SERVICES

MARCH/APRIL

March 30th – April 2nd **Holy Week**

Monday to Thursday at 6pm, a short service in the West Church Hall

3rd **Good Friday**

10.45 am – Walk of Witness, leaving from outside Creich Church building, Bonar Bridge

7.30 pm – **Good Friday** Service in Dornoch Cathedral

5th **Easter Sunday**

6.20 am – Dawn Service at Dornoch Beach car park

8.30 am – Service at ‘The Stones,’ Bonar Bridge

11.00 am – Morning Service in Dornoch Cathedral

6.30 pm – Emmaus Service in Dornoch Cathedral

12th 11.00 am – Morning Service in Dornoch Cathedral

1.30 pm – Afternoon Service in An Tobar, Ardgay

19th 11.00 am – Morning Service in the West Church Hall

Livestreamed to An Tobar, Ardgay

2.30 pm – Oversteps Service and 3.15 pm The Meadows Service

26th 11.00 am – Morning Service in Dornoch Cathedral

1.30 pm – Afternoon Service in An Tobar, Ardgay

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3rd 11.00 am – Morning Service in Dornoch Cathedral

1.30 pm – Afternoon Service in An Tobar, Ardgay

10th 11.00 am – Morning Service in Dornoch Cathedral

1.30 pm – Lambing Service at Christine Mackay’s croft, Kincardine Hill, Ardgay

17th 11.00 am – Morning Service in Dornoch Cathedral

Livestreamed to An Tobar, Ardgay

2.30 pm – Oversteps Service and 3.15 pm The Meadows Service

24th **Pentecost**

11.00 am – Morning Service in Dornoch Cathedral

31st 11.00 am – Morning Service in Dornoch Cathedral

1.30 pm – ‘Spring Sing’ in An Tobar, Ardgay

MORE DATES TO NOTE

Friday 24th April – **Gift Day** in Dornoch Cathedral – 10.00 am to 3.30 pm

Friday 15th April – BBQ in West Church Hall – 6.00 pm

Groups

Coffee Mornings West Church Hall, 10.30-12.00 pm – Fridays 17th April, 15th May and 19th June

Natter & Nosh Mondays 13th & 27th April, 11th & 25th May, 8th June

Prayer Group Thursdays, 10.00am – 16th April (An Tobar), 21st May (WCHall), 18th June (An Tobar)

Women’s Group

Monday 17th April – Royal Dornoch clubhouse

Sunday 17th May – Soup & Scone Lunch for Christian Aid in West Church Hall