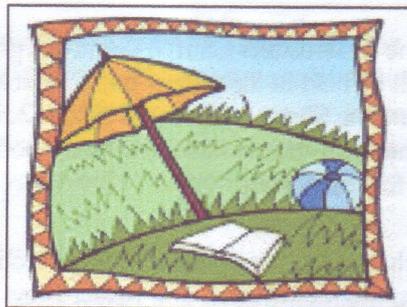




New Aberdour

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER



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**St Drostans church New Aberdour
Bicentenary 1818 – 2018**

Our Church St Drostans celebrates two hundred years old this year and we intend to celebrate as much as possible, anything to have a get together and enjoy one another's company. We have had a Soup and Sweet in March, this event was well supported, the soups were tasty and very filling and the deserts went down a storm with some of the favourites going in the first hour, and the ever popular raffle was a success.

In April we were treated to a 'Fun Concert' help by the over 60's club in the Parish Hall. This was a fantastic evening of assorted music provided by the GHRIMS, made up of a selection of local musicians playing music that everyone enjoyed, there was singing as well as laughing lead by jokes from the compare. The evening was just wonderful, and brought many people together to create a lasting memory.

On the 27th May there was our annual Sponsored Walk and BBQ this Event was well attended. The day was warm and dry so we were able to be outside, the children loved the bouncy castle and the bar was successful with the adults. Special thank you to Sheena & Adel who did a sterling job with the tombola, Billy Grant, whom did a Whisky bottle and Picnic hamper raffle. Alan Arnott & Ian McIntosh for the quality meat expertly cooked and served. Special thanks also to Edwina & David @ the Shoppe for the supply of bread buns, and the First Aiders without such an event would be impossible.

Next on our lists of events:

June

On Saturday 9th of June St Drostans Church Guild are going to be selling "Cream Tea's" this will be held in the village hall and tickets will be on sale from Guild members and the Shoppe nearer the time. £3.50 each.

On Sunday 17th June there will be an Adult Reunion Football Tournament please keep a look out for the posters.

July

8th July 3pm Another chance to visit Auchmedden Church Pennan Service will be led by the trans Atlantic traveller and reader Miss Dorothy Mair.

August

Teddy Bears Picnic 18th August 2018. This event is to be organised by The Scottish Woman's Rural. Look out for details nearer the time

September

Back to Church Sunday Service on the 1st of September 2018 the return of the trans Atlantic travel and reader Miss Dorothy Mair. It would be nice if everyone could dress up to celebrate the centenary in authentic old fashion clothing. After the service there will be "A Fly & Piece" giving you a chance to catch up with one another. **Look Out There will be further details nearer the time.**

Looking forward into 2018 We Have a good calendar ahead

Church Services

10.00am Sunday Morning Worship Everyone very Welcome

Sunday 8th July 2018 Service to be held at Auchmedden Church Pennan to be led by Miss Dorothy Mair

Sunday 1st ^{July} ~~September~~ 2018 Back to church Service led by Miss Dorothy Mair

Sunday 7th October 3pm 2018 An Afternoon of Sankey songs Led by Jim and Moira Givan

A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to join us at any or all of the Services and Groups. We also have a cup of tea/coffee and a piece at the end of the Service on the first Sunday of each month and following any special services Please feel free to join us in fellowship at this time

Church Groups

St Drostan's New Aberdour Singing Group will be visiting Fraserburgh Hospital in 2018. Please contact Mrs Ruth Reekie if you require further details. We Practice at 11am for a short time after the Sunday service and if you would like to join us (especially the male voices) you would be most welcome.

Guild Meetings 2.00pm New Aberdour School Community Room First Tuesday of the month October – March **Look out for the New Guild Syllabus 2018/19 To Commence October 2018.**

There is time for the all important refreshments and Fellowship at the Guild meetings.

God made the world and everything in it. He is Lord of heaven and earth, and he doesn't live in temples built by human hands. He doesn't need help from anyone. He gives life, breath, and everything else to all people. From one person God made all nations who live on earth, and he decided when and where every nation would be.

God has done all this, so that we will look for him and reach out and find him. He isn't far from any of us, and he gives us the power to live, to move, and to be who we are.

Acts 17: 24 - 28

Smile

Smiling is infectious

You catch it like flu.

When someone smiled at me today

I started smiling too~

I walked around the corner

And someone say my grin,

When he smiled I realised,

I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about the smile

And realised it's worth:

A single smile like mine

Could travel around the earth.

If you feel a smile begin

Don't leave it undetected,

Let's start an epidemic quick,

And get the world **Infected!**

Supplied By: Editor



The First Man

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| HIDE | THORNS |
| KNOWLEDGE | TREE |
| LEAVES | WOMAN |

Answers to Easter Quiz: 1, Golgotha. 2, Jesus's Crucifixion.
 3, trinity Sunday. 4, Myrrh & Aloe. 5, Holy
 Week/Passion. 6, 9am 7, Gethsemani.
 8, Bunny. 9, Easter Sunday. 10, Palm Sunday.

"Accessible Church"

Recently I was visiting my Auntie who invited me to attend an open Christian event in my native county of Yorkshire. It was looking into "Accessible Church" the challenge for anyone attending was to consider how Christians could make little and sometimes big changes to try to remove barriers for people who want to attend worship but feel uncomfortable, too nervous, or just not welcome.

Maybe it is transport difficulties.

It is sometimes too easy for those of us who already attend worship and prayers to forget how difficult it can be to go into a place where either you haven't been for many years or never. Often there maybe a set way the order of service is or prayers, and it is very difficult for a new visitor to follow this on its own can put some people off. It is often overlooked how some people are very nervous about coming to join an established group especially if they are coming on their own.

The first time Gail and I attended St Drostan's New Aberdour we felt very awkward and uncomfortable although our neighbour assured us we would be made to feel welcome it was still a very nervous morning for us both. We arrived and were met by our neighbour who walked besides us into church. We were greeted very warmly and shown into the body of the building.

The service itself was very different to what we were both used to, and the congregation members seemed to speak very fast (We now know this is normal) but despite not fully understanding everything we were given a sincere and very warm friendly welcome. It took us both several weeks to get into the different service but with the help and support of our new Christian family it was easier, and within a short time we had made new firm friends.

Faith gives you an inner strength and a sense of balance and perspective on life

Don't let the winds blow your dreams away...
Or steal your faith in God.

Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be.

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One of the biggest challenges in trying to be happy right now isn't that we don't know how to be happy. It's mostly that we just don't do it. We don't make the time for happiness, for peace and for overall joy in our life.  
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Supplied By Miss Gail Wheelhouse

"I don't want To Go"

After calling her son several times A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning. When she knocked on his door he said, "I am not going!" "Why not?" asked his mother? "I will give you two good reasons," he said. "One they do not like me, two, I do not like them." His mother replied, "I will give you two good reasons why YOU Will go to church. One you're 47 years old and two, you are the Minister!"

Supplied By: Mr Allan Gibson

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."

Supplied By: Mr Allan Gibson

Earth, Teach Me

Earth teach me quiet as the grasses are still with new light.
Earth teach me suffering as old stones suffer with memory.
Earth teach me humility as blossoms are humble with beginning.
Earth teach me caring as mothers nurture their young.
Earth teach me care courage as the tree that stands alone.
Earth teach me limitation as the ant that crawls on the ground.
Earth teach me freedom as the eagle that soars in the sky.
Earth teach me acceptance as the leaves that die each autumn.
Earth teach me renewal as the seed that rises in the spring.
Earth teach me to forget myself as melted snow forgets its life.
Earth teach me to remember kindness as dry fields weep with rain.

Supplied by: Mr Allan Gibson

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Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference.  
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Supplied By: Mrs S Thomson

Pinned on a notice board in a school

Each and every one of you
Bring happiness to this school
Some when you come
Some when you go!

Supplied By: Mrs S Thomson

From the Editor:

At last! The weather seems to finally to be taking us in the direction of summer. To see the sunshine makes everyone feel better most of us seem to have more energy and have the urge to do more. It is a real bonus to feel the sunshine on our bodies. I can almost say without doubt most of us prefer warm and dry than cold and wet. We have a treasure of flora and fauna and species some native to this corner of Scotland throughout the summer, changing colour and shape has the weeks go by. The fields that looked bare just a few weeks ago will change several times during summer and at the end hopefully yielding a good harvest. The garden becomes a fulltime job, flowers to deadhead, the darn weeds to get shut of, grass to cut not unless you have a nice man that comes calling, (like me) thank you George, and not forgetting the endless hours of watering.

In writing about everything mentioned I understand we have a responsibility to look after the world and never more is it mentioned in the media. The famous song Louis Armstrong sang "What a wonderful World" comes to mind lets keep it this way. "We are Gods Caretakers"

Genesis 2 verse 15

Dear God Help us to take care of, and appreciate, the wonderful world you created for us. Amen

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