



Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter Christmas 2012



From the Minister:
Dear All,

**‘Now is the time of God's favour,
now is the day of salvation.’
(2 Corinthians 6: 2)**

It is good to be with you again and I am feeling so much better. Matthew and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the cards and good wishes we received. Your support means a lot to us.

I thank all the people who worked so hard to keep everything going whilst I was off work. Our committees are now up and busy planning exciting things. We will have our next Holiday Club on 8 December; the planning for the new Kids Kirk is going well and we hope being able to start soon in the New Year.

I write on the evening of the Shoebox Sunday. I have just watched the television news with the latest

developments in the conflict between Israel and Palestine. It is so sad that at a time when we are preparing for Christmas – the feast of peace on earth – the Holy Land is sinking into war again. There is a real threat that the conflict could spread into the whole region, the lands of the bible. Yet again, humanity is tempted to resolve its conflicts through war rather than searching for the harder task of building reconciling love; the Christmas message shows that we urgently need to respond to God's desire humanity to live out his justice, peace, mercy and love. The incarnation of Jesus Christ shows God entering into human history and geography; Jesus wept over Jerusalem and I believe that he would weep over the tragedy affecting the Holy Land two thousand years later.

Let us remember the real meaning of Christmas. May we join together in prayer this Advent that God's peace

may really come to earth for all people this Christmas.

Matthew joins with me in sending good wishes for Advent, Christmas and the New Year,

God bless,

Rev Kristina Herbold Ross

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue of the Church Newsletter.

The next issue will be available on
Sunday 10th February 2013

Articles for this edition should be with me by

Sunday 27th January 2013

If you would like to E-Mail news you can contact me on:

chalmerschurch@btopenworld.com

Or by phone on 819471

Sheila Bulloch

Thanks

Tonia and Bill Stewart would like to thank the Church for the flowers and visits they have received.

For those who attended Rae Brown's funeral, you would have heard Rev Bill Armitage read the following. Rae emailed me on Saturday 10th November asking for a 'Thank You' for the newsletter. She sadly passed away the next day. *Sheila Bulloch*

Rae Brown would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind thoughts received since her illness in January of this year. Also thank you for the many cards, letters, individual gifts and flowers and a special thank you for the Church flowers which were all very much appreciated. She has been through two major operations since January, had a course of radiotherapy and also chemotherapy but is now well on the road to recovery. She sees her consultant at the end of November and hopes for a good result. She has always stayed very positive throughout her treatment. Your kindness has always been very much appreciated.

Baptism

On 21st October
Allanah Theresa Jamieson,
Port Seton

Funerals

On 7th November
Euphemia (Phemie) Turnbull,
Port Seton

On 21st November
Rachel (Rae) Brown, Port Seton

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Minister's day off)*



The next Candle Coffee Club meeting is on
Thursday 13th December
This will be a
Christmas Special
Meeting at 10a.m
'Longniddry Inn'.
All most welcome

Books to Read

It was suggested a couple of months ago that people might like to read the books, ***The Shack*** and ***Put Away Childish Things***. If anyone has or intends to read these and would like to discuss them, please speak to Joyce Buchanan or Elizabeth Glover and we will arrange a date in the New Year.

FAIRTRADE

The Fairtrade Stall will be available after the service on Sunday 16th December - a chance to buy last minute Christmas gifts!

"The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out" John 1 v. 5 (Good News Bible)

PRAYER DIARY



Christmas Thoughts and Prayers

Prayer of Thanks Heavenly Father, we thank you for the joys of this Christmas season. We give you thanks that you loved each of us so much you sent Jesus, the Light of the world, that through His life, example, death and resurrection we can come to know you as Father. Help us through the power of your Holy Spirit to walk in His light and make Jesus centre of our lives not only at Christmas but every day.

Prayer for the Lonely Father in Heaven so many people feel lonely and unwanted at Christmas. We remember Lord all who have suffered the loss of a loved one, those who are no longer able to care for themselves and are in care homes, and pray that they may all feel Your love reaching out to them at this season. Please open our eyes and hearts to see and care about the people you want us to love.

Prayer for Church Leaders Remember our Minister and all church leaders who seek to serve others. Pray that during the flurry of activity at this season, they will be able to find time to spend with their families and friends.

Remember those working with children and young people organising carol services, concerts, plays, parties and other activities. Pray that in the midst of the busyness and excitement the true message of Christmas will be communicated well.

Children's Prayer Lord Jesus we pray for all children who will receive the shoeboxes we have filled. May they know that they come with our love to let them know that someone somewhere is thinking about them.

Prayer for our country O God, Ruler of the nations, please direct all who represent us in the UK Assemblies and Parliaments. May those in government increasingly seek to make wise and righteous decisions to promote peace and prosperity that are in accordance with Your will and purposes.

Prayer for the World Lord as we look forward to spending time with our families and sharing with friends we bring before You all who are suffering at the time. Especially Lord do we bring before you the grave situation in the Middle East. In that land where Jesus walked and came to bring peace to all there is so much violence and hatred. Lord of All come into the situation, work in the hearts of all world leaders that will enable the violence to stop.

Let us thank God for His faithfulness throughout 2012, both in times of blessing and times of sadness. Thank Him in anticipation for His goodness and mercy as it follows us into 2013.

Congregational Christmas Family Lunch



This will be served after the Family Service on Sunday 23rd December, in the hall.



Please come along and join us for a bowl of soup and some mince pies! Donations at the door

Holiday Club

We are running another Scripture Union Christmas Holiday Club

*Saturday 8th December, 10am-2.30pm
Chalmers Church Hall*

There will be a small fee of £3 and please bring a packed lunch.

For more information and registration please contact Nicola Bruce:

overhills@hotmail.com, 07711223100

Chalmers Christmas Card Delivery Service



The post box for Christmas cards will be in the Church vestibule after all services and will be collected from the box on **2nd, 9th and 16th December.**

We need more helpers to deliver cards, if you can help, please speak to Amanda Johnston or Lyn Marshall.

Each card costs 20p for deliveries within **Cockenzie and Port Seton ONLY**. Please ensure you **DON'T** add all your posting!!

Christmas Services

Sunday 23rd December (4th in ADVENT)

11.00 a.m. Family Service with Church Nativity and Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Followed by CONGREGATIONAL
CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Landscape – Ross Hamilton

'Landscape' is the debut album from Ross Hamilton. It is an album full of simplicity and subtleness, fun and excitement. It features four new tracks written especially for the album, drawing on the inspiration and influences of local trade, industries and of course feelings.

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

6.00 – 7.00p.m. Family Carol Service

11.30 p.m. Watchnight Service



'Landscape' has the musical influences of Dougie MacLean, Gerry Rafferty and The Corries all rolled in to one – who could ask for more!!

Albums can be purchased at £5 from Ross Hamilton. Or from the iTunes store at £7.99.

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

11.00 a.m. Morning Service

Chalmers Memorial Church Youth and Children's Committee

Christmas Holiday Club: "Friends and Heroes" is the title for the Holiday Club which will be held on Saturday 8th December from 10.00am – 2.30pm. This is our second Holiday Club, following on the success of the two day Holiday Club held in July. Fliers are being distributed in the school and will be available in other places too. These will also include information about other programmes for children in the churches in the village, including Kids Kirk.

Kids Kirk: Plans for the opening of Kids Kirk early in the New Year are being developed by a small working group led by Kristina. Sheila Bulloch has produced some draft Kids Kirk logos and it is expected that when one has been decided by early December, this will help us all to identify clearly any events which happen under the Kids Kirk banner.

Sunday School: We are now operating a rota so that volunteering to assist does not mean that anyone is committed every Sunday. In recent weeks the number of children attending has been increasing and new offers of help would be very welcome. Please speak to Christine Baines if you think you could help on occasional Sundays. A new development was when Pamela Zenati and Ross Hamilton started singing practice with the children on a Sunday morning and it is great to know that we shall all have a chance to hear them at one of the church services in the run-up to Christmas.

YMCA Community youth work/street work: In the last newsletter it was reported that YMCA Edinburgh had secured funding to appoint two street youth workers to work on Friday evenings in Port Seton. These posts were advertised but to date the attempt to find suitable youth workers has not been successful. The Youth and Children's Committee was sorry to learn that as the money could not be spent within the time required by the funders, this significant youth work initiative is unlikely to proceed at present.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT DAY

Saturday 19th January 2013 - 10.00am -3.00pm

Light lunch will be provided

Led by a Crossreach team member.

PROGRAMME

What is Dementia?

Symptoms

Nutrition

Communication

Heart for Art



For more information contact Ann Anderson - 01875 852 479 / [Email:cotlands@fiscali.co.uk](mailto:cotlands@fiscali.co.uk)

We will require numbers wishing to attend by 7th January 2013.

Services and Meetings

Sunday

- 10:15 a.m. All-age Family Worship (in Hall)
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship (with Crèche)
6:15 p.m. Evening Worship (as advertised)

Monday

- 7:15 p.m. The Guild (Oct - March)

Tuesday

- 10.00 a.m. Chalmers Ramblers Walking Group
7.15 p.m. Prayer Time
7.45 p.m. Imagining the Bible (as advertised)

Welcome Wednesday

- 10 - 11a.m. Prayer Time (2nd of month)
1.30 - 3pm Get Together (2nd of month)
12-2p.m. Lunches (3rd of month)
10a.m - 12noon Coffee Time (last of month)

Wednesday – Evening Activities

- 5 – 6 p.m. 1st Port Seton Rainbows (Sept. - June)
6:30 p.m. Boys Brigade –
- 7:45p.m. { Anchor boys and Junior Section
{ Company Section (Sept. - June)
8.00p.m. Badminton Group

Thursday

- 5:15 – 6:15p.m. 1st Cockenzie Rainbows }
6:30 – 8 p.m. 2nd Port Seton Brownies }
(Sept. - June)

Saturday

- 8.00 – 9.15a.m. Prayer Breakfast (last of month)



OUR WORSHIP

Rev Kristina Herbold Ross will conduct worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 9th December (2nd in Advent)

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship
–Rev Tom GORDON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 16th December (3rd in Advent)

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship
– Nicola BRUCE
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Services in 2013

Sunday 6th January (Epiphany)

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Joyce BUCHANAN
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Ian BULLOCH

Sunday 13th January

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Anne SUTHERLAND
11.00 a.m. Souper Sunday Service

Sunday 20th January

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship
– Rev Kristina HERBOLD ROSS
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 27th January

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Rev Tom GORDON
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship Traditional Worship with
Sacrament of **HOLY COMMUNION** (with Crèche)
6.15 p.m. Evening Worship with Sacrament of
HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 3rd February

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship – Nicola BRUCE
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 10th February

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Services for the Christmas Season –

See Details on Page 3
Retiring Offerings for
Tear Fund
at the Christmas Services



Sunday 30th December

- 11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship
(Please note no 10.15am or 6.15pm service)

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