



Chalmers Memorial Church Newsletter Summer 2011



Dear members and friends of Chalmers Church

I shall shortly give up my position as your locum minister and I take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed my time with you. I will carry with me the memory of uplifting worship and friendly fellowship but I was also impressed by the amount of caring work that goes on. I recognise that at the heart of all these aspects of life at Chalmers is a faith that is grounded in the love of Christ. I do pray that you and your new minister will together write a fine new chapter of faith and witness in the years ahead. If I have been a small help to you during the vacancy I can only say that much blessing has come to me in the course of our time together.

One of the things that has surprised me about Chalmers Church is the number of people willing to help with worship. I have enjoyed the informal services at 10.15am and have appreciated the leadership of many gifted people who help with that service. I myself have felt supported in the 11.00am worship by the input of those who have created the screen images, made music a joy and have shared in reading and prayer. I would not forget either those who have extended a warm welcome to strangers at the door, [recalling particularly the harsh winter weather] and those who have made possible the after service get together.

I know that these are challenging times for the Church but I do believe in the ministry of the parish church within the community. I am sure that together you will work out new ways of expressing this while carrying forward so much goodness and strength from past witness. I can only say I have experienced life among you all as a strength and inspiration.

You can be sure that I will follow your progress with keen interest and I will be ready to help if required.

With kindest thoughts and best wishes,

Graham Black

Until Thursday 23rd June 2011 INTERIM MODERATOR

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OUR NEW MINISTER

-from 24/06/11

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**The telephone for the manse has
still to be confirmed.**

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*(Please respect Monday as the
Minister's day off)*

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

The next issue will be available on
Sunday 28th August 2011

Articles for this edition should be with me by

Sunday 14th August

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

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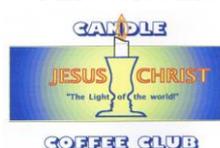
Or by phone on 819471

Sheila Bulloch

The next Candle Coffee
Club meeting is on
THURSDAY 16th June
Meeting at 10a.m in
Longniddry Inn. The speaker
will be **Ian Coltart**
This will be followed by a

Lunch

All welcome



Pastoral Cover

Rev Christine
CLARK
(01620 843192)
will provide
emergency
pastoral cover until
Tuesday 14th June.

Within your temple O God we meditate on your unfailing love.
Psalm 48 v. 9

PRAYER DIARY

Most loving and gracious Lord, we give praise and thanks for Your life-giving love displayed through the beauty and order of your creation, recorded in Your Word, perfected in Your Son and revealed by Your spirit. Increase our desire to demonstrate your love in all we think, say and do. Amen

Give thanks for the appointment of our new minister **the Rev. Kristina Herbold Ross**. Pray that God will richly bless her as she begins her new ministry. Pray she and her husband will feel at home with us and the community and that we as a congregation will support and uphold her in prayer and in working together.

As a congregation we have been greatly blessed in having the Rev. Graham Black during the past year. **Thank God** for his friendship, support and ministry and pray that God will bless him and his wife in his retirement.

Pray for the new Moderator of the General Assembly as he begins his year of Office that he may be upheld by God's strength to cope with the many journeys and tasks which he will be required to perform.

Let us remember in our prayers the Scottish Parliament as they begin a new term. **Pray** that God may grant them wisdom, ability and integrity to address fairly the different interests and needs of the country.

Bring before God the millions of Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Pray that they may know God's peace and protection in their struggles.

Pray about the ongoing tragedy of the trafficking and enslavement of adults and children throughout the world. Ask God to raise up more campaigners to raise awareness and effect change.

Holy Spirit, please remind us to pray faithfully for people in our neighbourhood and help us to demonstrate the love and grace of Christ to them. Guide our conversations that we might honour You with our words and draw others to You. Amen

Thanks

Elizabeth and Bob Glover wish to thank all in the Chalmers Church family who sent expressions of sympathy and understanding, and the many who offered prayer support during the weeks leading up to the loss of their grandson, Rory Alistair Denholm. Ruth and Scott's baby son was laid to rest in Aberlady Cemetery on 27th May.

Thanks are expressed to all who donated to our Day of Commitment. We raised **£2,819**. Well Done.

Christian Aid House to House Collection - Special thank you to those who collected and thanks to everyone for their continuing support, we collected **£1365**. We also raised **£610** from the Forth Bridge Cross. Thanks to all who walked or sponsored.

Gayle & Andy Miller would like to thank Mr. Black for performing the recent baptism of their wee boy Euan, and the congregation of Chalmers Church for the lovely welcome we received. It was a lovely service and everyone had a great day. They hope to visit again soon.

Alan Fraser wishes to thank Rev Graham Black for all the patience, kindness, time and guidance he gave him during his recent Baptism and ceremony for joining the Church. He would also like to thank all the Church Elder friends who came along and supported me.

Funerals

On 12th April

Ellen [Nell] MCLAREN
77 South Seton Park

On 27th April

Rita MACDONALD
Aboyne [formerly Port Seton]

On 28th April

David COOPER
40 Cedar Drive

On 7th May

Annie THOMPSON
6 Links Walk

ADMITTED by BAPTISM and on PROFESSION of FAITH

On Sunday 22nd May

Alan FRASER
11 Castle Terrace, Port Seton

Infant Baptism

On Sunday 29th May

Euan Murdoch MILLER,
son of Robert and Gayle Miller,
Lubbeek, Belgium

Elder David Cooper - Tribute made to
Congregation - Sunday 17th May 2011

As well as being a day of hope and expectation, it is also a very sad day in the life of our Congregation as a result of the sudden and unexpected death of Elder David Cooper earlier this week while on holiday in Malta.

David who had only recently retired, now that he had more time available had many plans for the future, helping and developing this Congregation; he was an Elder for 13 years; he was a dedicated District Elder; he was enthusiastic especially in his work with the young people, and the more elderly at the John Bellany Day Centre. He always came up with good ideas and he played his part in our worship regularly taking part in our services, especially the early morning service. He was due to take part musically in the Easter services.

He played an active role in the Kirk Session and from a Session Clerk's perspective I could not have asked for a better Elder. Everything he was asked to do he did willingly, and you knew that everything David did was well researched and well thought through.

David had a great future in the wider work of the Church and had recently been nominated to take over from Duncan Morgan as our Presbytery Elder. He had asked to serve Presbytery in Youth and Mission work. Sadly Presbytery will not now benefit from David's talents.

David drew up our Profile in our search for a new Minister and also served on the Nominating Committee. He was a strong supporter of our Sole Nominee and without giving away too many confidences of the Nominating Committee; it was he who proposed that Mrs Herbold Ross should be our Sole Nominee.

He last visited his District on either Monday or Tuesday morning, (some cannot remember what day it was!) quite early, and with his usual enthusiasm let everyone know he was off on holiday but he wanted to visit before leaving and to encourage all his parishioners to come to Church to day. I hope as many as possible are here this morning.

We will all miss David, his passing leaves a large gaping hole in this Congregation which will be almost impossible to fill, but this morning we think and pray for his wife Lorraine, son Stuart, daughters Deborah and Jennifer and all members of his wider family.

John Murdoch, Session Clerk

The Congregation Chalmers Memorial Church, Port Seton
May 6, 2011

Dear members of Chalmers Memorial Church,

I am writing on behalf of the Cooper family to thank you for the many kind messages of support we have received since the sudden death of my dad, David Cooper, on April 14. The assistance we received from you in the lead up to and on the day of his funeral was greatly appreciated.

As you know Chalmers was a huge part of my dad's life and he devoted tremendous energy to serving the church and its community in his capacity of elder and Sunday School teacher. It was a great comfort to see such a large turnout for my dad's funeral at the church – a place that meant so much to him. The service itself, led by Tom Gordon, was a poignant and appropriate tribute to a wonderful man.

We were very pleased to collect almost £1,500 at the funeral for my dad's favourite charity, Save the Children. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this sum, which we are sure will help make a significant contribution to improving the lives of children in difficult circumstances.

Yours faithfully, Stewart Cooper

Vacancy Update

"The times they are a' changing" (with apologies to Bob Dylan)

The search for our next minister has ended and we are now about to embark on a new chapter in the life of our Church.

The Rev Kristina Herbold Ross preached as Sole Nominee on 17 April and the vast majority of those present voted in her favour. She has accepted the Call to Chalmers and we look forward to the future.

All the documentation has been completed and forwarded to Presbytery who have confirmed the service of induction will take place in the Church at 7pm on 23rd June. Further details will be announced nearer the time.

Meantime work goes on getting the manse ready and that should be completed by the time this magazine is published. Kristina and her husband Matthew plan to move into the manse sometime in early June and to have a couple of weeks getting settled before she starts her ministry here.

Unfortunately I will be in France when the induction takes place and I will not be able to welcome Kristina and Matthew personally that evening but I am sure everyone present will give them a great welcome to Cockenzie and Port Seton at what will be the beginning of new and no doubt challenging ministry.
John Murdoch (21 May 2011)

Sunday School News

Mary's Meals - Thank you to everyone who donated backpacks and "fillers". A total of 17 backpacks and two boxes of extras were collected last week. A final total of £80 was raised from donations at the Easter Breakfast. We have received a thank you note from Mary's Meals which has been pinned on the notice board in the Hall.

The annual Sunday School prize giving is on 19th June at the All Age Family Service at 11am service. We wish all the children and staff a good holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in August.

HELP!!! - An urgent appeal is made for volunteers to help out on an OCCASIONAL basis with a crèche during the summer holidays so that regular Sunday School teachers can have a break and attend the 11am service. If you can help out please see Christine Baines or any other Sunday School teacher.

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 10.00 a.m. Chalmers Ramblers Walking Group
(every 2nd Tuesday and every Friday)
7.15 p.m. Prayer Time and Imagining the Bible

Welcome Wednesday

- 10a.m – 12noon Coffee Time (1st)
12-2p.m. Lunches (3rd)
10 - 11a.m. Prayer Time (last)
5:15 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

- 5:00 p.m. Rainbows }
6:30 p.m. Brownies } (Sept. - June)

Saturday

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



OUR WORSHIP

As of Sunday 3rd July Rev Kristina Herbold Ross will conduct
worship unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 12th June

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

Sunday 19th June

- 11.00a.m. All-Age Family Service and Prizegiving
(Please note NO 10.15am service)

Sunday 26th June

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship Joyce BUCHANAN
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship
– Rev David BECKETT, former minister of
Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh.

Sunday 3rd July

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship Ian BULLOCH
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship Traditional Worship
with Sacrament of HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 10th July – Sea Sunday

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

Sunday 17th July

- 10.15 a.m. All-Age Worship Rev John KNOX
11.00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 24th July

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

Sunday 31st July

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

Sunday 7th August

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

Sunday 14th August

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

Sunday 21st August

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

Sunday 28th August

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

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