



# Meldrum & Bourtie

## Parish Church of Scotland

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Dear Friends,

Everything always seems so fresh and new and full of possibilities as we return to the routine of Autumn. Refreshed by the rest of summer, which has allowed so many to travel on holiday after two years of Covid restrictions.

At Meldrum and Bourtie we have many new and exciting ventures starting up, Story & Play- a class for newborn-preschool age children on Friday afternoons from 2pm — 3.10pm and Forest Kirk – times of exploring our faith in nature. As well as our successful Community Connect Café with Swap Shop for school uniforms, Autumn Fair and Sponsored Bennachie walk for the church redevelopment fund on the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> September.

Amid all these exciting new things we will also be walking bold new steps into the future of the Kirk. A Kirk that will look more and more different in the months and years to come. At the end of this year 2022, the Presbytery of Gordon will cease to be as



# Kirk News

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the new super-presbytery of Northeast of Scotland and Isles Presbytery officially begins. Work on parish groupings will be moving further and further along. Buildings that have been marked as a 'B' listing will need official dates of closure.

The fresh possibilities of Autumn also often mean the return of the hard work of getting the business of life done. The same is for the Kirk. And considering all this momentous change before us, we emerge from Covid with a deficient in funds. The Covid pandemic hit so many businesses and 'not for profits' hard, and this includes us at Meldrum and Bourtie Kirk. One of the profound lessons we did learn during the Covid pandemic is that we are connected to each other, our support and encouragement, help and care of one another got us through the difficult times. That same resilience is needed now. How can you help? Can you volunteer for something? As we start up services again at Wyverie Court and Bourtie Kirk we would love new people to help. Could you help out at the Community Connect Café? Our Fundraising team is always looking for new ideas and helpers. Or perhaps sign up for the Tea and Coffee rota after church? Can you increase your giving at all? Every pound and pence can make a difference.

One of my favourite passages is Ecclesiastes chapter 3. Which reminds us that 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.' Let us hold fast to that as we enter this next season in the life for the Kirk.

Grace and Peace,  
Alisa McDonald

## Dates for your Diary

28<sup>th</sup> August 11am – WELCOMING SUNDAY & Communion

Join us in the Church Hall for a Special Service of Welcoming back everyone after the summer holidays.

We will have gifts of appreciation for young and old. As well as a lovely pancake meal to share after the service. Mark your diaries for this Special service!

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## The Guild

The new session of The Guild will commence on 12th September 2022.



New and old members are welcome.

All meetings will take place in Morris's Hotel at 2.30pm.

Guild Programme:

12th September - Presenter—Isobel Gregory  
Talk on 'Creative Scarf Tying'

26th September - We are having a Bus Outing to the Knowes Hotel, Macduff.

# PRAYER CALENDAR

## August 2022



The place of prayer becomes even more central in our lives as the troubles in our world unfold in the daily news. Such events and sorrows are not ours alone, in the Book of Psalms we have a great example of bringing troubles to God. Psalm 56 verse 8 “ You know how troubled I am; you have kept a record of my tears”.

Here are some hymn verses that celebrate prayer.

Blessed Jesus, Lord of all,  
Teach us on thy name to call ;  
Help us to be much in prayer,  
And upon thee cast our care.

Also from “ Teach me to pray Lord, teach me to pray “  
Power in prayer, Lord, power in prayer!  
Here mid earth’s sin and sorrow and care,  
Men lost and dying, souls in despair;  
O give me power, power in prayer.

A Prayer for Everyday- adapted from a prayer by Krystal R Simpson.  
Loving Heavenly Father, I humbly bow my head in prayer today. I know that there is nothing that you cannot do and I praise you for all that you have done for me. I ask you to forgive me for any sins that I may have committed in thought or in deed. I am sorry for these and ask that you help me so that I do not repeat them. Keep me also from falling into the trap of sadness and despair.

Father, please bless me, my family and friends and all those that I name here ( ).

I ask that you meet all our basic needs and give us health, strength and safety as we power through our tasks each day.

Father, please look after all those in danger through exploitation, addiction, warfare and famine or drought. Help all families struggling to see a way ahead in our world of climate change, inflation and pandemic.

May I always trust in your power, Lord and keep me praying. Guide me and let everything I do and say be pleasing to you. Help me to follow your plan and let your light shine through me as a reflection of your everlasting love. In Jesus name, Amen.

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### Own Church:

At Harvest time we give thanks for our ability to reach out to other groups and people through the Community Connect Cafe and school uniform swop. We give thanks for the teams of volunteers who work together on all the various events and projects throughout the year. Enable us to reach out to more people within our community. As a church family may our teamwork, fellowship and outreach grow and prove fruitful so that it becomes a true witness of God's love for all.

### Presbytery:

We give thanks for the Corehill Collective Worship Service held at Daviot Woods. We ask for continued blessings for all those ministers and elders working together to develop links between our churches. We ask your blessing for all churches as they move forward with the Presbytery Plan. We pray for all the church groupings including our own grouping. Help Meldrum & Bourtie, Daviot, Culsalmond & Rayne, Fyvie & Rothienorman and Auchterless & Auchaber to work together for your Kingdom. Grant them a harvest of faith and belief as we work together sharing your Good News.

### World Issues:

At Harvest Time we think especially of all farmers who live with the uncertainty of climate change. We pray for those who have had a poor harvest this year and those who have lost their crops and livestock. We ask Lord that you smooth the way so that grain and supplies of basic foodstuffs are available to those in most need. We give thanks for all Aid agencies providing support and pray that seed is available so that the next crops can be planted. We pray that these crops will be abundant and bountiful so all may eat and also may lost livestock be replaced. May we remember to pray for enough food for all as we give thanks for our own meals each day.

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## Kirk News Articles

All items for the October / November 2022 issue of Kirk News should be in the hands of the Editors, Brian Reid, or Simon Hill by Sunday, 18th September 2022.

If you know of anyone who does not normally receive Kirk News and would like to, please contact the Editor. (see Contacts table)

**Lots more to see and catch up with on our Facebook page and Website. *News and events link:***

**@<https://www.meldrumandbourtiechurch.com/news-2>**

You will now find 'all in one place' everything that is happening and being promoted at Meldrum & Bourtie Parish Church. If you have any news or stories, you would like published in our Email newsletter, our Kirk News, or on our News & Events website page, please forward them to William Dalzell, Session Clerk at [info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com](mailto:info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com)

MELDRUM AND BOURTIE CHURCH

HALL

15TH-19TH AUGUST 2022

**IT'S A BIG, BIG  
NEARLY NEW  
SALE!**

with

**SCHOOL UNIFORM  
SWAP SHOP**

(including athletic and  
outerwear)

**DROP OFF TIMES**  
10th-13th August  
10-2pm  
Church Hall

**Opening Times:**

**Monday 10-4 & 6-8**

**Tuesday 10-4**

**Wednesday 10-4 & 6-8**

**Thursday 10-4**

**Friday 10-4**



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WEEKEND  
SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER  
&  
SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER  
**AUTUMN  
FAIR**

AND SPONSORED  
BENNACHIE WALK

**FAIR ON SATURDAY 24TH  
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**COM TO BOOK A TABLE**

**WALK ON SUNDAY WITH BBQ AFTER**

