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DORNOCH PARISH NEWS

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE DATES for your DIARY

Coffee Morning - Friday 15th September 10.30 -12 noon
Friday 27th October 10.30- 12noon

Beetle Drive - Friday 29th September 7.30pm

Quiz Night - Friday 10th November 7. 30pm Raffle

All events take place in the West Church Hall so we look forward to seeing you there.

SILENT AUCTION **In aid of Oversteps Care Home**

FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER
7-9PM

WEST CHURCH HALL

Donations welcome

Main Contact Shiona Stuart 07762 232788

Or

Evelyn Calder or Jeanette Cumming

From the Manse ... and the student minister!

It is with mixed feelings that I write this note whilst sitting in the manse on my last day of placement at Dornoch, I am of course excited about the prospect of going home but it will be with a heavy heart that I have to leave behind what has become my Highland home. When I arrived 10 weeks ago I little imagined how the beauty of the surroundings, the friendliness of the people and the sharing of fellowship and worship at the Cathedral would impact me. I will depart having made many lasting friendships and with a little piece of my heart always remaining in Dornoch. Susan talks about Dornoch being a thin place - where heaven and earth come together - and this sums the spirituality of my experience perfectly.

I do want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the support, guidance and fun that both Susan and Derek have extended towards me. The learning opportunities that I have experienced have been much more varied and valuable than I could have imagined. Throughout all my time both at Raigmore Hospital and in and around the parish of Dornoch I have felt a strong sense of community, friendship and mutual respect for one another. For my final evening service I was asked to choose a reading and the words of John 15:11-17 stood out for me with the parting words

This, then, is what I command you: love one another

I have seen much evidence of this during my placement whether or not it was the warm welcome received from the moment you step into the Cathedral, the neighbours that regularly drop in on each other or that leave bags of fruit and vegetables at each other's doors, the friendly greetings when out walking along the beach or around the town, the shared community events such as the Dornoch Games, The Agricultural Show or the Community markets, the fun and laughter at the ceildih party thrown by friends and members of Common Ground, the daily care shown by the staff at Oversteps to all their residents, the essential compassion and attention given to NHS patients and staff by the Hospital Chaplaincy team the list goes on.

If we were to live by only one message from the teachings of Jesus then the one to love one another is very much demonstrated not just in word but in deeds here in the Highlands!

God Bless You All - Lorna x

Please note that each Sunday's sermon is now available on the website - www.dornoch-cathedral.com and navigate to bottom of worship page.
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Cathedral Register

Baptisms

Jack Peter John Tarry infant son of Paul and Lauren
 Jamie William Barnsby infant son of Chris and Emma
 Caitlin Irene Smith infant daughter of James and Pam
 James McBain Matheson Smith
 Pamela Ann O'Keefe
 Ella Kathryn Valerie Harper, infant daughter of Gordon and Hannah
 Jack Graham Stephen Harper, infant son of Gordon and Hannah



Weddings

Nicholas Howitt and Katie Latham
 Steven Learmont and Amy Taylor
 Richard Brown and Natasha Ross
 James Waldegrave and Katharine Orf
 John Currie and Barbara Morgan



Funerals

Mrs Dorothy Forbes, Ardoch, Hilton, Dornoch
 Mrs Mary MacDonald, 10 Clunie Crescent, Dornoch
 Mr. Wilson Blair, Balnapolaig Farm Cottage, Dornoch
 Mr Dennis Bethune, 7 Church Street, Dornoch
 Mrs Colina (Nannie) Urquhart, 4 Clunie Crescent, Dornoch
 Mrs Helen McHardy, Achley Farm, Dornoch

Sympathy

ROTA OF ELDERS AND DEACONS FOR DOOR DUTY AND COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER

Door Duty: J. Calder K. More E. Calder W. Thomson

Doorkeepers: North: L Dickenson South: J. Cumming West: M. Herbertson

OCTOBER

Door Duty: N. Mackay J. Muir G. Muir M. Herbertson

Doorkeepers North: K. Mackenzie South: L. Manson West: M. Macrae

GIFT DAY 2017

The final total for the Gift Day is an absolutely amazing £12188!

The finance committee would like to give a huge thank you to all who contributed so generously towards this total. We are also very grateful to those who helped in any way at all with both the organisation and on the day itself.

READERS FOR SEPTEMBER

3rd Liz Broadhead
10th Morag Sutherland
17th Mike Hemoing
24th John Gunn



READERS FOR OCTOBER

1st Tony Rundle
8th Alison Allan
15th John McMurray
22nd Susan Messem
29th William Thomson

Duty Roster for Homes

Oversteps

September 17th Graham McCarthy

October 15th Margaret Macrae

Meadows

September 17th Graham MacCarthy

October 15th Margaret Macrae

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND DORNOCH CATHEDRAL

You are invited to

Our New - Monthly Buggy Service - all Welcome

***Starting Thursday, 30th March at 10.00 am
at The West Church Hall***

We are writing to parents of all the babies baptised in the Cathedral since 2013. Our new Buggy Service is planned to offer an informal, fun-through-play/music time as away of introducing young children to the faith, and to help parents keep their own vows, made at their child's baptism. You and your pre-school children can be assured of a warm welcome, as well as a cup of tea/coffee/squash and a biscuit, and we look forward to getting to know you better in the relaxed atmosphere of a baby child friendly environment. The light-hearted service will be held in the upstairs room of the West Church Hall on the following dates, at 10.00 am.

Thursday, 28th September 2017

Thursday, 26th October 2017

Thursday, 30th November 2017

Sunday, 24th December 2017 at 11.00 am in The Cathedral

If you know of any other Mums or Dads and babies who would like to come along as well,

please bring them with you. All are welcome!
We look forward to seeing you on the 30th March.

Rev Susan Brown
And "Buggy Team"

NATTER/N/NOSH

The new season will start on Monday 11th September at 12.30pm in the West Church Hall. A two course Lunch with tea/coffee for £4.50. All welcome.

Future dates: -
25th September,
9th and 23rd October,
6th and 20th November
4th and 18th December.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

St FINNBARR'S CHARITY SHOP

"The Wee Shop" is very grateful for any donations (except electrical goods) and the volunteers appreciate the kindness and support of the local community in Dornoch.

Thank you

The following 30 groups all received funds from the Charity Shop. Total amount £13,900

Alzheimer Scotland for Dornoch Dementia Café Angel faces (Christian fellowship Playgroup) Brora Learning Centre Caithness and Sutherland Women's Aid Citizens Advice Bureau Crossroads Care (East Sutherland) Dornoch Academy additional Support Team Dornoch Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award Funds Dornoch Area Resilience group Dornoch and District Community Association Dornoch Brig (Dornoch Beach Regeneration Improvement Group) Dornoch Brownies Dornoch Cathedral Boys' Brigade Dornoch Cathedral Shipmates Dornoch Firth Group Dornoch flowers and Fairs Dornoch Primary School Additional Support Team Dornoch Youth Café East Sutherland Rescue Association Family First East Sutherland Friends of Oversteps Little Lambs (Free Church Playgroup) Maggie's Highland Meadows Patients' Comfort Fund Migdale Hospital Comfort fund Nature Group and Support Group (Tain Children but meets in and is run by Dornoch Teachers) SSAFA Forces Help Sutherland Schools Pipe band The Lawson Cambusavie Memorial Hospital Friends Tykes Young Carers (East Sutherland)

DORNOCH CATHEDRAL GUILD

The new session will begin on Tuesday 26th September at 2.30pm in the West Church Hall.

The speaker is..... "our own our very own, Rev. Susan Brown!"
New members are always welcome and we look to welcoming everyone back again.



DORNOCH SWI

The first meeting of the new session of Dornoch SWI will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 19th September in the upstairs room of the West Church Hall (enter by Castle Street door). The speaker will be Iris Carrison, from the Dementia Care Centre in Tain.

The committee have put together an interesting and varied programme that will hopefully appeal to everyone, so if you are new to the area or discover you now have free time, and you enjoy nice company, a good night's entertainment and a cuppa and chat, why not come along and join us you'll be made very welcome. Our meetings fall on the third Tuesday of each month from September until April, though we meet at 2pm in January and February.

For those who enjoy taking part in competitions we always have a Flower of the Month competition for a single stem of any flower grown by member, the other competition varies and for September it is a 'Family Heirloom', but there is no pressure to enter these.

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me:

mhookmackay@hotmail.com or 01862810123.

Think about it, we'd love to see you there.

As the weather gets cooler and thoughts turn to days indoors, warm kitchens and baking, here is an old and loved cake recipe that reads more like a bible Examination.

SCRIPTURE CAKE

Ingredients: 4½ cups 1st KINGS 4: 22; 1½ cups JUDGES 5: 25;
2 cups JEREMIAH 6: 20; 2 cups 1st SAMUEL 30: 12;
2 cups NAHUM 3: 12; 1 cup NUMBERS 17: 8;
2 teaspoons 1st SAMUEL 14: 25;
6 articles JEREMIAH 17: 11;
Pinch of LEVITICUS 2: 13; 2 teaspoons AMOS 4: 5;
Season to taste with 2nd CHRONICLES 9: 9;
Method: Mix and treat as in Proverbs 23: 13 and 14

After all that, you deserve to have a Heavenly cake!

CLASHMORE SWI

Clashmore SWI starts again on Wednesday, September 13th at 2pm in the West Church Hall. We are a small friendly group and visitors and new members are very welcome. 2018 will be a very special year for Clashmore WI as we celebrate 95 years!

COFFEE/TEA MORNINGS

CHRISTIAN Fellowship runs the above event each Wednesday morning

Starting from 6th September 10.30-12.30. Come and join us for refreshments and home baking in the Room above the Library. Every one is welcome from children to young at heart!

There is a table packed with DVDs and Books available for loan.

Highlight of the wonderful baking—Tony's Scrumptious Pancakes are the best. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Presbytery Report

In March 2016 Rev Colin Johnston was commissioned as Presbytery's Missionary Partner. Colin serves the Church at the Theological Seminary in Cairo.

There were enthusiastic reports from General Assembly Commissioners Syd Barnett, Jeani Hunter, Rev Hilary Gardner, Rev Susan Brown, Gladys McCulloch and Rev Mary Stobo. September being the first meeting after the summer break there was a fairly lengthy agenda to cover, mainly covering the "housekeeping" of Presbytery, i.e. changing situations in parishes regarding vacancies, property, new elders and interim moderators etc. There would be three Local Church Reviews carried out in 2016 / 2017 - Durness & Kinlochbervie, Assynt & Stoer and Altnaharra & Farr (the latter has been carried over due to the induction of a new minister to Altnaharra & Farr). That new minister is the Rev Beverly Cushman who was inducted in February 2017 much to the delight of parishioners who have been waiting for that vacancy to be filled for five years.

Earlier in the year Rev John MacGregor left to accept a calling to Errol linked with Kilspindle & Rait, leaving a vacancy in Clyne linked with Kildonan Loth Helmsdale. There is also a vacancy in Durness & Kinlochbervie where they have been fortunate in having, since August 2016 Rev Deon Oelofse of South Africa on a familiarisation placement for one year under the supervision of the Rev Susan Brown. Vacancies remain at Assynt & Stoer and Lairg & Rogart.

In Lairg, the old manse has been sold and a new one purchased. This new manse is suitable for immediate occupancy. The manse in Lochinver is also suitable for immediate residency having been renovated. In Bettyhill the manse was not ready for occupancy when Rev Cushman was inducted in February, but happily work on the manse is now complete and Rev Cushman and her husband have moved in.

Evelyn Calder, Presbytery Elder

RAINBOW GUIDES

No report for Rainbows as they have only started up again last week. The Leaders wished to express their thanks for the use of the Hall for their activities.

Margaret Robertson

BROWNIES

This year at Brownies we have continued working on badges, crafts, health and lifestyle, cooking etc. We also participated in the Golf clubs time capsule, paraded for Armistice Day and also took part in World thinking day service in the cathedral.

We would like to thank the cathedral and the congregation for all the support we are given especially the use of the west church hall.

Kate Matheson

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER EDITION OF THE PARISH NEWS SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2017

Dornoch Cathedral Women's Group Annual Report 2016/2017

This year has been one of celebration for us.

We have celebrated **fellowship** by having a joint meeting in the spring with the ladies of the Guild and also on a cold January night by meeting as the Women's Group to enjoy a belated Christmas meal.

We have celebrated **Internationalism** by sharing a US Independence Day evening in July and by creating some Kimekomi baubles, in November with help and guidance from Lisa Dickinson, using a technique developed in Japan centuries ago.

We have celebrated the **magnificence of nature** by spending a glorious summer evening walking the quiet roads of our beautiful Sutherland countryside and, on another occasion, by marvelling at the splendour of the exquisite formal gardens at Dunrobin Castle on a tour given by Iain Crisp.

We have celebrated **endeavour and creation** by providing home baking along with tea and coffee after the Sunday service on a regular basis, and also by serving freshly baked scones topped with jam and whipped cream at a stall at the 400 years of Golf at Dornoch fete.

We have celebrated the satisfaction and gratification of **successful fundraising** and the generosity of others when we hosted a talk from Dr Mary Fortune and Advanced Nurse Practitioner Lorna Waddell on their return from providing medical aid to villagers in the Amazon jungle with the Vine Trust, and at the annual carol service which we hold where we raised money for Macmillan Cancer as well as Christian Aid.

Above all, though, we have celebrated **friendship and support** within our group by meeting monthly and simply enjoying each other's company.

Caroline Gilchrist, Women's Group

BOYS BRIGADE

The Junior Section and Anchor Boys are happily meeting weekly in the West Church and continue to enjoy the level floor and wide open hall that the renovations have provided us with. This year the Anchor Boys average a dozen boys at their meetings which are busy, noisy and happy affairs. Jackie, Wilma and Gill continue to be dedicated to the boys that turn up regularly each week.



The Junior Section Boys' have had a good year and Isabelle and I continue to enjoy our Tuesday evenings. We said goodbye to two of our members as Dylan, Liam and their family moved back to Thurso at the turn of the year. The boys have worked hard on their marching and have very nearly perfected some tricky manoeuvres!!!! Each evening we have the usual mixture of games, marching, quizzes and Bible work as well as our usual evenings of 10 pin bowling, swimming, cycling, climbing hills and helping with the Dornoch Beach clean. We look forward to joining with other Junior Section boys in the Highlands at the Highland Battalion Annual Parade in Crown Church in Inverness.

Both sections are looking forward to holding a joint open evening at the start of April. All interested will be made most welcome.

Thank you very much to everyone in the congregation and community for their continued interest and support of the Boys' Brigade.

Morag Macaskill

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Communion and the Church

Thomas Baldwin considers the place of communion in the Church of Scotland today

Will the Future have a Church?

The Very Rev Dr James Simpson finds hope for the future in church history

The Rev Dr Doug Gay reflects on feedback to his proposals for church reform

"I Sleep Very Well these Nights"

The Rev Iain May tells Jackie Macadam about the journey from high-flying banker to Edinburgh minister

Releasing Gifts

Catriona Munro, Clerk to this year's National Youth Assembly, reports from the event

"We Were All Made Equal"

Jackie Macadam hears from women taking part in a conference celebrating the contribution of women throughout the world church

Love in Action

Previewing CrossReach Week 2017

Catching up with God

The Rt Rev Dr Derek Browning asks the church to engage with the General Assembly's call to prayer

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**GAMES &
TECHNOLOGY**

Dornoch Cathedral

presents

all new

!!! FUN SUNDAY !!!

**Second Sunday of each month
2.30 - 4pm**

West Church Hall

**including snack
P1 -P7**

Sunday 10th September



MUSIC!