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TO
HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus said:

“I am the bread of life: he who comes to me shall not hunger: and he who believes in me shall never thirst; he who comes to me I will not cast out. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be satisfied.”



Sunday 7 March 2010
Dunbarney : 9.30 am and 3 pm
Forgandenny : 11 am

The Minister and Kirk Session
Dunbarney and Forgandenny Parish Church

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Christmas Card Delivery Service to Bridge of Earn & Kintillo **only**

Cost per card is 10p—delivery from Saturday 12 December

Please ensure that your cards have the correct name and address on the envelope.

Posting boxes available from Friday 4 December at :

Doctors' Surgery
Kintillo Shop
Session House, Dunbarney Church

GUIDE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Our Annual Coffee Morning will be held on
Saturday 12 December 2009
In the Institute from 10 - 11 am
Various stalls, tombola etc

SOUPER SUNDAY

In aid of
Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Project
10 January 2010
Church Hall from 12—1 pm

FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this edition. The deadline date for the next magazine is Sunday 14 March. Copies of the magazine for friends or family can be downloaded from the website :

www.dfpchurch.org.uk. If you would like a large print version of the magazine please let me know. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy festive season.



Pat Stewart (812223)

From the Manse....

“Put Christ back into Xmas is a slogan that you may hear at this time of year. Are you somebody who gets upset when people or businesses use the term, “Xmas” instead of Christmas? Perhaps we should stop and reflect a little more about what X in Xmas could stand for.



To begin with, the Greek word used in the Bible to mean, “The Anointed One” is Christos. When Christos is written in Greek (Χριστός), the first letter is X! When we remember “Xmas” we therefore remember that Jesus came into the world as God’s anointed one. He is the way, the truth and the life (John 14: 6) and through Jesus, God has provided a way that we can be reconciled with Him. What a wonderful gift God has given us at Christmas.

Furthermore, ‘X’ is often used in the academic fields of science and mathematics to represent an unknown factor. For many today, Christ is still unknown. It is very possible for us all to enjoy the Christmas holidays and festivities without knowing Jesus personally or giving him much time. Therefore when we notice the word “Xmas”, we could be reminded to ask ourselves the question, “How well do I know Jesus and how willing am I to go and worship him?”

And finally, the letter X is used to represent a kiss. We often sign-off our Christmas cards or letters using one or more kisses - although I will stop short of including these in this letter! Once again, when we see the word Xmas, perhaps we should be reminded of God’s love for us. We read in John’s gospel, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16).

The X therefore stands for the anointed one. The X makes it possible to know God and finally the X represents God’s love for you and me. When put like this, the phrase Xmas isn’t that bad

after all because the X is Christ. We don't need to put Christ into Xmas for he is already there!

I hope you find the various services that are scheduled over the Advent and Christmas season helpful and meaningful and I pray that you may know the peace, love and assurance from knowing Christ throughout this festive time.

With all good wishes and every blessing,
Your minister and friend,
Allan

.....and the Session Clerk

When the Kirk Session met after the summer break, we decided on a new way of working. The Session now meets every two months and we are making more use of our committees to take some of the work away from the Session, allowing us to concentrate on the more important matters in the life of Dunbarney & Forgandenny Church. We will review the situation next year and see how it has worked.



This has been a busy year for us with the "Together we make a difference" programme, the visit from Presbytery in February and the follow up services in June. We have had combined services with our neighbouring parishes which have been well attended. Six of our elders with members from neighbouring churches attended a day for the training of Pastoral Visitors in Forteviot Village Hall.

Services of Holy Communion will be held in both churches on Sunday 6 December at the usual times. A Family Service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6.30 pm in Dunbarney Church followed by the Watchnight Service at 11.30 pm. The Christmas Day Service will be in Forgandenny church at 10.30 am.

May I wish you a joyous festive season.

Bill Paterson (812340)

DUNBARNEY MONDAY CLUB

The Club continues to be well supported but we will always be pleased to welcome new members.

Here's what is in the programme over the coming months :-

2009 :	14 December	Christmas Party
2010 :	04 January	Games Afternoon
	18 January	Around the World Underwater <i>Gavin Anderson</i>
	01 February	An Afternoon of Entertainment <i>Bowhill People's Burns Club</i>
	15 February	Cognac—Perth's Twin Town in France <i>Mr & Mrs J Cormie</i>
	01 March	Edinburgh Military Tattoo <i>Brigadier Jameson</i>
	15 March	AGM

Isobel Grainger (813075)

FELLOWSHIP GROUP (formerly 'The Guild')

The Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in the Church Hall. All welcome to come along. A hymn, a reading, a topic, a cup of tea and a chat.

6 January	Trip to Alaska <i>Bill & Trudy Nicol</i>
3 February	Island Ministries <i>Rev Alastair & Elsie McCormack</i>
3 March	Doll Collection <i>Mrs Annette Porteous</i>
7 April	AGM

Norma Blair (812363)

BRAIN INJURIES REHABILITATION CENTRE

Many thanks to the members of the congregation for generously sponsoring me when I ran the Great Scottish Run - I raised £650 for the Unit - David Hunter

14th PERTSHIRE SCOUT GROUP

It is nearly the end of our Group's Centenary Year. We have had a great time with barbecues, quizzes, a Beetle Drive, raft building and sailing, a sports evening, a Strawberry Tea for past members, a family Ceilidh and much more.



Of course we have also had our weekly meetings with trips and outings and camping for the older Sections. A lot of badge work has been going on for activity badges, challenge badges and some others are working towards their Chief Scout award.

I would like to thank the parents who have given us support during the year and, more especially, all the Leaders, Young Leaders and Helpers who turn out every week to deliver the programme for our Young people.

Christian Macdonald (815997)



This year Girlguiding has been busy celebrating its Centenary Year. A very special Thinking Day Service will be held on 21 February 2010. The time and venue is still to be confirmed but if you were involved with guiding in the district, please watch out for more details.

Next year we are holding a Bridge of Earn Guiding Gathering for young and old. If you or someone you know was involved in guiding and would like to share memories or photos, please get in touch.

Heather Paterson (812100) or
E-mail : heather.blether12@btinternet.com

Church Register

New members by certificate:

Mr & Mrs Greig Simpson,
Mr & Mrs Ralph Kidd,
Mr & Mrs Nelson Blackley,
Mrs Pat Nicoll,

Funerals:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life....."

25.08.09 Ruby G Fotheringham,
27.08.09 Christina (Chrissie) McGregor,
30.08.09 Sylvia M Christie,
17.09.09 David R Young (Ron),
01.10.09 Alanah K Mason,
27.10.09 David P James,
20.11.09 Archibald D McLaren,

Weddings

12.08.09 Colin Gillespie & Clair Calder

05.09.09 Mark Latimer & Jacqueline Campbell

Baptisms

18.10.09 Anthony Ronald Lammert Allstaff

15.11.09 Jack Alastair Simpson,

CAROLINE HADDOW

After spending her whole working life at Forgandenny School, Caroline Haddow retired in the summer. Stewart Dow writes, "I remember Miss Haddow with great affection and warmth. She taught Primaries 1, 2 and 3 so it must have been hard for her to find time for us all but she seemed to manage to give us lots of individual attention and never raised her voice". There was a retiral tea party for her at which the headmaster presented "This is Your Life" balanced against national events and, at the end of term service, she was given flowers by the church community.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am settling into my new role as Treasurer and would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee and Alison Christie for all their help and patience in answering my many questions.



I am happy to report that as of the end of October “giving” has increased for the year to date by almost £3,000. Much of this is as a result of the Together We Make a Difference and it is hoped that most of these funds can be set aside for new projects both in outreach and for the benefit of our existing members.

I note that the Open Plate giving has increased over the year and would urge those who give by this method to consider if they could give by Gift Aid. In a few weeks time special envelopes will be available for one off Gift Aid donations. These will be placed in the vestibules of both churches. Although they are intended mainly for visitors, perhaps at Baptisms, they can be used by members who do not wish to give regularly by Gift Aid and perhaps wish to make a special donation once a year. The envelopes can be handed in with the weekly offering or sent direct to me or the Church Office.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries relating to giving.

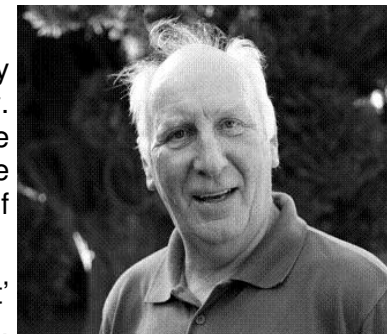
Senga Prior (812316)

PROPERTY REPORT

This has been a busy quarter for the Property Committee with works being put in hand at Dunbarney, Forgandenny and the Manse. Apart from the usual maintenance of gutters and roofs with the onset of Autumn and the need to find a contractor to clean the moss off the Manse roof, a tender document was issued to four contractors for the repainting of the sanctuary, lobby and entrance vestibule at Dunbarney Church during July 2010.

Ronald A Allstaff

I am originally from Broughty Ferry where I attended Grove Academy. On leaving school I trained to be an ironmonger. I spent my leisure time sailing and was a member of the RNLI.



However I did find time to ‘court’ Moira who stayed at Invergowrie. We met at the Youth Fellowship. I cycled regularly to Invergowrie until I bought my first car a - Morris 1000 – ERS 465.

Moira and I got married in Invergowrie in October 1969 and had our first flat in Broughty Ferry. I was employed by HJ Heinz & Co Ltd and given the opportunity to move to Perthshire. This is when we bought our house in Bridge of Earn. Our daughter Fiona was 18 months old at the time and Andrew followed two years later.

I was made redundant but luckily got a job as ‘The Man from the Pru’. I retired at 50— these days were rather stressful.

However another door opened and I started gardening with a local company and I was my old self again – NO paperwork – NO computers. I was happy! After a number of years I decided to set up business on my own and I have never looked back.

I enjoy my family, church life and playing badminton. I recently became a very proud grandpa to Anthony and was very pleased when Anthony was christened in Dunbarney on 18 October – Moira and I celebrated our Ruby Wedding Anniversary the same day. A very busy time!

On St Andrews Day I attended a memorial service in St James Church, Broughty Ferry. It is 50 years since the Life Boat ‘Mona’ was lost. I was a Shed-hand at RNLI that day

I will be 65 in January and am hoping to take things a wee bit easier – wait and see!!!!

GET TO KNOW YOUR ELDERS!

Elizabeth Honeyman

I was born in Edinburgh where I attended George Watson's Ladies College and then went on to Moray House to train as a primary school teacher.



As my husband, Les, was posted to Perth as an Ordnance Surveyor we began our married life in Perth and four years later moved to Forgandenny where we brought up our two sons.

During my teaching career I taught initially at Caledonian Road School and then as one of the first members of staff at Oakbank. After a break of nearly nine years being at home with our boys, I returned to teaching at Dunbarney. During that time I acquired a further nursery and infant qualification. In 1988 I moved to Auchterarder High School as the first Nursery teacher.

In 1997 I took early retirement from teaching and in the following year began work at Perth College as Nursery Co-ordinator. This period enabled me, as a lecturer, to be involved with the training of nursery nurses. I once again retired in 2005!

Les and I have five wonderful grandchildren – full of fun and mischief – three in Perth and two in Australia. We have been very fortunate that we have been able to frequently visit Ross and his family in Australia. Also we regularly see Lindsay and his family taking part in their many activities.

My interests are travel, music, theatre, concerts, sport and politics. Within Forgandenny Church I have had a few roles – Sunday School teacher; elder and for three years Session Clerk; member of the Worship Committee and when the two churches united, a member of the steering group of TWMAD.

Following analysis of the returns, Mackays of Perth were proposed and agreed by Session. In Dunbarney hall and at the request of the Catering Committee, Steve Fulton has overseen the installation of a new (and safer) water heating system to replace the urns that were in use. The water heater was purchased with money left over from the project to replace the hall cooker.

At Forgandenny new locks and draught proofing were fitted to two fire exit doors to improve security and cut down on the draughts which whistle through the building on cold days. The Laird's Loft draught proofing curtain has also been installed (just in time for winter). The curtain is the final stage in the conversion of the gallery for use as an extra space during weddings, a social area after Sunday service and also a useful meeting room with its own heating.

At the Manse a repair call out to the twenty year old central heating system threatened a £700 bill simply to flush out and restore the ageing system. The Property Committee reviewed the options available and proposed that, as the old boiler will need replacing in the short term and other small works are needed on the system, it would be sensible to replace it now with a modern high efficiency unit. This will cut fuel costs and get the refurbishment of the system carried out as part of the replacement. A tender process is ongoing at the moment with prices being sought from four heating firms.

Bill Nicol (812267)

A STRANGER FOR CHRISTMAS

Visits from strangers at Christmas began with the arrival of wise men from a foreign land. You could carry on this tradition, by inviting an international student to spend Christmas in your home. HOST is a well-established charity, backed by the Foreign Office and many universities, which links adults studying in the UK with hospitable volunteers throughout Britain. Guests come from all over the world, including many from China. They speak English, are keen to share their own culture, while longing to know more about our way of life.

They are prepared to travel to stay with hosts far from their universities. Welcoming a student who might otherwise spend Christmas on a deserted campus, fosters international understanding and will make Christmas special. See www.hostuk.org or call HOST's volunteer regional organiser in this part of Scotland, Brian Conn, on 01224 733073. HOST arranges visits throughout the year, so if your 'inn' is full this Christmas, you can still offer an invitation at another time.

Church Cleaning

The rota for church cleaning is as follows:-

For Sunday -

13.12.09	Margaret Annandale
03.01.10	Linda Munsie (after Christmas tree has been taken out!)
17.01.10	Susan Thomson
31.01.10	Ruth Hutt
14.02.10	Elspeth Mackinnon
28.02.10	Heather Paterson
14.03.10	Ann Menzies
28.03.10	Norma Blair (Palm Sunday)
11.04.10	Christian Macdonald
25.04.10	Charlene Hunter

Next year Dunbarney church is having a "makeover" in June and July so it would be pointless to "spring" clean. We will wait until the dust settles and tackle it after that. Our usual get-together "Church Coffee Morning" has been pencilled in for Saturday 27 February from 10 am. There will be notification of this event in the weekly service sheets nearer the time.

The busy September Weekend has long gone now but I would like to thank all those who helped in any way.

Pat Paterson (812340)



ADVENTURERS' NEWS

This has been a quick year and I can't believe that we have started working on the Nativity Play. This is definitely the children's story—please don't miss it!

We had a great display at the Flower Festival—'Ye Old Toyshop' and had old and new games and toys on display—the old ones are the best!

At harvest the children thought about all that we have to be thankful for, not just the food but for everything involved in the food chain. Thank you for gifts received at Harvest Festival; they were gratefully received at Anchor House and CATH.

We say goodbye to the P7 children in January—they are 'breaking free' to a new group which will meet on a Sunday evening. They will be missed as they are a big help with the younger children.

Christmas Party	: Sunday 13 December in the Church Hall from 4—6 pm
Nativity Play	: Sunday 20 December Please meet in Church Hall at 9.10 am
Christmas Holidays Re-start	: Sunday 27 December and 3 January : Sunday 10 January

All new children are welcome to come along and venture into the Bible with us. Happy holidays to you all from Adventurers.

Heather Paterson (812100)

TIME FOR YOUTH

This is a new group for the 'Tween' age group—Primary 7 and upwards. They will meet in the Church Hall on a Sunday night on a fortnightly basis. The first meeting is on 17 January. Door open from 6.30 pm onwards. The aim of the group is for the 'Tweens' to come together in a friendly, relaxed, social atmosphere when they can discuss various issues and topics of their choice, while having fun at 'The Cosy Café'.

If you would like to know more please get in touch with Allan, the minister, or Heather Paterson (telephone 812100).

Dunbarney Crèche Rota

DECEMBER 2009

6 Ashley Sinclair
Rhona Love
13 Susan Thomson
Nicola McIntosh
20 FAMILY SERVICE
Helen Donald
Sheena Halcrow

FEBRUARY 2010

7 Pat Stewart
Helen Donald
14 Angela Stewart
Fiona Leslie
21 Elspeth Mackinnon
Rhona Love
28 Susan Thomson
Nicola McIntosh

APRIL 2010

4 Jean Hands
Pat Stewart
11 Angela Stewart
Lisa Butler

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Group meets on a Wednesday in the Church Hall at 8 pm.

09.12.09 Cairn O'Mhor Wines - Talk and Taste
Admission £5 includes mince pies and tea & coffee
20.01.10 Meal Out
17.02.10 Perth Street Pastors
17.03.10 AGM and talk on PRI Palliative Care (7.30 pm start)

Thanks to everyone who provided delicious soups and puddings, helped and came along to the Hot n'Hearty Lunch. £300 was raised and this will be divided between PRI Palliative Care and Perth Street Pastors.

Karen Smith (812734)

JANUARY 2010

3 NO CRECHE
10 Janice Sloan
Helen Jackson
17 Karen Wilson
Linda Thoms
24 Elaine McCreanor
Jean Hands
31 Sandra Ritchie
Sheena Halcrow

MARCH 2010

7 Sandra Ritchie
Sheena Halcrow
14 Fiona Leslie
Elaine McCreanor
21 Linda Thoms
Karen Wilson
28 Ashley Sinclair
Helen Donald



BLYTHSWOOD CARE APPEAL 2009

Many thanks to all who wrapped and filled shoe boxes, donated filler items and contributed towards the cost of transport. The boxes were duly delivered to the North Church for Custom Checking and will be transported to Eastern Europe in time for Christmas.

CHRISTIAN CARE FOR BODY & SOUL

Thanks also to all who knitted colourful teddies and vests - this is an ongoing project and teddies and vests are needed throughout the year. Where Blythswood Care is active in Eastern Europe each child leaving hospital is given a teddy to keep and to love – so don't put down your knitting needles.

Knitted items can be left in the Office vestibule or contact Norma Blair at 812363.

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING EVENT

Six Kirk pastoral care team or session members attended the Pastoral Care Training Event held in Forteviot Village Hall on 31 October.

This was organised by the Perth Presbytery and involved delegates from Churches in and around Perth and The Stewartry of Strathearn. It was taken by Mrs Renee Riddell, adult trainer attached to the presbytery who serves as Session Clerk in Auchterarder.

The event was to assist in the training of those involved in pastoral visiting as the different parishes work out their individual forms of approach to pastoral visiting. It was designed to build confidence, explore the needs to be effective and to share experience and good practice across the parishes.

The day was extremely interesting and our sincere thanks go to Mrs Riddell for her time and for the expert and appropriate training provided. Thanks also to Pat Paterson, Cathie Macleod and Lady Jean Wemyss who supplied a lovely selection of winter soups for lunch - thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Alan Pritchard Pastoral Care Team Convener

POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday 8 November the minister, Allan Wilson, led a large congregation in Dunbarney Church in a service of remembrance.

Members of the Scout and Guide movements filled the front pews : their representatives proudly carried in flags during the first hymn. The minister encouraged all the young people present to write appropriate prayers on "poppy" like sheets of paper which were then strewn on the ground as on Flanders Fields. Following a trumpet solo of The Last Post, a silence of two minutes was observed.

The minister spoke of the horror of war and , to suitable music, showed films to remind us of this. He talked too of the need to strive for peace and justice. Led by the choir which also sang a moving anthem, the congregation was in good voice at this special service.

Afterwards there was a short service at the War Memorial where wreaths were laid. The monument bears the names of many local men who died in the 1914 - 18 War and of seven who died in the 1939-45 War .

Sgt Lauchlin Hugh McLean RASC
Lt Comdr J I Miller DSO DSC & Bar RNR
Capt R G McPherson Middlesex Regiment
1st Officer Robert D. MacKay Merchant Navy
Private Alastair McIntosh Royal Armour Corps
Private William Sinclair Cameron Highlanders
Gunner James Wa Royal Artillery

From a relative I have heard about Lt Commander John Isdale Miller



who was decorated three times for courageous and resourceful leadership and gallantry in anti submarine duties in home waters and as the captain of a corvette in the Mediterranean. His ship HMS Salvia was lost with all hands when it was torpedoed by a U boat on Christmas Eve 1941. His mother Ida Margaret May Isdale was born at Culfargie Farm and his grandparents George and Elizabeth Isdale are buried in the Churchyard. Older residents of Bridge of Earn may remember his uncle Captain Isdale who lived at Ashbank until 1946.

Does anyone know anything about the local connections of the other men on the memorial ? It would be good to know where they came from.

Lindsay Dow (812248)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Flower Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the fund-raising weekend such a success. Once again the Church was beautifully decorated with lovely arrangements depicting the theme 'A Backward Glance'. The sum realised was £2,800.

A big thank you also to all who contributed baking and soup for the hall, and produce for sale in the shop. We are indebted to all the stewards and servers for their help. And to Caroline for compiling a DVD of 20 years of the Flower Festival. Copies are available to loan from me.

Helen Jackson (813027)

Thanks also to everyone who so kindly donate flowers and money to decorate the Church weekly; A thank you also to the arrangers, dismantlers and people who deliver the flowers. The people who receive the flowers are very appreciative and I receive many cards and letters of thanks.

