



Church Focus

AUTUMN 2025

Maud & Savoch

with

New Deer, St. Kanes

Charity Numbers: SC009773 & SC007917

Welcome

Are you a 'glass half full' or a 'glass half empty' kind of person? Do you tend to see a problem and think 'I can't do that,' or is your attitude more of a 'let's go for it' approach? I was brought up being told that there is no such word in the dictionary as "can't" (although if we were to be pedantic about spelling, we could argue that it is), and I am sure that this has contributed to my having more of a can-do approach to life.

At a recent Filling Station event in Maud, the speaker, Andy Hall, talked about how many of us approach what God is calling us to do from a place of loss, lack, and limit. In other words, we respond to God's calling from a glass half empty position. I think this could easily be true of many of us in the church, local and national, as we come to terms with diminishing church membership and attendance. We remember the old days when our churches were full and there were plenty people around to share the tasks of ministry within our respective communities of faith, realising how much things have changed and the impact this has had on what we can, or feel we are able to do. Loss of people, lack of resources, there are limits to what we can do. That there are limits is undoubtedly true, but what if we were to look at things differently?

We are currently in the season of Pentecost where liturgically we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit and focus on the specific ways in which we are empowered and enabled by it as we serve God today. I do wonder though, if we are guilty of paying little more than lip-service to this amazing gift and how different our lives, and consequently the communal life of the Church would be if we embraced it more whole-heartedly.

The Apostle Paul had every reason to react from a sense of loss (of his freedom), lack (of fellowship), and limit (being confined by chains in prison), and yet, he was able to reassure the Philippian Christians that



God was as active in and through him then as he was before his incarceration. He wanted them to know that what had happened to him had actually helped spread the gospel, and wrote that it had become known throughout the “whole imperial guard and to everyone else” that his imprisonment was for Christ, and most of his brothers and sisters in faith had been made confident in the Lord by his imprisonment, daring to speak the word of God with greater boldness and without fear, and that as a result of his hardship he had learnt that he had the ability to do all things through the continued strength of Christ in him (Philippians 1:13-14 and 4:13 paraphrased).

Can you imagine how different life could be for us all if we, like Paul, were able to embrace the Spirit of God at work in our lives and in the world, and instead of harbouring a defeatist-like approach to faith we instead nurtured the wholly positive can-do attitude exhibited by the Apostle. Let us not confine the work of the Holy Spirit to some time in history or as a gift available only to those and such as those in the faith, and instead, welcome its transforming and empowering abilities in the present.

Whatever you are facing right now, be assured that God knows, God cares, and that God sent his Spirit to help you through it, and know, as did the Apostle Paul, that we can do all things through the continued strength of Jesus. May God’s blessing of peace and joy be upon you all.

Yours in Him,

Aileen McFie

Church Services

All Age Sunday Morning Worship is held every Sunday at 10.30 am and alternates, month about, between Maud & Savoch Church and New Deer St Kane's Church Centre.

August Sunday Services will take place at Maud Church



Sunday 3rd August – Service of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

All who love the Lord a little and want to love him more are welcome to come and share in this holy feast.

“Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.”

Sunday 17th August - Sunday Club Presentations & Church Picnic

September Sunday Services will take place at St Kane's Church Centre

Sunday 14th September - Boy's Brigade Dedication Service

Sunday September 21st - Guild Dedication Service

Sunday September 28th - Harvest Thanksgiving Service

“I will give thanks to you with my whole heart” Psalms 138:1

October Sunday Services will take place at Maud Church

Annual Church Picnic



Join us for food, fellowship and fun at the annual Church picnic Sunday 17th August –

11.30 am (after the Church Service) at Maud Church Hall and Gardens.

There will be fun, games and challenges and a jolly time to be had by all. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided or, if you prefer, bring your own picnic.

All are welcome.

Craft Group and Prayer Shawl Ministry



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Craft Group meets 10.30 am til 12 noon the first and third Monday of the month in Maud Church Hall. We are delighted that our membership has grown over the last year and new members are always welcome.

Come along to share skills, learn new ones, get involved in our latest project. At present, amongst other things we are knitting hats and scarves for the Christian Seafarer's Mission. You don't have to be good at crafting to come along but if you want to learn to knit, crochet or another craft there is bound to be someone who can help.

We are continuing to work on developing the Prayer Shawl Ministry within our Churches so if you are interested in getting involved just get in touch. You don't need to come along to Craft Group to be part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, they can be worked on at home in small groups or alone - whatever suits you.

If you are interested to find out more about Craft Group or the Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact Jan on 07460307416.

Dates for Autumn
Monday August 4th and 18th
Monday September 1st and 15th
Monday October 6th and 20th

St Kane's Church, New Deer

Giving Day

Saturday 6th September

Buttery Morning

10am - 12pm



*Please remember to
bring your envelope*



*"Freely you have received,
freely give" Matthew 10:8*

Any financial gift you feel able to give will
be greatly appreciated and used for
general church funds.

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Walking Group

After a busy start to the year with the Journey Through Lent walks, things have quietened down a bit though we are still getting out and have enjoyed some lovely walks on the warm summer evenings.

Walking Group is a great way to get out in the fresh air and spend time with others. Weather permitting, we will continue to walk throughout the year. All are welcome and we offer a range of walks, from a short afternoon stroll with a fly cup at the end, to longer evening walks of 3 to 4 miles in the evening and then some bigger afternoon or day walks so folk can choose what walk suits them best.

Information about individual walks is posted on our WhatsApp Chat. If you would like to be added to our WhatsApp chat please let Jan know (07460307416). If you are not on WhatsApp get in touch with Jan and she will arrange for you to get information about any planned walks.

Warm and Welcome Soup and Sweet



All are welcome at our twice monthly Monday soup and sweet at Maud Church Hall which runs from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm. Come along for a warm welcome, cup of tea, chat with friends and a tasty soup and sweet lunch and please encourage those who you know would enjoy the food and fellowship to come along.

There is no charge for teas or lunch but folk can make a small donation if desired.

Dates for Autumn

Monday August 11th and 25th

Monday September 8th and 22nd

Monday October 13th and 27th



Foodie Favourites

*A Cookery Demonstration
and Tasting Evening*

**7pm
Start**



**2025/2026
Thursdays
6th November
4th December
5th February
5th March**



**St Kane's
Church
Centre**



**Free Entry
All
Welcome**



**Presented by
New Deer
St Kane's
Parish Church**



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Boys Brigade



It was lovely to celebrate the achievements of the boys at Parents Evening on the 16th June. We were delighted to have Captain Seb Adkins of the Territorial Army and former member of New Deer

Boy's Brigade along to present the boys with their awards.

After the summer break 1st New Deer Boy's Brigade starts up again in September. Meetings are held in St Kane's Church Centre on Monday evenings from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm during the school term. New members are always welcome at our active, friendly group for boys and girls in P1 to P3 for Anchor Boys and P4 to P6 for Junior Section.



Welcome Evening and registration for Boy's Brigade is at the Church

Centre at 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm on Monday 1st September for anyone who would like to come along to find out more or register their child for BB's.

If you have children who are interested in coming or would like a bit more information just get in touch with Anne Marie on 07768850894 or come along on the night.

Our first full BB meeting of the year will be on Monday 8th September.

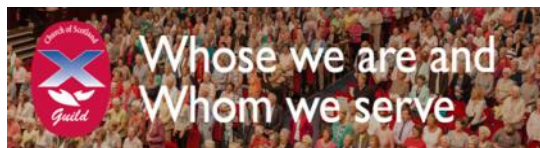
The Mustard Seed Café

The Mustard Seed Cafe team welcomed Mr. Gordon Hay from Longside and the Adolf Fredriks Foraldrakor Choir from Sweden on May the 2nd for their lunch stop over. The Choir were visiting Scotland and had visited Fyvie Castle in the morning and were en route to Longside for an evening recital in the Church. The Choir is made up of parents and staff from the world famous girls choir based in Stockholm.

Lorna, Kimberly and Reece pulled out all the stops and provided them with a lunch of their own choice - soup, sandwiches, quiche, salads, scones as well as rhubarb crumble. They did an amazing job and the group of 30 plus were full of praise for the quality and speed of the service... in fact they were so pleased they gave us an impromptu performance conducted by their choirmaster Carin Wallgreen. Their singing was amazing and certainly lifted everyone's spirits on a Friday afternoon.

Lunch was served in the back hall - it's perfect for larger groups and is often used by walking groups either before or after their walks.

St Kane's Guild



The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and

encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

St Kane's Guild meets at 7.30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month from September to May in St Kane's Church Centre. New members are always welcome and if you would like to find out more contact Anne on 07789382721

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday September 13th

Guild Annual Gathering at Perth North Church

Tuesday September 16th 7.00 pm

St Kane's Church Centre - House Drive (like a Beetle Drive but with a House) Come along for a fun social evening with the Guild.

Saturday September 20th

10.00 am - Meet at St Kane's Church Centre for a pleasant walk around New Deer (not too strenuous) before returning to the Centre for refreshments

Thursday 25th September

7.30 pm Guild Meeting at St Kane's Church Centre

Come along to our first Guild meeting of the year to hear updates from the Guild projects and other activities. The Guild projects support a wide range of needs across communities at home and overseas.

Thursday 23rd October - 7.30 pm

Guild meeting at St Kane's Church Centre

Thursday 27th November - 7.30 pm

Guild meeting at St Kane's Church Centre



*Join us for a scrumptious Afternoon Tea
and help raise funds for Breast Cancer
Awareness*

*1.30 pm Wednesday 13th August
at*

St Kane's Church Centre



Kirk Shoppie

TOYS - BOOKS - CLOTHES - HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

The Guild will again be running the fabulous “Kirk Shoppie” in St Kane’s Church Centre.

Monday 13th October to Friday 24th October

Opening Times

Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Saturday 10.00 am to 12 noon

Always a fabulous event, so come along for a wee look around, you will be amazed at what we have and are bound to find something that you didn’t even know you needed !

Practical Days at Maud Church

We are continuing with our Practical Days throughout this summer with work on the grounds or deep cleaning, repairs and painting. If you have some free time and are able to come along to help it would be really appreciated. Refreshments, good company and fellowship included.



Practical Days for the rest of the summer are;
Saturday 26th July
16th August
6th September
20th September
9.30 am to 11.30 am



If you can help or would like more information please get in touch with Isabel on 07760122045



World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Join us at the World's Biggest Coffee Morning!

10.30 am - Friday 26th September

St Kane's Church Centre

Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast is held at The Mustard Seed Café, St Kane's Church Centre 8.30 am to 10.00 am, usually, on the first Saturday of each month.

Men come together to share fellowship and faith over a tasty breakfast where they have a platform to chat on all manner of subjects.

If you would like to find out more contact Alistair on 07551406204 or just come along one Saturday morning.

Autumn dates

Saturday 2nd August, 6th September and 4th October



Maud Church Buttery Morning & Pre Loved sale

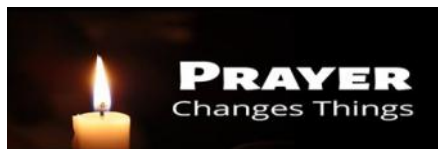
Maud Church Hall

10.00 am til 12 noon Saturday 13th September.

Come along, enjoy your fly cup with friends and you are sure to find something lovely to take home. If you have any goods you would like collected for the sale contact Jan on 07460307416.



Time for Prayer



We come together for prayer on Wednesday mornings at 10.00 am in St Kane's Church Centre.

We also have a WhatsApp Prayer group where we share prayer requests and prayer points. All are welcome to join the Prayer Groups and if you want to find out more contact Rev Aileen McFie or just come along one Wednesday morning.

We turn to God in prayer

Loving God

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God in unity, God in community, we pray for our world.

Where there is war between nations or within nations we pray for peace.

Where tensions are building we pray for calm.

Where there is judgement and prejudice we pray for dignity and respect.

Where there is a break-down in relationship we pray for openness and understanding.

Where human hearts are breaking, we pray for care and compassion.

Where there is sorrow and loss we pray for comfort and healing.

We pray for our world, one world, God's world, enfolded in love, living in unity and community, this day and all days.

Amen.

You can keep up to date with Presbytery News and Prayer Points at www.nenipresbytery.org.uk

The Filling Station Buchan



Meeting at Maud Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the first Saturday of each month with various speakers, authors and evangelists from across the UK sharing God's Word and faith in a relaxed and informal setting.

This is not a new Church or denomination, just people from across The Church and those asking questions about God gathering to share vibrant worship.

COMING SOON



mainly
music

Developed in Australia and New Zealand in 1990, Mainly Music is a fun music, songs and physical activity program for young children along with their parents and carers to enjoy together. Mainly Music is an activity for young children with the active participation of their parents and carers.

Mainly Music offers the opportunity for children to have fun, socialize, building skills and confidence with those caring for them, through music and creative activities whilst giving families an opportunity to think about the God-part of life.

Mainly Music will be starting at St Kane's Church Centre this autumn. Details will be posted on social media and in the local villages in August. If you want to find out more or are interested in coming along when we get started contact Josephine on 07761002414

Church Meetings

August

Joint Kirk Session - 7.30pm Thurs 21st, Maud Church

St Kane's Congregational Board – 7.30pm Tues 26th August, St Kane's Church Centre

Maud & Savoch Congregational Board - 7pm Thurs 28th, Maud Church Hall

October

Joint Kirk Session – 7.30pm Tues 28th October, St Kane's Church Centre

Poppy Appeal

Calling all knitters and crocheters!

We are still collecting poppies for the Remembrance display for New Deer. We really appreciate folk getting involved in making poppies. If you would like to get involved in making some, patterns and wool can be picked up at The Mustard Seed Café. If you want to know a bit more, get involved or have the materials dropped off to you get in touch with Anne on 07789382721.



Supporting Our Community

We continue to take donations of non perishable foods for the local Foodbank and also essential items for young families for Bairnecessities. These include toothpaste, baby shampoo, sponges, oil, wipes and talc, nappy bags, non bio washing tablets and ladies deodorant. Donations can be made at both Churches and at St

Kane's Church Centre and are really appreciated by those in need.

Thank you for your donations and continued support



Find us on Facebook - Maud and Savoch Church and New Deer St. Kane's Parish Church
Our Minister is Rev. Aileen McFie 01771 644631