

The Ministry Team (Newmachar)

There are six members in the Ministry Team at the present time. We have a wide remit, primarily to share the Love of God with people within our parish and beyond.

This includes, visiting the housebound and sick (if this has been requested).

Flowers from our weekly service are given each week to people who are, for example, unwell or bereaved to let them know that our thoughts are with them.

We are the church contact for World Mission and in particular save all our used stamps for the World Mission Charity of the year. There is a container at the back of Newmachar Church for the stamps. We also collect spectacles for recycling.

Hilary and Ann are two of the Friends of Balmedie House. This involves a monthly visit to sing and provide cakes for an afternoon tea for the residents. Other activities include the annual Fireworks Display and a Christmas Party.

We also organise lunches for events such as Christian Aid week and the Harvest Festival.

Recently we organised a Sing-Along and afternoon tea for the residents of Summerhill House.

Until relatively recently this team consisted of 10 members so if anyone else would like to join us you would be most welcome.

Joint Leaders
Ann Innes and Hilary Andrew

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Dyce Flower Rota

JANUARY 2024
7 Mrs L Thurley 9 Glen Drive 01224 722396
14 Mrs C Kelly Parkhill, Dyce 01224 725529
28 Mrs H Beagrie 11 Fifehill Park, Dyce 01224 724659

FEBRUARY
4 Mrs M Buchan 6 Sluie Drive 01224 724487
11 Mrs A Ross Mains of Dyce 07860 951609
25 Mrs E Shand 6 Glenhome Crescent 01224 723223

MARCH
3 Mrs A Dunnet 15 Raxton Place 01224 722046
10 Mrs J Eddie 8 Burndale Road, Bucksburn 01224 715510
24 Mrs G Lamb 48 Parkhill Avenue 01224 723722
31 Mrs A Jamieson 17 Princess Crescent 07425777246

APRIL
7 Mrs J Thomson 14 Lickleyhead Way 01224 723058
14 Mrs E Shearer 12 Overton Crescent 01224 723044
28 Mrs D Robertson 3 Pitfichie Place 01224 724306

MAY
5 Mrs W Innes 43 Parkhill Circle 01224 724634
12 Mrs M Roach 2 Glen Avenue 01224 722723
26 Mrs T Milne 110 Corrennie Circle 01224 722088

JUNE
2 Mrs S Reid 29 Berrywell Walk 01224 771506
9 Mrs M Cattanaach 1A Glenhome Avenue 01224 723158
23 Mrs S Barber 20 Parkhill Avenue 01224 723589
30 Mrs A Findlay 40 Ardlair Terrace 01224 724881

Flower Convenor for November 23, December 23, March, April, July, August, November, December: **Mrs Audrey Ross** 07860 951609

Flower Convenor for January, February, May, June, September, October, January 25, February 25: **Mrs Heather McCulloch** 01224 722563

Please remember if the date is not suitable you are required to arrange a swap with another person. It is the duty of the provider to collect and deliver the flowers after the 10.30am service. Please arrange for someone else to deliver if this is not possible.

If you would like to be removed from the rota, please let Audrey know **07860 951609**.

NEW MACHAR CHURCH

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The New Vine

news across the pews

Dear Friends

Welcome to the first edition of our new joint magazine, covering the congregations of Dyce and Newmachar.

This year saw a fresh start in the lives of the two congregations of Dyce and Newmachar when we became a linked charge. I know that many from both congregations were anxious about how things might work out.

However, any worries have been quickly dispelled, and I am delighted to say that the two congregations, in many ways, are working as one. This has been most evident on the Sundays we worship together. Many have remarked that the worship is so much more vibrant when the two congregations are one. I would heartily concur.

Undoubtedly, we are stronger together than we are apart. The writer of Ecclesiastes (4:9–12) has something to say about strength in numbers: *“It’s better to have a partner than go it alone. Share the work, share the wealth. And if one falls down, the other helps, but if there’s no one to help, tough! Two in a bed warm each other. Alone, you shiver all night. By yourself you’re unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn’t easily snapped.”*

May we continue to work together as one in the building of God’s kingdom in Dyce and Newmachar.

The season of Advent will soon be upon us once again. Christmas! A time for families to come together, from far and near, to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child. As a church family we shall also come together at various times over the festive season to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. I do hope you will make use of those opportunities to join with your extended church family in joining in that great celebration.

May I wish you, and those you hold dearly, a most blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Your grateful minister, **Manson**



FREE-ALL PRIMARY AGE CHILDREN WELCOME

* LOTS OF FUN! * GAMES!
* ACTION SONGS! * CRAFTS!
* BIBLE STORIES!

EXPLORER'S CLUB!

TUESDAYS
6.00 - 7.00 PM
PATHWAY CENTRE, NEWMACHAR

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Christmas Services

DYCE CHURCH AND NEW MACHAR CHURCH

Friday 1st December 7.00pm Advent supper (The Pathway Newmachar)	Sunday 24th December Nativity Service 10.30am (Both churches) Christingle Family Service 6.30pm (Both churches) Watchnight Service 11.15pm (Dyce)
Monday 4th December 7.30pm Dyce Community Music Group Concert (Dyce)	Monday 25th December 10.30am Christmas Day Celebration (New Machar)
Monday 18th December 7.00pm Service for the bereaved (Dyce)	Sunday 31st December 10.30am 9 Lessons & Carols (Dyce)
Tuesday 19th December 6.30pm Carols round the Christmas Tree (Ron Clark Community Garden)	

Family Fun at Dyce Church This Christmas...

As always, we have lots planned for families this Christmas



FAMILY FILM AFTERNOON
Sunday 3rd December
2pm-4pm Dyce Church
Kick off the start of Advent by joining us for a festive family film, popcorn and hot chocolate.



MESSY CHURCH
Saturday 9th December
4pm-6pm Dyce Church Hall
Come and join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus. There will be crafts, games and we will share a meal after learning the story of the very first Christmas.



FAMILY CAROL SINGING
Saturday 16th December
Dyce Church Hall 3:30pm-5pm.
Join us in the Church Hall for a short carol service around the Christmas Tree followed by mulled wine and mince pies.



CHILDREN'S NATIVITY
Sunday 24th December
Dyce Church 10:30am
Come and watch our children and young people perform the annual retelling of the Christmas story.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Sunday 24th December Dyce Church 6:30pm
Come and find out what an orange, candle, piece of red ribbon and some sweets have to do with the story of Jesus birth. We will be creating our own Christingles during the service.

DCMG Events Present

dyce community music group



It's Christmas!

A collection of your favourite popular festive music mixed with Christmas carols for all to join in with

Tea, coffee & cakes

Monday 4th December

7.30pm

Dyce Church
Victoria Street, Dyce

Doors open 7.15pm

Tickets £7 each

Tickets available from all band members and Dyce Church

All proceeds to chosen charities

Dyce Gardening Club

THINK AUTUMN TO SPRING

This group always needs to be ahead of the seasons and delivery of several thousand purchased bulbs was taken in October and also 2000 crocuses donated by the city council. Hopefully they will all have been safely planted before you read this. Some groups helping are Dyce Academy in the Community Garden, Dyce Primary near Central Park and residents who have adopted planters or green spaces near their homes. As one activity on their community day the company STORK planted 1000 daffodil bulbs alongside the path between the Station and Pitmedden Road Bridge. We can look forward to a colourful display from spring into summer throughout Dyce.

Before then, however, Christmas is celebrated twice in December with **Members' Party Night on 12th December**, then Carols in **the Garden on Tuesday 19th at 6.30** followed by juice and hot chocolate with mince pies and sweets. As always if you bring torches, neighbours, grannies, and Christmas hats, we can supply the words!

Everyone is welcome to Gardening Club meetings in **Carnegie Hall at 7.30 on the second Tuesday of the month**. Come once then you might come again. Message dycegarden@gmail.com or phone **07786 917840** or look on FB Dyce in Bloom Gardening Club.
Evelyn Shearer, Secretary



Rotary Club of Dyce

I have been spreading the news about the Rotary Club of Dyce in the Parishioner magazine for many years now and it is great that this new magazine gives us a greater audience. Sadly for that new audience I also write in the New Machar News so you may be reading this for the second time for which I apologise!

Autumn is always our quiet spell but we have still managed to get involved in some projects. We continue to collect old tools which we arrange to have refurbished after which they are shipped to Africa. Let us know if you have any old tools and we will be happy to collect them.

As usual we have planted purple crocuses in Dyce and Newmachar to highlight Rotary's drive to eliminate Polio in the world and we have also been involved in projects for World Polio Day on 23 October.

Our main focus in the autumn however is preparing for our winter projects. A reminder that we have a concert in the Axis Centre, Newmachar on 3 December featuring Eddie Rose and the Garrioch Blend. Tickets cost £10 and are available from Gordon Murray on 01651 862 921. A great afternoon of fun with a mince pie and a dram included!

As usual we will be with Santa and his sleigh at Asda (16th, 17th, 23rd & 24th December) and will also be touring the streets of Dyce and Stoneywood in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

We still have raffle tickets available for our Christmas Raffle costing £1.00 each. The prize is a Suzuki Swift sponsored by C & M McDonald with the proceeds going to Charlie House. This raffle has been going on for over 20 years and this year the millionth ticket will be sold. To celebrate this achievement a bundle of prizes donated from shops within the Bon Accord Centre will be presented to the buyer of the millionth ticket. It could be you!

If you are interested in any of our projects or want any more information just drop me an email.

Finally I would just like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for 2024.

Dave Dunne
davedunne55@gmail.com

Teen Ranch- September 2023



We finally got back to Teen Ranch this Summer. Thanks to the money raised from the Church Panto in 2019.

Here's what some of our young people thought of their first Teen Ranch Experience:

Teen Ranch was fun. It was the first time I went there. I did air rifles, horse riding, canoeing and archery. My favourite thing was the air rifles and shooting the targets. The experience was good. **Reece**

My experience at Teen Ranch was amazing, we did lots of awesome activities such as kayaking, canoeing, waterslides, archery, horse riding, BMX and loads more. My favourite part was the horse riding because I am a huge horse lover and I got to go on a very good horse Denver. He is a Clydesdale horse and the tallest horse they own. I also really enjoyed the canoeing, I tried my hardest not to fall in the lake as it was very muddy, but luckily no-one accidentally went in. The beds were quite comfortable and not bad to sleep on. I really enjoyed singing along with the other churches and staff. I really loved when we went outdoors to the hut around the fire sitting on the logs. **Maya**

I loved the activities and I met a new friend and made stronger bonds. **Eilidh**

What we did at Teen Ranch this year was horse riding, kayaking, archery and BMX bikes. Most people's favourite was horse riding. We sang songs, had a campfire and there was a tuck shop and a big chess board. Overall everyone had fun and it was a great weekend. **Jasmine**

Needless to say they are all excited to go back again next year!!

New Machar – Church Team Info



MINISTRY TEAM
To put hands and feet on to our Christian commitment by reaching out to members and non-members in practical ways with the love of God.
Ministry Team Leaders – **Hilary Andrew and Ann Innes**

WORSHIP TEAM
To enable and encourage regular attenders to exalt and magnify God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through expressing their love and devotion to him through, for example, song, music, prayer, drama, dance and Holy Spirit-inspired preaching of the Word of God, the Bible. Worship Team Leaders – **Sandra Nicolson and Heather Gordon**

FELLOWSHIP TEAM
To encourage members to develop Christian relationships with each other. Enabling them to feel part of the family of God that offers support to its members. Team Leader – **Lynn McLean**

OUTREACH TEAM
To reach out to people in the parish and community who do not attend church, seeking to evangelise them and showing them that they are important to God, and to us, thus drawing them into the periphery of the fellowship. Team Leader – **Karen Creswell**

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM
To build up members in their faith through Bible study, prayer and service thus increasing their commitment. Teaching them Christian principles to live by thus giving them a foundation for their lives, and encouraging them to become stable, mature members of the congregation. Team Leaders – **Sheila Main, Isobel Wood, Lewis Taylor, John Gordon**

Meet the New Machar Church Administrator Lorraine Miller



What’s your favourite holiday destination?
London because there is so much to do there. (I normally go to Aviemore every year!)

What’s your favourite song or band?
So many to choose from: Dreams – The Cranberries
Castle on the Hill – Ed Sheeran
Brown Eyed Girl – Van Morrison

What’s your favourite food?
Italian

What’s your favourite colour?
Turquoise

What book are you reading just now?
Undoctored by Adam Kay.

You can meet Lorraine in the church office during the below Office hours:
Tuesday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday 9:30 am – 12:30pm
Thursday 9:30 am – 12:30pm

The Pathway Centre - Newmachar



The Pathway Centre is a place where Church and Community can interact. The facilities are available for Church groups and community groups.

We hope to see youth activities, support groups, church and non-church people and people of all ages using the centre.

Officially opened on Easter Sunday 2018, it comprises of one main hall with multimedia facilities, a small meeting room and small kitchen for preparation of refreshments. Ideal for meetings, conferences etc.

Please contact us our Church Administrator Lorraine for availability, room rates etc.

New Machar Church Summer Holiday Club



We met at the Pathway Centre during summer for our Annual Holiday Club. We played games, sang songs, craft, bible stories, and generally have lots of fun! We had lovely snacks too! Oh and we had cream pies! We looked at who our heroes are. We hear the stories of Daniel, David and Goliath and Jonah. We learned that Jesus is our Superhero and loves us all so much.



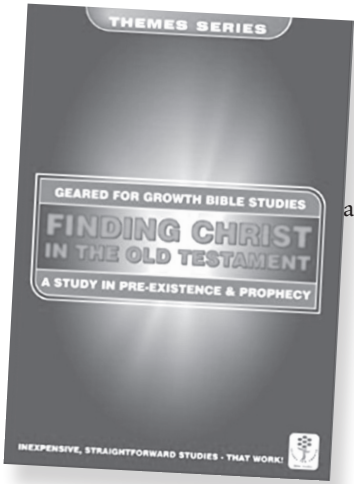
Finding Jesus in the Old Testament

We all know the New Testament tells the story of God becoming a man in the person of Jesus... but the New Testament is less than half the bible – *What about the Old Testament? How does it relate to the arrival of Christ?*

A group of seven completed new bible study before Easter entitled “*Finding Christ in the Old Testament.*”

We discovered that the story of God’s salvation plan for mankind doesn’t start in the New Testament – Jesus can be seen everywhere in the Old Testament too. We discovered the evidence for Jesus’ pre-existence, looked at the prophecies about His arrival as the Messiah and compared them to the actual events as recorded in the Gospels. Finding Christ in the Old Testament also helped us get to know our bibles much better too and increased our awareness of the significance of the Old Testament to the new covenant we now live under.

Every blessing
Joan X



The Chosen: Season 3 – The Way of the Chosen

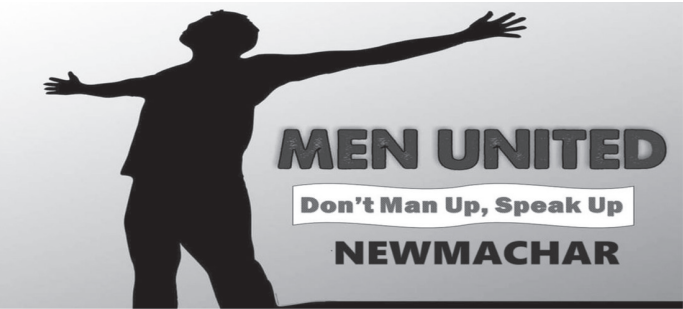
Over the Summer we ran the third bible study written to be studied alongside Season 3 of the now multi-award-winning TV Series, “The Chosen.”

The bible study is one with a difference – and focused on what it really means to follow Jesus on “*the narrow road that leads to life.*” The bible study was based on Matthew 7: 13-14 where Jesus says, ¹³ “*Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*”

Each week the 15 participants watched one of the eight episodes and we then completed the corresponding study and of course enjoyed plenty of tea, coffee, and fine pieces!

If you haven’t seen it yet – you’re missing a real treat. The Chosen is presented from the point of view of those who met Jesus while He walked the earth – so is different from any other dramatization of the gospel story I’ve ever seen before. It’s not a verse-by-verse biblical drama and contains context, dialogue, and backstories of how people end up meeting Jesus which are not part of the biblical narrative – but it all points to the bible, in both the Old and New Testaments. The show brings the bible alive in an easy to watch and relatable way – so why not check it out!

MEN UNITED



We meet at The Pathway Centre on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Pop along and join us for a tea, coffee and a fine piece.

We run FREE weekly sessions for all Men to attend.

All sessions are aimed to support good health (both mental and physical), and are a perfect opportunity for men to become connected in positive meaningful activities to enhance their overall wellbeing.

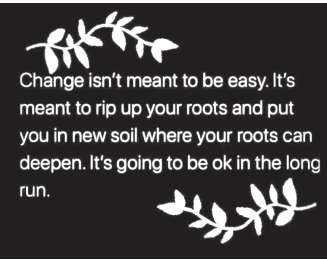
Come along and make new friends; gain new knowledge and confidence; regain a sense of purpose and ultimately be a positive male role model within your family and community.

If this sounds like something you or someone you know might be interested in, get in touch.

Pop along on a Tuesday at 7.30pm to The Pathway Centre.

“*Whatever is happening in your life, just know better days are coming.*”

Email: hello@menunited.scot
Website: <https://menunited.scot/>
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Tel: **07792 925928**



All the episodes from Seasons 1, 2 and 3 are available to watch now through **The Chosen App** – available through the Apple App Store or Google Play.

If you have an Amazon Firestick or other smart TV which allows you to download apps. you can also download it directly onto your TV. There is no charge for the App – and all 24 episodes are available completely **FREE OF CHARGE**. Filming for Season 4 is now completed and will be released at the beginning of the year – so now that the nights are cold and dark – now’s the perfect time to get caught up.

Enjoy!
Joan X

An update and massive *THANK YOU* from the Dyce Foodbank team

We hope you are all well.

It might be a while since the Foodbank team have let you know how things are in and around Dyce. It's great to have the chance to do that – and particularly to say thanks to the people who support us.

We have some people in and around Dyce that are a fantastic support to the foodbank. Some are church folk – some not. We are very grateful for their kindness.

We don't judge – our hope is that we greet people with compassion and practical support. The Christian response to need is practical, emotional and spiritual support. Our support is clearly practical, sometimes emotional and often less obviously spiritual. The people who come know we will provide for them practically – if it's in our wee cupboard they can have it. We listen when they want to share, and if they're interested we'll show them what 'church' looks like and invite them to join us on Sunday. While that may not be of obvious interest to many what they do understand is that Christians are good and kind people who want to help when life is difficult.

In addition to our 'usual' community we have supported 3 Ukranian families who have recently moved out of the hotel and into their own homes. We are delighted that they now have their own homes after a time of real hardship. They have shared their delight at the kindness of our community. It is truly humbling to have met these families and our very best wishes go with them in their future lives.

As Christmas approaches, we consider the people that need our support. (old, young, with families or without). For a few years now, and with the fabulous support of the Dyce Community band, we have provided families in our community with all they need for a stress free Christmas Day (and enough to last for a good while after). It's a special time for the team as we know we are sharing the light and love that Christmas is all about. If you can help with donations of anything you'd have on your Christmas table then we'd love your support.

We are appreciative of all the support we get (practical or financial) but we would like to give massive thanks to Asda Dyce

and all the colleagues there. You will likely have seen (and hopefully added to) the trolley just after the checkouts. Asda are a massive contributor to our foodbank and we probably couldn't manage without them. We give a special shout out to the colleagues there. We'd also like to say thanks to Aramark who give us fresh fruit every week. We didn't provide fresh fruit until Aramark contacted us and said they were looking to find a good use for their 'left over' fruit every Friday. A community partnership was born. On behalf of the folk that use foodbank we are truly grateful for their support.

To end though – we need the support of our community for our community. We currently support people in Dyce, Bucksburn, Newmachar and Kingseat (and some random places in between). Your help is invaluable. If you have ever donated, even a single item, then we are thankful for your support.

Every blessing for a great Christmas and the forthcoming year.

Coffee Mornings New Machar



We meet at The Pathway Centre on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am. Come along for a chat and a fine piece.

Every month we will be supporting a different cause to raise awareness of local charities and groups.

Charities supported this year so far: Macmillan, Christians Against Poverty, Summerhill House, Balmedie House, Clan, Eye Cancer.

DYCE SWI

Meetings are held on 2nd Thursday of each month from September to June at 7.30pm in Dr. Cox Room, Dyce Church. There is usually a speaker, competitions and a cup of tea. We always welcome new members.

If interested please contact **Margaret Mack**, Secretary.

Telephone **01224 724798**

New Machar Church Cool Club



We meet at the Pathway Centre once a month on **Sunday afternoon** from **4pm – 5.30pm**.

We play games, sing, craft, stories, and generally have lots of fun!

Oh – and lots of food too!

Contact: **Karen Creswell** for more info.
kcreswell44@gmail.com



NEWMACHAR L.A.F.F.

(Ladies of all Ages Friendly Fellowship)

We are a group of ladies from the village and Dyce who get together regularly for some fun and fellowship.

Events this year have included; Mamma-Mia Film Night, Afternoon Tea, Quiz Night, Pot Luck Supper.

If you feel like coming along please give us a call.

Go on you'll have a laugh. LAFF!

For more info please contact: **Karen Creswell**

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Prayer Meeting

We meet at New Machar Church every Tuesday evening from 7pm for an hour.

We invite you to come to this one hour meeting to either sit quietly in silent prayer or join others in prayer.

To pray for our congregations, family, friends, community, the world.

"When a believing person prays great things happen".
(James 5 v.16b)

Contact: **Karen Creswell** for more info.

An Invitation to join our Bible study classes at Dyce:

Hi all,

Question: *What is the Bible?*

Answer: *A book that speaks about Jesus Christ from beginning to end.*

Question: *From what does Jesus save us or set us free?*

Answer: *He saves us from being lost eternally, and sets us free from the fear of death.*

These were questions from a recent Bible study class entitled "Finding Jesus in the old Testament."

How about these?

Question: *What did Jesus say would be the sign of the end?*

Answer: *When the Gospel had been preached to all people*

Question: *What does the symbolism of the mark, or seal signify?*

Answer: *It signifies that the people belong to God and He protects them.*

These are questions from a current Bible study class entitled "The Drama of Revelation"

We are blessed to have these opportunities to delve deeper into our bibles. I think a very valuable aspect of the class is the fellowship and interaction in the groups. We gain confidence in our knowledge of the Bible. We listen to each other's opinions and always learn from that. We gain confidence in asking questions about the Bible. We learn that there are no stupid questions only healthy curiosity. We are grateful to Joan for taking the time to help us in our endeavours to gain more knowledge of the most important book in the world – God's word as written in our bibles.

From a personal standpoint "Finding Jesus in the Old Testament" added to my knowledge of the Trinity – and added a new dimension to my understanding of the bible as a whole.

In the study of Revelation, I am getting an understanding of the world we live in today, the reason behind some of the catastrophic world events but most of all of Gods promise of eternal life.

Please consider signing up for whatever the next course is going to be. I promise you will find it worthwhile.

Marilyn McPherson