

News from the Pews



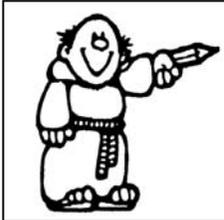
THE NEWSLETTER OF MARKINCH PARISH CHURCH

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From the Minister.

The First Word



Released on DVD this month, (May) the new Sherlock Holmes film starring Robert Downey offers a fresh twist to an old story. Full of action, special effects, heroes and villains the film ends with Sherlock Holmes getting his man.

Not all the loose ends are tied up. There is a sub-plot, involving yet another villain. It is left unresolved. Susan Downes the producer has intentionally left these 'loose ends' to set us up for a sequel, beginning the action where the previous film left off. My guess is that sequel is already in the pipeline.

Life's like that!

Life can be an untidy business with loose ends, successes and failures, fun times, good times, hard times and bad times. The sins of the past can and do cast a long shadow. There are memories and hurts that need healing. We all have faults and failings that need mending and we all have sins that need to be forgiven and selfishness that needs changing.

It is our faith and belief that Jesus offers us the grace, the forgiveness and peace that heals the past, enables us to deal with the present and provides us with hope for the future. The New Testament talks about "sanctification" - the ongoing work of God in our lives by which we become more Christ-like. This is a process. It doesn't happen all at once. The story of our lives is still being written by us and by God. And there is always a sequel, even at the end! It's called resurrection.

See you Sunday.

Alex

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHURCH BY RECYCLING



During the next few months we will be collecting all types of unwanted textiles including adult's and children's clothes, paired shoes, hats, bags, belts, curtains, towels and bed linen. We take all qualities of textiles, even ripped or with buttons missing!!!

Our Church will get money for every kilo of textiles we collect.

Start collecting today and bring bagged items to the Church Hall,
where we will store any items.

All items must be delivered to the Church by
SUNDAY 13TH JUNE

Coming Soon - Models of our Church
will soon be on sale priced at £19.99.

All profits will be used for the refurbishment
of the Church buildings. Please contact Tracy
Thomson on 01592 775752 to place an order.



Church Website

www.markinchchurch.org.uk

The update to the website went ahead as planned on 1st March and first reactions to the new layout have been favourable. We have used a more modern design and we are now able to update the site more easily. The new categories include Latest News, Wider Church and Points To Ponder. We can also now embed relevant YouTube video clips and we are also working on a new section for those interested in Genealogy. Let us know what you think, good or bad! - it's **your** website. Email: comments@markinchchurch.org.uk

From the Parish Register



Baptisms

18.04.10 Emily Ann Kroedler

Weddings

28.02.10 Colin J Fleming & Morag M MacGregor

01.05.10 Kenneth H Whyte & Fiona M Grubb

07.05.10 James Anthony Cooke & Louise Jane MacKenzie

09.05.10 Neil Alexander Cook & Julia Ann Selbie

13.05.10 Edward Wilkinson & Samantha Forrester

Reaffirmation of Marriage Vows

02.04.10 John & Dora Gage

Funerals

28.02.10 Mrs J Armstrong

14.03.10 Mr K Shoreman

20.03.10 Mr R Wood

24.03.10 Mr W Black

13.04.10 Mrs D Clunie

17.04.10 Mr R Dryburgh

21.04.10 Mr A Stevenson

02.05.10 Revd N Macleod

13.05.10 Mrs J Gould

14.05.10 Mr J Warden

Communion Sunday

You are invited to join with us in celebrating
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
on Sunday 30th May 2010
at 11.00 am.





There have been two great GROW events since the beginning of 2010. In January 43 teenagers attended a night of prayer. The adult volunteers (mainly from the h2o team) all worked incredibly hard to ensure that the young people had a very inspiring night. It's no mean feat to stay up all night after a week of work and family commitments! One of the highlights of the night was Laurie - a girl in her early twenties who shared very honestly about her life and how she came to Christ and now heads up the work at Amica (a Christian Pregnancy Crisis Centre in Edinburgh). Other 'happenings' through the night included 'Open Mic' when two boys shared about what God is doing in their lives, prayer games - fun and prayerful at the same time, and a prayer labyrinth. 2 leaders (in bright blue T-Shirts) were on hand to pray with teenagers throughout the night and quite a few teenagers asked for prayer. There was also plenty of fun, chat, and food!

The second event was a Fun Afternoon for children in P4 - 7, which was held in Fife Institute in April. 30 children attended and had a great time playing badminton, bowls and table tennis, trampolining and making paper self portraits. The theme of the afternoon was taken from 1 Corinthians 12:27 '*Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of his body.*' Clare Atkin from St Ninian's Church captured the children's attention with an entertaining (and messy) talk involving jelly and cream. She showed the children that all of us are important to God and each of us has a special part to play in his church.

Events like these help to realize one of the visions of GROW - that the children and young people of our churches would get to know one another better, realize that there are others like them, and be encouraged and strengthened in their faith.

Please continue to pray for Gwyneth and the GROW committee as they plan future events to reach the young people of our town. If you would like to know about ways in which you can support the work of GROW through prayer, fundraising or financially please speak to the GROW contact in your church, or contact Beth McLean Tel: 752241 email: beth@mcleanmail.me.uk