

News from the Pews

The Newsletter of Markinch and Thornton Parish Church

February 2018



Markinch and Thornton Parish Church



Locum Minister:
Rev. Alistair McLeod

Parish Associate
Mr David Murdoch

A warm welcome is extended to all visitors and newcomers to the community to share in the worship, work and witness of the congregation.

Church Services

Thornton Church - Sunday 9.45am
Markinch Church - Sunday 11.15am

www.markinchandthorntonchurch.org.uk

Scottish Charity Number: SC003417

Communion Sunday

You are invited to share in the celebration of

Holy Communion

in Thornton Church at 9.45 am
and Markinch Church at 11.15am

on Sunday 18th February 2018

If you are unable to attend these services and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact your Elder so that arrangements can be made.

Your Elder is _____

Contact Details _____

***A message from our Interim Moderator, Rev. Andrew Donald,
Minister of Pathhead Parish Church in Kirkcaldy***

Dear Friends

As many of you will know, the Revd. Carolann Erskine preached at Dunfermline: St. Ninian's on Sunday, 4th February 2018. Following the service, the congregation voted for Carolann to become its new minister and she accepted the call. Members of St. Ninian's who were not present at that service will get the opportunity to subscribe to the call and the Presbytery of Dunfermline will liaise with the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy. If the call to St. Ninian's is sustained by Dunfermline Presbytery, a date will be set for Carolann's Induction. It's next scheduled meeting is 15th February, so it is possible that an Induction could take place sometime in March.



Recognising that Carolann's ministry at Markinch and Thornton was relatively short - and without wishing to pass further comment - we offer Carolann our congratulations and pray that she may find fulfilment within Dunfermline Presbytery.

In the meantime, I have assured the Kirk Session that I wish to continue to serve as your Interim Moderator and I am sure we can move forward with a positive spirit. Markinch and Thornton Parish Church will move to the status of a Vacant Charge and the Presbytery, principally through the Vacancy Procedures Committee, will determine how we are to proceed.

I am conscious that this has been an uncertain time for members but there is now an opportunity to re-focus on the primary task of sharing the good news of the Gospel and serving the people of Markinch and Thornton to the best of our ability. As Interim Moderator, I am grateful to all those who are continuing to serve you well during this period of transition.

God's blessing to you as we journey to Easter and the joy it brings to us all.

Rev. Andrew Donald, Interim Moderator.

Printed or Digital ?

A significant number of our members and friends now receive *News From The Pews* in an electronic format (PDF) by email, rather than a printed copy.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list and receive the electronic copy instead of having your elder deliver a printed copy please contact Ken Wilkie confirming the email address(es) you wish the newsletter to be sent to. Call 01592 760042 or email ken@kenwilkie.com

From the Session Clerk

Further to Andrew's message, we now know where we stand after a long period of uncertainty. It's likely that the call to St. Ninian's will be sustained by Dunfermline Presbytery and a date will be set for Carolann's Induction in the next few weeks.

A vacancy period is ahead of us again, so I ask that we all pull together to support Alistair, Douglas and David through this period. It's more important now to support the churches by your attendance, so if you have not attended recently you may feel the time is right to come back 'into the fold'. I'm sure the ministry team will be very happy to see you in the pews!

By showing your support for our churches, it strengthens our position when prospective Ministers ask about attendance, which is common.

I also wish Carolann all the best for the future and hope she finds peace and contentment in her new position.

Let's now look forward in faith and tackle the future together as one.

Parish Associate

After a year in the position as Parish Associate, David Murdoch has now signed a new agreement, which was prepared and ratified by Presbytery and the Kirk Session recently.

David is looking forward to working with us during the impending vacancy period, and this also provides us all with continuity and stability moving forward.

John Wood, Session Clerk

Contact Details

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Locum Minister | Rev Alistair McLeod Tel 01592 744558 | Email alistairmcleod1936@gmail.com |
| Parish Associate | David Murdoch | Tel 01333 329600 (9.30am-6.00pm) |
| Session Clerk | John G Wood, 16 Loch Katrine Gardens, Glenrothes, KY6 2NW Tel 01592 750327 Email sessionclerk@markinchandthorntonchurch.org.uk | |
| Treasurer | Nancy Munro Tel 01592 743822 | Email amunro6687@aol.com |
| Church Officers (Markinch) | Jack Harley Suzi Hamilton | Tel 01592 758356 Tel 01592 611933 |

Remember - This is **YOUR** newsletter !

If you have any interesting news, stories, poems etc, please hand them to

Ken Wilkie or email ken@kenwilkie.com or call 01592 760042

The deadline for the May issue is Sunday 29th April 2018

Parish News

Parish Deaths

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Euphemia Black

Robert Aitken

Florence Farmer

Margaret Baillie

Janet (Annie) Stewart

Jessie Mackenzie

Janet Muir



Baptisms

24-12-17 Abbie Leigh Sankey

31-12-17 Benjamin Thomas Penman Garmory

Communion Services at Markinch and Thornton Church

At a recent session meeting, a small group of elders were asked to review the dates of the communion services for 2018. Rev Alistair McLeod was invited to join the discussion.

Historically, the church newsletters were distributed just prior to the date of the quarterly communion services, giving members, especially non-regular attendees, a timely reminder of the dates of the services. This was changed in 2016 but after much discussion the group recommended returning to regular quarterly communion services in February, May, August and November.

In addition to the regular communions it was discussed that because Easter and Advent have such importance in the Christian calendar, communion services should be held to celebrate these events, however it was decided that to avoid having two communions within a week or two of each other, the traditional late November communion should be held at the start of Advent.

Communion services for 2018 have been confirmed as:-

Sunday 18th February

Easter Communion (to be confirmed)

Sunday 20th May

Sunday 19th August

Sunday 2nd December (Advent)

Less formal communion services may be held on other dates and events, as decided by the ministry team.

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditure Account for year to 31st December 2017

| <u>Income to 31-12-2017</u> | <u>£</u> |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Weekly Freewill Offering | 28188 |
| Open Plate/Donations | 8219 |
| Standing Orders | 29583 |
| Selkirk Trust | 2500 |
| Dividends/Bank Interest | 717 |
| Gift Day | 5682 |
| Fundraising/Hall Rents | 7555 |
| General Trustees for Repairs | 2383 |
| Legacy | 5000 |
| Tax Rebate | 15400 |
| Weddings & Funerals | 2480 |
| Life & Work | 386 |
| Annie Jamieson | 288 |
| Misc. Income | 150 |
| | <hr/> |

108531

| <u>Expenditure to 31-12-2017</u> | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Salaries | 11334 |
| Insurance/Council Tax | 8339 |
| Ministry & Mission Allocation | 58121 |
| Ministers Travel/Telephone | 1918 |
| Locum Minister/Pulpit Supply Expenses | 2857 |
| Gas & Electricity | 6055 |
| Postages/ Stationery/WFO envelopes | 2291 |
| Church/Hall/Manse Repairs | 10822 |
| Organ/Piano Repairs | 223 |
| Copyright Licence | 470 |
| Communion Expenses | 42 |
| Presbytery Dues | 2041 |
| Life & Work | 491 |
| Auditor | 696 |
| Sunday School | 133 |
| Miscellaneous | 1066 |
| | <hr/> |

106899

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Excess Income/Expenditure | 1632 |
|---------------------------|-------------|

Ministry & Mission due for 2018 is £54814.00

Insurance due for 2018 is £6437.00

I would ask anyone who pays tax and has not signed up for Gift Aid to please do so as this is an extra boost to our income. We can claim back an additional 25% on top of the money you give at absolutely no cost to you.

Each set of Weekly Freewill Envelopes costs us £1.40 therefore if you do receive envelopes please use them to help reduce our costs.

Kirkcaldy Presbytery have increased the Presbytery Dues this year to £3.50 for every member on the roll of Markinch and Thornton Parish Church.

Nancy Munro, Treasurer

Gift Day - 18th March 2018

Our Gift Day is being held to coincide with our communion service in March. We urgently need to repair most of our buildings, especially Markinch church, Markinch hall and Thornton hall. A fairly substantial amount is needed, therefore we appeal to all members to dig deep to help us repair the church buildings mentioned.

We cannot do it without the help of our members. We need in the region of £50,000 to complete work required, therefore we will need to prioritise work accordingly as such funds are not held.

Remember to Gift Aid any donations made, as the church will receive an extra 25%! Forms will be available on the day for those members not already part of the scheme and Gift Aid envelopes will be delivered to members.

If you can't make it to church on the 18th, don't worry as I'm sure the Treasurer will be only too pleased to receive your donation at a later date! If you are unable to attend church for some time, please contact your Elder, who will be happy to collect your donation.

John Wood, Session Clerk

Sunday School

Sunday School

In early December everyone visited the Rothes Halls to see Funbox and enjoyed joining in with all the action songs.

On Sunday mornings we covered the Christmas Story and were happy to sing along with the carols on the 17th December.

Since we resumed in January we've learned about Jesus calling the fishermen to be disciples.

Thanks to all in the congregation for their interest and support.

Surafel

We have received an email from Surafel's project telling us how he is. He asks how we are and says his family and him are well.

Our support, via the project, provides him with oil, soap, exercise books etc. and he thanks us for this.

He asks us to pray for him, his family and school and ends by saying he loves us.

When the letter arrives it will be put with the others on the board.

Thanks to all who have contributed so far this year.

Helen Paterson

Diary Dates

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Every Monday | Coffee morning at Thornton, 10.00am-12noon |
| Every Monday | Prayer meeting at Thornton, 10.15am |
| Every Thursday | Coffee morning at Markinch, 10.00am-11.30am |
| Sunday 18th Feb | Communion Sunday |
| Monday 19th March | Kirk Session Meeting, 7.15pm (Thornton Hall) |
| Saturday 24th March | Spring Teas 10.00am-12noon (Thornton Hall) |
| Monday 26th March | GROW Prayer Meeting, 10.30am (Thornton Church) |

Markinch and Thornton Parish Church Fundraising

Spring Teas (Thornton Hall) Saturday 24th March 2018

Stalls will include cake and candy, books, bric-a-brac etc. Donations to stalls would be greatly appreciated and helpers are also required on the day.

There are a number of other events in the planning, so please keep yourself updated on our Facebook page, Website or the weekly bulletin.

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with our fundraising efforts. If you can spare some time to help at any of the events above or have any other ideas for fundraising activities please get in touch with Marianne Sankey on 07801 279899.

Craft Stall – Handcraft items for sale in Markinch hall. Please feel free to make a donation to church funds in the dish provided. We welcome donations of handcrafts, baking, plants, jams, chutney's etc. Please note that the craft stall is now in what was previously the book cupboard near the hall door.

'Cross in my Pocket' – These keepsakes are available in the vestibule at a cost of £1 each.

Postcards - We now have a small number of postcards showing photographs of Markinch Church for sale at 50p each. These can be found in the foyer at Markinch

Church Hall Bookings

Anyone enquiring about booking the Markinch church hall should contact Suzi Hamilton on 01592 611933 or email hall@markinchchurch.org.uk You can also collect a booking form from the notice board in the church hall.

To book Thornton church hall please contact Margaret Colville on 01592 774295

Jigsaw Lending Library

Markinch and Thornton Parish Church has an extensive library of jigsaws which are available to borrow at a cost of £1 per jigsaw. These are available in the hall at Markinch every Thursday and Sunday at coffee time.

If you would like to make use of this service but cannot get to the hall please contact Meg Sankey on 07834 729420 to arrange delivery of your choice of jigsaws.



Photocopying and Printing Services

The church has a high specification photocopier in the Session House at Markinch which we use to produce the quarterly newsletter and weekly bulletins. We are able to do colour or black and white printing up to A3 size at fairly competitive prices and we also have A4 folding and binding facilities.

If you or your club, organisation or business require leaflets, posters or programmes printed please give us a chance to quote. Any profits we make will go to offset the rental costs of the photocopier. Contact Ken Wilkie on 07740 416831 or email ken@kenwilkie.com

Lynn Cunningham

Chartered Accountant

Markinch & Cupar



Helping you keep your balance

Running a successful business is demanding, so why not make sure your accountancy services are with someone you can trust.

**We offer jargon free, responsive services for Business Start-ups,
Accounts preparation, Payroll, Taxation, Accounts software training,
Book keeping & VAT**

**We are registered auditors
Initial meeting free of charge**

Contact us on
01592 612001 or 01334 657766
info@lynncunninghamca.com
www.lynncunninghamca.com

STEVEN JOHNSTON

Painter & Decorator



Home 01592 720843

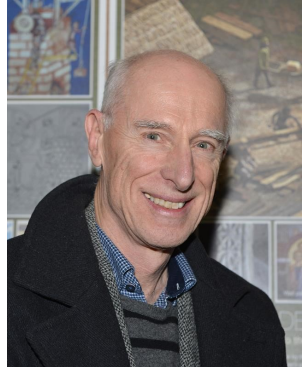
Mob 07403222113

info@stevenjohnstondecorator.co.uk

Markinch Finally Put On The Map

The afternoon of 21st January 2018 saw nearly 80 people gather to hear local historian, geographer and author Bruce Manson give the first in three talks to highlight the forthcoming Fife Pilgrim Way.

The event, which took place at Markinch Church, was one of three promoted by Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, while local planning was by a three-way group representing the Markinch Heritage Group, the Markinch Community Council and the Parish Church. Attendees, who came from many locations up and down the route of the Pilgrim Way as well as locally, also admired a remarkable exhibition of knitted cameos of monks and pilgrims created by members of Culross Abbey church, designed by their locum minister the Rev. Elizabeth Fisk, and seen also in the following three days by classes from Markinch Primary School as well as other visitors. Participants also had guided tours round Markinch's renowned twelfth century tower and its historic church.



Although the course of the route, to open later this year under the aegis of Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, was now fixed, the speaker had found many alternative routes in medieval times when travellers had to navigate their way round, or through, obstacles (like Auchmuty – the ford of the sheep) as they made their way from North Queensferry to St Andrews.





Among clues were the occurrence of 'spittal' in a name – indicating a hospice, or hospital, en route where pilgrims could find hospitality or care, but also maps and records from earliest times. A unique fourteenth century map, not yet full studied by scholars, had incorrectly shown the River Leven continuing through Fife to become the Kenly Water, which enters the sea at Boarhills. Not content with putting this right, the speaker also had ingeniously revealed, by close examination of the copyist's

pin holes, the meaning of a smudge somewhere in central Fife – which turned out to be a map symbol representing Markinch Church!

The event was greatly enhanced by a group of volunteers from the congregation (joined by a few others) who generously gave their time over a period of five days to provide hospitality, to look after the exhibition, and to make visitors welcome.

Rev Dr Douglas Galbraith



Dalbeath

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Independent and Intelligent
Financial Advice



Mortgages | Life Insurance
Investments | Pensions

Free Initial Consultation

07949 812809 01383 513641

info@dalbeath.co.uk | www.dalbeath.co.uk

BORROW WISELY • INVEST SHREWDLY • RETIRE WEALTHY





*Proud to be at your service
at a most difficult time*



*We are here to provide you
with a caring and
professional service in all
aspects of funeral
arrangement.*

On call 24 hours a day



Alex Little

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

01333 300772

296 High Street Methil,
Leven, Fife KY8 3EJ

alexlittlefuneraldirectors@gmail.com
www.alexlittlefuneraldirectors.com



Golden Charter 
Later Life Planning

Pastoral Request Card

The Pastoral Care Committee have introduced a card for anyone wishing to request home and hospital visits for family members or neighbours, or to inform the church of anyone who's day would be brightened by receiving some flowers.

The cards can be found on the pews in both churches, alternatively you could cut out the copy of the card, shown below, complete it and hand it to your elder.

| Pastoral Request | |
|---|--|
|  Welcome to Markinch and Thornton Parish Church  | |
| where we grow in Christ together, aspiring to be a caring church in the community within a Spirit of Christian love. | |
| <i>If you would like to nominate anyone for the following, please feel free to tick one or more of the boxes and pass this card to the Rev Carolann Erskine or another member of the Ministry Team as you leave the church.</i> | |
| Pastoral home visit <input type="checkbox"/> | Pastoral hospital visit <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Home Communion <input type="checkbox"/> | Hospital Communion <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A bouquet of flowers :- | |
| For illness <input type="checkbox"/> | Thinking of you <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bereavement <input type="checkbox"/> | Birthday or Anniversary <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Help with transport <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Name of the person you are nominating | |
| Their address | |
| Requested by | |
| Scottish Charity Number: SC003417 | |

Church Flowers

To arrange for flowers to be put into Markinch Church please contact Teresa Henderson on 01592 754892.

To arrange for flowers to be put into Thornton Church please contact Margaret Colville on 01592 774295.

Thornton Prayer Meetings

Our prayer group meets at 10.15am on a Monday morning. If you would like us to pray for you or any of your friends or relatives, we have prayer slips available with a box to put them in. These are available in the quiet room which is just before you enter the worship room at Thornton.

Songs Of Praise Services

How many times have you either thought or said 'These were splendid hymns or even terrible hymns today' ? Well, here is your chance to choose hymns which you would regard as your personal favourites.

Perhaps your choices will be based on a special event held in church, or a Communion or Remembrance Service or a baptism or wedding or funeral.

The choice is yours.

All you have to do is choose your 5 favourite hymns and write the numbers (from either CH3 or CH4) on the form opposite, along with the words of the first line. Should you want to specify a particular tune please do so.

Thereafter please hand your form to me at either church or leave it in the labelled box on a table in the vestibules.

Remember to give your name and, if you wish to do so, please add a few comments briefly explaining the reason for your hymn choice.

The closing date for submissions is Sunday 1st April (Easter Day).

Thereafter I will compile a list of the congregation's Top Ten or perhaps Top Twenty psalms and hymns and we will feature these in special ' Songs of Praise' services from time to time.

Finally if any member would like to take part in these services by being interviewed by Alistair or me about their hymn choices please speak to me after any service.

Your contribution to this initiative will be warmly welcomed and remember this is your chance to choose the hymns.

David Murdoch, Parish Associate

Spring Teas Thornton Church Hall Saturday 24th March 10.00am to 12noon

Stalls will include, cake & candy, books, bric-a-brac, etc.

Donations to stalls would be greatly appreciated
and helpers are also required on the day.

Tickets £2 or pay at the door

Kids

After the christening of his baby brother in church, wee Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong, but got no response. Finally Johnny replied, "The minister said that he wanted us to be brought up in a good Christian home - but I want to stay with you!"

Songs Of Praise Services

My 5 Favourite Hymns

1 Hymn

.....

2 Hymn

.....

3 Hymn

.....

4 Hymn

.....

5 Hymn

.....

Name

Telephone Number

Comments

.....

.....

.....

When completed please hand to David or leave in the 'Songs of Praise' box in the vestibule of Thornton or Markinch church.

Closing Date is Sunday 1st April



A Lifetime's Quest

A man is driving down the road and his car breaks down near a monastery. He goes up to the monastery, knocks on the door, and says, "My car has broken down. Do you think I could stay the night?". The monks graciously accept him, feed him dinner, even fix his car. As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound. A sound unlike anything he's ever heard before. The Sirens that nearly seduced Odysseus into crashing his ship comes to mind. He doesn't sleep that night. He tosses and turns, trying to figure out what could possibly be making such a seductive sound. The next morning, he asks the monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk".

Distraught, the man is forced to leave. Several years later, after never being able to forget that sound, the man goes back to the monastery and pleads for the answer again. The monks reply, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk". The man says, "If the only way I can find out what is making that beautiful sound is to become a monk, then please, make me a monk". The monks reply, "You must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of grains of sand. When you find these answers, you will have done what it takes to become a monk".

The man sets about his task. After many years of searching he returns as a grey-haired old man and knocks on the door of the monastery. A monk answers. He is taken before a gathering of all the monks. "In my quest to find what makes that beautiful sound, I travelled the earth and have found what you asked for: By design, the world is in a state of perpetual change. Only God knows what you ask. All a man can know is himself, and only then if he is honest and reflective and willing to strip away self-deception". The monks reply, "Congratulations, you have done what it takes to become a monk. We shall now show you the way to the mystery of the sacred sound".

The monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head monk says, "The sound is beyond that door". The monks give him the key, and he opens the door. Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone. The man is given the key to the stone door and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby. And so it went that he needed keys to doors made of emerald, then pearl, then diamond. Finally, they come to a door made of solid gold. The sound has become very clear and definite. The monks say, "This is the last key to the last door".

The man is apprehensive beyond belief. His life's wish is behind that door! With trembling hands, he unlocks the door, turns the knob, and slowly pushes the door open. Falling to his knees, he is utterly amazed to discover the source of that haunting and seductive sound.....but, of course, I can't tell you what it is because you're not a monk!

Source unknown.

Coin Box Appeal

We would like to update everyone on the success of our ongoing money box appeal. This simple act of filling a coin box between communion services and handing it in at church when it is full helps us greatly with our ongoing fabric fund which pays for the upkeep and improvement of our buildings.



The boxes are available in the vestibules of both churches and also in the hall at Markinch.

If you would like a box but are unable to visit one of the churches to collect one or to have it emptied please give Marianne Sankey a ring on 07801 279899 to arrange to have one delivered. Please can we count on your ongoing support with this simple ongoing activity?

Glenrothes and District Food Bank

Thank you to those who have contributed food over the past months. If anyone would like to add some items to the container in the vestibule we would be most grateful.

Tins and non-perishable goods, especially macaroni, dried pasta, UHT milk and fruit are needed, as are washing powder and toiletries for men and women.



You can get information from Joan Grant on 01592 610396 or email info@glenrothes.foodbank.org.uk

Social Networking with Markinch and Thornton Parish Church

We now have a Facebook page and many of us share church events and world news via the Facebook account.

You can join us to find out what we have planned, view photos of events and make comments on a variety of topics.

Go to www.facebook.com and search for **Markinch and Thornton Parish Church**

Rag Bag Collection

The Rag Bag Collection continues to provide us with a continuous income, but we continue to look for textiles, curtains, bed linens, towels, clothes, bags, belts and shoes. Please ensure that donations are placed in a tied plastic bag.

Please ask your neighbours, family, colleagues and friends to have a clear out and help this appeal by contributing as well.

Markinch Church have been collecting for some time but collections are now being made at Thornton Church as well.

A large box has been placed in the choir room for your contributions. Speak to Betty Gray if you need more information.

If you cannot transport your collection or have a large donation that you need assistance to move, please do not hesitate to contact Marianne Sankey to arrange collection.
Tel. 07801 279899



Markinch Church Youth Club

The Youth Club meets on a Thursday night in Markinch Church hall from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and we have a great bunch of kids in the group just now. The club is open to any child aged 8 years or over and costs just £2 per session (plus some money for the tuck shop).

Before Christmas we had a Sand Art session which everyone enjoyed and we also had a night at the Bowling Alley in Glenrothes where we had an hour of ten pin bowling, then had food and drinks.

We have very recently purchased a lot of new indoor sports equipment, thanks to the money we received from the Co-Op. We have new badminton racquets, a selection of new indoor balls and



beanbags, a new set of foldaway goals plus coloured bibs for team games. We are also looking at buying short tennis equipment.

Our next outing will be to the Rothes Halls to see GAMA Youth perform the hit musical 'Summer Holiday' on 8th March.

Unfortunately we are losing one of our voluntary youth leaders, Michelle Whyte, due to her other commitments. We are all sad to see Michelle leave but we are delighted that Brogan Watt will be joining us to help out on Thursday nights now that she is back home after graduating with a BA Honours degree from Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen. Hopefully she can put some of her skills to good use with the kids at the craft table.



MAOS - The Markinch Musical Society
presents



THE PAJAMA GAME

Book by George Abbott and Richard Bissell
Music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross
Based on the novel "7½ Cents" by Richard Bissell

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe
www.mtishows.co.uk

Markinch Town Hall
Tue 20th to Sat 24th March 2018
Doors open 6.45pm, curtain 7.15pm

Tickets:- £11.00
Concessions:- Senior Citizens £9.00 Tuesday and Wednesday
Children £9.00 Tuesday to Friday

Phone booking on 01592 754537 from Monday 5th February
Tickets also at Markinch Town Hall from 12th-17th March on 01592 611167
Tickets will be available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/maos
from Monday 5th February (booking fee applies)



Contact Valerie Thomson, Secretary,
'Belmar', 16 Betson Street, Markinch, KY7 6AA
Call 01592 754537 or email secretary@maos.org.uk



MAOS - The Markinch Musical Society is the operating name of Markinch Amateur Operatic Society,
Registered Scottish Charity SC025712

Taking care of the detail

There is never a right time to lose someone we love, never a right time to have to make arrangements for their funeral, to say goodbye in a way most suitable to them and those left behind.

In the midst of grief the responsibility of making arrangements can seem overwhelming. Crosbie Matthew Funeral Directors can help you shoulder the burden. We are an independent family-run business with over 70 years experience of supporting bereaved families in Fife and beyond. Arrangements can be made at our purpose built premises in Nicol Street, Kirkcaldy which offers comfortable arrangement rooms and a dedicated service room with lift access. Alternatively we can visit you at a time suited to you in the comfort of your own home.

Professional

Crosbie Matthew's professional team of funeral directors are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to personally answer your calls and guide you sensitively at your time of loss.

Support

Practical advice and support can be given on paperwork required for registration, and covers everything from press notices, floral tributes and catering to order of service sheets and attendance cards.

Personalised

We can help you with the type of service you require, your choice of officiant who may be a minister, civil celebrant,

family member or friend; your options for music, poems, hymns; personalised order of service sheets with photographs if you wish. We are here to discuss any other ideas you may have to make the funeral a more personal tribute.

We pride ourselves in listening to you and helping you to arrange a funeral best suited to your and your loved ones wishes.

Memorials

We have a comprehensive range of granite stones, vases and markers which can be tailored to your own design. We can also help with renovating, cleaning and adding inscriptions to existing stones. We also have a variety of traditional and more modern urns, jewellery and ornaments for cremated remains.

Pre-paid Funeral Plans

Golden Charter pre-paid plans are available. More people are finding that a pre-paid funeral plan eases the financial and emotional burden on their families. It means they are paying for a funeral at today's prices and leaving written details available for that time of need.

Payment Options

We request a deposit for the disbursements (payment made by us to third parties on your behalf). Payments can be made in full by card, cash or cheque. With flexible payment options available we offer you a first step to peace of mind

Crosbie Matthew *Funeral Directors*

Family owned and run for over 70 years

Funerals designed to suit the needs of your family

199 Nicol Street
Kirkcaldy
01592 640644

6 Church Street
Glenrothes
01592 751997



Flexible payment options available



www.crosbiemathew.co.uk