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## We Journey On

My Dear Friends in Aberdeen and Orkney

I find myself adding another letter to you all while we still don't know who will be your next Bishop, yet also able to report on a healthy and exciting Diocese. I have continued to meet people from across the territory and to discover real stories of faith and hope.

Jane and myself have spent time with the churches in Shetland, blessing a new chapel on Fetlar, offering prayer in Burravoe and Celebrating a Chrism Mass in Lerwick, a Chrism Mass also attended by clergy and readers from Orkney. The people of Shetland were so warm in their welcome and hospitality. I also presided at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Aberdeen on Maundy Thursday, a busy day as I was also presiding in the Cathedral in Inverness later that day!

The great thing is that you all have just kept on doing the work of the church; therefore I am in Kincardine O'Neil and St Clement's Mastrick for Confirmations, planning a further confirmation in Fraserburgh, we will celebrate with Rev Nick Bowry as he is ordained Priest in June and I am looking forward to a trip to Orkney in July. You are keeping me busy and that is without the committees and chapter meetings that can be both tiring but also inspirational.

I must also commend those who are part of the Electoral Process; you have been faithfully exercising your responsibilities in this protracted election and for that you should be thanked.

So for now we journey on, holding each other in prayer, trusting in God and preparing for the election of a new Bishop, a Bishop who will discover a faithful and beautiful diocese.

Blessings, +Mark

## Bishop Fred celebrates his 90th Birthday



## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



At the beginning of June we celebrated Pentecost and we remembered the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. When I was ordained priest at Inverness Cathedral, dare I say almost forty years ago, the first Proper Preface that I had to sing at my first celebration of the eucharist was the one set for Whitsunday in the Prayer Book ... "through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as on this day from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of tongues, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels et cetera." I still find the singing of this enjoyable, especially negotiating the intricacies of Gregorian notation!

However, these words do celebrate the origin of the Christian Church and are very much at the heart of our Christian witness. We are called to preach the Gospel and to rejoice that in our baptismal regeneration by the Spirit of God we have been brought out of darkness and error and have entered into the clear light and true knowledge of the Eternal God.

During Holy Week at St Margaret's we used a Eucharistic Canon or Prayer from one of the older liturgies in our tradition. The *Epiclesis* where we call down the Spirit of God upon the elements of the bread and wine was until relatively recently peculiar to the Scottish Liturgy in Western Liturgies. The following words from the Clementine Liturgy (of Syria origin) which appeared in the Liturgy of 1718 (in which Bishop Campbell of Aberdeen had an influential hand) were as follows ... "send down thine Holy Spirit, the witness of the passion of our Lord Jesus, upon this sacrifice, that he may make this bread the Body of Thy Christ, and this cup the Blood of Thy Christ" ...

Please take a minute or two to reflect upon this, because in liturgy, in our Sunday by Sunday eucharistic celebration, we are inviting the self-same Spirit that witnessed the passion of our Lord Jesus to come down upon the elements of bread and wine so that Christ can be mystically present amongst us.

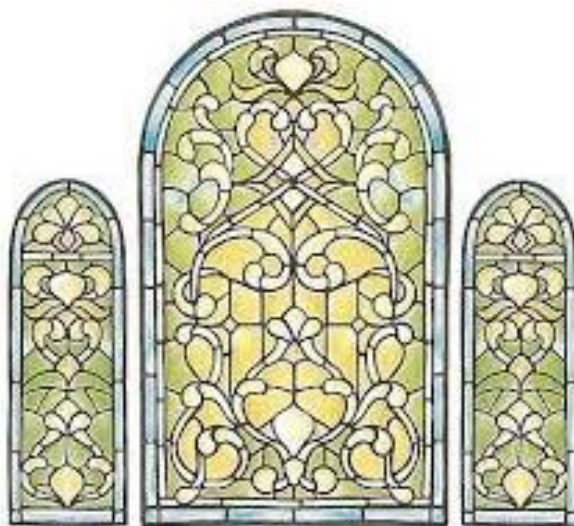
In Liturgy, time in a sense doesn't matter and the Spirit of God not only takes us back to that one all sufficient sacrifice of Christ but also comes and enlivens us with His grace in our receiving of the eucharist now. This is exciting stuff. This is true charismatic religion in the strict sense. We are transported across the centuries. This is the enlivening of the dry bones of the Church with the Spirit of God, like the vision of Ezekiel in the

valley of the dry bones. Ezekiel's vision was that the Spirit would breathe new life into the people of Israel.

When we reflect upon Pentecost let us give thanks for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the community of the Church. Let us rejoice that that self-same Spirit which witnessed the passion of Our Lord is the self-same Spirit that comes to us in our weekly celebration of the Eucharist and that in our receiving of Christ's Body and Blood we are renewed in grace and breathe new life.

Now is that not exhilarating!

*The Dean*



## LETTER FROM THE BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

In recent peregrinations around the Diocese the Diocesan Buildings Committee has noticed in some Churches a rather unfortunate situation with regard to Stained Glass. It was the fashion, even perhaps recommendation some years ago, to place a protective shield either in the form of glass or Perspex over the outside of stained glass windows. The intention being to protect the glass, or perhaps stop drafts!

Unfortunately the opposite has obtained. Placing this shield over the glass, and especially if there is no ventilation, actually creates a 'greenhouse effect' and causes the lead to buckle and the stained glass to crack. This is particularly at its worst in south facing windows.

It is our serious recommendation that Vestries take action on this, either removing the shielding altogether and replacing with appropriate wire grilles or making sure that there is adequate ventilation in place.

What had previously been considered a safeguard has turned out to be destructive of the windows and may at the end of the day turn out to have been a more expensive exercise.

This advice comes after discussion with some of Scotland's leading Stained Glass Artists and Manufacturers.

*The Dean*



## ABERDEEN INTER-CITY CHURCHES' QUIZ NIGHT

held on 5<sup>th</sup> May – a report by Carol Phelan

Instead of our normal quiz night, we invited teams from the other churches in the city. We started to contact people we knew in the other churches to tell them about our idea and to encourage them to try and get a team together. As is often the case, it sometimes seemed as if it wouldn't happen. Initial reaction from some was unenthusiastic BUT it grew – thanks to the perseverance of some who wanted to make it happen. We, at St Margaret's, would like to thank those who encouraged others to make up a team and take part. There were in fact three teams from St Andrew's Cathedral, two each from St Margaret's and from St Clement's and one each from St John's, St James' and St Mary's, Carden Place – TEN teams in all. Paul was our quiz master with Mark Pithie keeping tabs on the scores. Carole Phelan and Helen Allan provided some very simple refreshments to go along with the bottles people had brought. It was a very happy evening. Father Emsley presented the winning trophy to a team from St Andrew's and the wooden spoon to one of the St Clement's teams. About sixty people were there. The proceeds were given to the Cathedral Development Programme 2020.



## EPIPHANY GROUP

rooted in the Ignatian tradition



The Epiphany Group was formed a little over 17 years ago – a network of people who had been trained in Spiritual Direction under the auspices of members of the Society of Jesus. These people came from various parts of Scotland and the important function of this Group is to keep us rooted in the Ignatian tradition. It does this by ensuring we are all properly supervised and given on-going training.

Here in Aberdeenshire, we have, for years, offered Quiet Days, an annual Individually Guided Retreat and various training courses. The first of these were some simple courses offering different ways of praying which we entitled 'Exploring Prayer'. Currently, we are involved in skyping a course into Orkney.

I write as we have just experienced a thought-provoking but reflective day entitled 'Peace on Earth'. Julia Meason, a Church of Scotland minister in Orkney, who did her probationary year in Peterculter, has recently been to Palestine and visited the Tent of Nations. It was not comfortable to reflect on the conflict many people and nations are forced to experience as they live their lives when we had stepped out of our comfortable lives to participate in such a day – we are privileged indeed! Julia, having spent time living and working in Palestine, gave an honest and moving account – but, through scripture and imaginative ways of praying, we felt the hope she shared with us. We came to feel our prayers and our real desire for peace were good. God heard us and the more people who can be aware of this desire and feel anger and sadness, the more we are feeling what God wants us to feel and the more confident we can be that we are desiring what God also desires. This is prayer.

In March Bishop Bruce and Elaine Cameron facilitated a day of reflection at the beginning of Lent in Fetteresso Church in Stonehaven.

In May Barbara Buda and Gavin Gowans challenged us to look at our prejudices through scripture and our own stories, at Cults Church Centre, in a day entitled 'Understanding the Pain of Migrants Today'.

On 24<sup>th</sup> June we have our final day in this series: 'Ripening into Spiritual Elderhood' with Nancy Adams at Finzean Church.

Our events are advertised on the Diocesan website calendar.

*Carole Phelan*

### SUMMER OF HOPE

You are invited to our Summer of Hope event.  
Enjoy morning coffee or afternoon tea in great company with good food to raise funds for families and communities around the world.

**Where:** 66 Snipe Street, Ellon, AB41 9FW

**When:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Time:** Morning Coffee: 10.30 – 12.30  
Afternoon Tea: 14.00 – 16.00

**ALL ARE WELCOME & PLEASE DO BRING A FRIEND**

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## Diocesan Lent Appeal:

Cathedral Development Programme 2020 was launched with a target for £400,000 to be raised by the Cathedral Congregation and the Diocese. I am delighted to report that in the first three months we have reached the first quarter of our target. If we kept the pace, we should reach the target in one year.

This year we did not send out a Diocesan Lent Appeal leaflet because the Cathedral produced a comprehensive brochure. The commitment that each congregation is asked to make is to one of the three 'Cathedras'. A Silver Cathedra is £1,000; a Gold Cathedra is £2,000 and a Platinum Cathedra is £5,000. Each church could commit to one or multiple of these Cathedras. Please pray and commit your church to this appeal.

**Open for Prayer:** Each year from Pentecost to Holy Cross Day (September 14), the Cathedral doors are kept open for prayer and visit. This year we began on the Day of Ascension and will continue till the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. The plan is to keep open from Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 3pm. Each day is divided further into two shifts of 2 hours and 30 minutes. Last year we lost a very loyal supporter, Marna Cruickshank, from St James', Cruden Bay. So, we need new stewards. Please call 01224 640 119 or write to [cathedral@aberdeens.anglican.org](mailto:cathedral@aberdeens.anglican.org) if you are able to help. Please continue to pray that God will revive and renew God's people to bring about God's Kingdom in our day and in our time.



Stuart and Pirjo Little of St Olaf's in Kirkwall, Orkney, have been part of a group setting up a new pilgrimage walk in Orkney. The St Magnus Way is a 55 mile pilgrimage route through Mainland Orkney, inspired by the life and

death of Magnus, Orkney's patron saint. It incorporates rough coastal walking, inland track and road walking, hill climbing and even a short forest walk. The St Magnus Way is in five main sections, each offering a very different landscape and reflective space.

Each section will be launched at a different point in the year along with a series of resources which provide more information for reflection along the route. By using bluetooth beacons, pilgrims can access resources relevant to the point in the route and their own interests, without needing a mobile signal. Together the blend of real world exploration and online resources allows people the opportunity to discover more about Orkney and themselves as they walk.

The first section from Evie to Birsay follows the route of Magnus' body when his mother pleaded for it to be returned from Egilsay for a Christian burial in Birsay.

Around twenty years later his bones were taken to Kirkwall. The second section follows this route from Birsay, through Dounby to Finstown.

From there he was likely taken by sea to Kirkwall, so the walk goes up over Lyradale to Orphir, reflecting on Haakon's penitent pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Round Kirk he built on return.

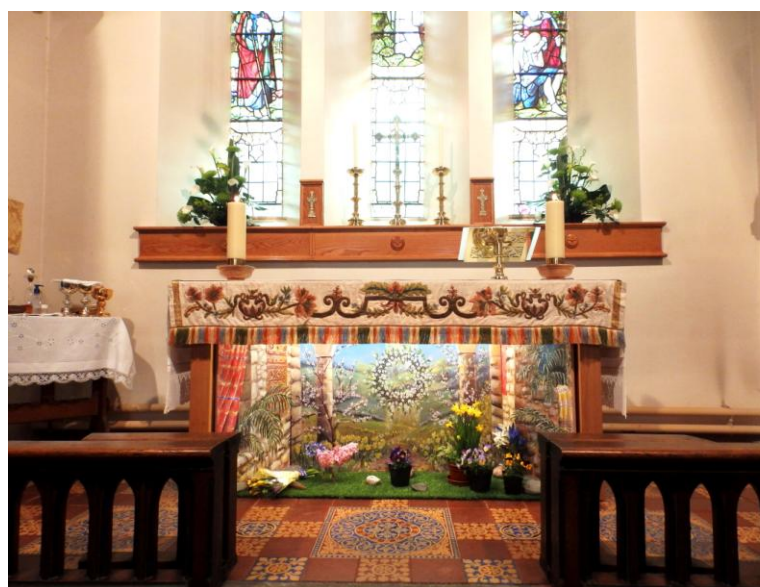
The final section journeys around Scapa Flow to Kirkwall, and the Cathedral that bears his name.

Full details of the walk and all its associated resources are available on [www.stmagnusway.com](http://www.stmagnusway.com)



**St Ternan's Banchory moved gently from Lent through Palm Sunday and Good Friday to Easter.**

Under the table were seasonal pictures in three dimensions that were created by a member of the congregation, Jean-Ann Cameron, who is an illustrator and muralist. Here is one of the frontals, depicting Easter



### Holiday Bible Club

Monday to Friday 3 to 7 July 10.00am to 12.15pm  
Ashdale Hall, Westhill Drive, Westhill, Westhill.

For children going into P1 through to S1. Organized by Westhill Community Church, the theme is 'The guardians of Ancora'.

Registration forms can be downloaded from web: [www.westhillcommunitychurch.org](http://www.westhillcommunitychurch.org)

### Glen 17 Youth Week

**'Fantastical beasts – fearfully and wonderfully made'**

Sunday to Saturday 23 to 29 July

Glenalmond College, Perthshire

Information on SEC website  
[www.scotland.anglican.org/glen-17](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/glen-17)



## PROVOST PONDERINGS...



On Mothering Sunday about 200 people gathered in our Cathedral to celebrate God's gift of motherhood. Canon Lisa Eunson was our Celebrant and Preacher. Speaking about her own sense of motherhood, Lisa reflected on the relationships in her vocation as a priest both with her congregational families and her mentoring and nurturing role with those in ministerial training in the Diocesan family. Members of the Global Mothers' Union, duly attired in their uniform, were given a special blessing by Canon Eunson, as seen in the photograph above.

Reflecting back on that day, there was not a hint of health issues with my dear Sister in God, Lisa. She was her usual exuberance and generosity, in giving of herself, not holding back anything.

On Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, I was in Banchory on business and decided to knock on the Rectory door at St Ternan's. It was 9.15am and I did not expect any response. I gave it a couple of minutes and someone came to the door and said they were in the middle of a Communion service. I had the choice of either going in or leaving. I was moved to go in, only to find a small group of people seated in a circle around their 'Mother in God' Lisa. They were at the Benedictus in the Liturgy, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' I was conscious that this is God's gift to all present as the blessed One was among us in that Eucharist.

Sitting there on a stool, as part of the inner circle as it were, I soon realised that there had been some significant development in Lisa's health condition. She celebrated the Eucharist joyfully with her left arm restrained and she lifted the bread and the wine proclaiming those immortal words, 'Behold the Lamb of God.' I was moved to tears as I quickly became aware that this may be my last Lord's supper with Lisa as the Celebrant. It was a moment when the Holy Communion becomes the moment holding time and eternity together.

I was told at the end of the service that it was decided that morning that the service had to be held in Lisa's living room given her state of health.

Sitting there I said, 'This is like being part of the Early Church when the disciples gathered in their homes to Celebrate in obedience to the Lord's command.' The sun was shining brightly through those big windows and one can see the rising hills, Scolty with endless shades of green. I could not resist sharing those precious moments with the diocese as we all hold our dear sister, friend and Mother Lisa in our thoughts and prayers as she is looked after lovingly by the church family and her many friends.

In my first year as the Provost, it was Lisa who led us in the three hour meditations on Good Friday. She did in such a way that she helped me, and many others, see God, Church, ministry and especially the interiors of our Cathedral, like Pilgrims and Strangers on this earth, ever on a journey or Pilgrimage, holding nothing back for pride and vain glory. She believed that our Cathedral should be place for prayer with various prayer stations like the ancient Cathedrals with their little chapels. May God help us realise all those hopes, prayers and visions.

*Isaac Poobalan*

### NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE

Our new Diocesan Website launched on June 5<sup>th</sup> after many months of preparation - please do spread the word round your congregations. Launching it in the week of Pentecost is appropriate, as it represents a step in the changing ways that our Diocese is communicating and will bring new energy and new ways to reach those around us, as well as to support our existing Diocesan community.

It has a new menu structure, designed to support the varying and diverse areas of work which take place across the Diocese, and to support individuals, groups and churches in their lives of faith.

All of the most used areas of the previous site have been transferred, and some new content has been added, including:

- An updated Prayer and Spirituality Section
- Information on Vocations
- A new Exploring Faith section
- A resources section for office holders
- and more.

More new content will be added over the weeks and months to come. If there's anything you would like to see on the site in the months to come, please contact Mary McKinnell at the Diocesan Office. [itofficer@aberdeen.anglican.org](mailto:itofficer@aberdeen.anglican.org)

The site colours reflect the geography of the diocese, with colours taken from the heather that is found in many areas of the Diocese.

The new domain name of [www.aoepiscopal.scot](http://www.aoepiscopal.scot) has been chosen to reflect our identity as Scottish Episcopalians. There is no need to change your bookmarks to the homepage as the [www.aberdeen.anglican.org](http://www.aberdeen.anglican.org) address will also be directed to the site. However, bookmarks to specific pages or areas of the website will need to be updated. The [www.aodiocese.org.uk](http://www.aodiocese.org.uk) domain, to which many of our congregations' websites are attached, is also directed to the new website.

## A Day Of Ministry On The Banffshire Coast

*The Revd Canon Jeremy Paisey*

*Rector of All Saints, Buckie and St Andrew's, Banff*



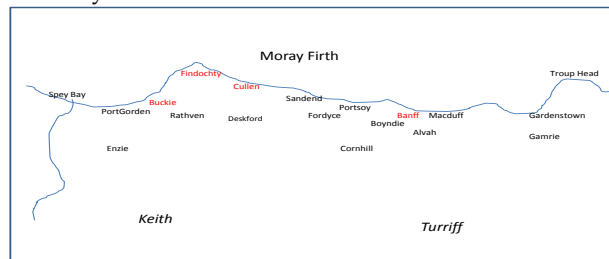
The area assigned to All Saints, Buckie and St Andrew's, Banff is the coastal strip of land running the length of the former county of Banff from the Tannachy burn in the west to Troup Head just east of

Gardenstown. The principal settlements are Buckie (pop. c 9,000), Banff – the former County Town – (pop. c 3,000) and Macduff (pop. c 3,000) together with the coastal villages of Portgordon, Findochty, Cullen, Sandend, Portsoy, Whitehills and Gardenstown. The charge also covers the landward areas of Rathven, Enzie, Deskford, Fordyce, Boyndie, Cornhill, Ordiquhill, Alvah and Gamrie. The sea dominates the joint charges, no more so than when driving the twenty miles from Buckie to Banff along the A98. The area is popular with holiday makers and many of the cottages in the fishing villages are holiday and retirement homes.

A day of ministry in this beautiful area: after Lorraine has left for work in Elgin, I begin by saying Morning Prayer in All Saints, the church is attached to the Rectory, and it is now warm enough to say prayers in the church without having to put the heating on. I am firm in my view that the Daily Office, celebrating the Eucharist and pastoral visiting underpin the SEC's pastorally based and focussed ministry. Then off to Buckie High School to conduct morning assembly, returning via the paper shop to collect the *Church Times* – you have guessed – it is Friday. Then back to the Church to collect the Reserved Sacrament, the trusty Filofax, the keys to St Andrew's Banff, Banff Academy ID card, find the books for the House Communion visit and check that the car has Buckie and Banff magazines and Northern Light on board.

Off for a half hour drive to Banff Academy for a mid-morning meeting to discuss the development of chaplaincy work in the school and allocate next term's assemblies. A couple of hours or so later, meeting over, off to search the caravan sites in the vicinity to find folk whose vicar emailed me to say that they were staying on a caravan site near Banff for the summer – there are at least three to choose from and I hit lucky first time. I introduce myself, drink the proffered cup of tea and leave a copy of Northern Light and St Andrew's magazine. Back to Banff, find a car park, walk to the church, open up and say Middyday Prayer. Being on the High Street, people sometimes see the open door and drop in to look around – it is a fine Archibald Simpson building – no visitors today! So find somewhere to have lunch and then to a housebound member of the congregation. I spend a happy hour administering the Blessed Sacrament, drinking more tea and having a chat.

Then back to the church, record the visit in the Register and head off back to Buckie visiting a couple of people on the way.



Once I get past Cullen, I turn off onto the A942 "coast" road as it is quieter than the A98 and I have Coffee Morning posters to put in the shops in Cullen, Portknockie and Findochty. It is a clear day and the stunning coastline is clearly visible. I get back to the Rectory in Buckie about 4.00pm and retrieve the dustbins which have blown down the street after being emptied, then go and visit a couple of people to remind them that All Saints is still open, and their presence at the Eucharist would be much appreciated, using the magazine as a pretext for the visits. In the course of one of the visits I find out where someone who recently moved house is now living. Then, back to the Rectory, time for a cup of tea, put on the Church heating, put on computer and check emails – all of them can wait!!

Into Church, say Evening Prayer, go to church hall, intercept a group setting up for a Coffee Morning the following morning and explain how the newly refurbished kitchen works, then back into Church and set up for the Eucharist, celebrate the 7.30 pm Eucharist, and finally, supper and a quiet evening before bed.



**A full redecoration of the interior of St Mary's Auchindoir has just been completed After many years of gentle decline, the church has now been rewired, new lighting and infra-red heating fitted, and now the interior is beautifully decorated. A few items yet to go - particularly we await new carpets and repairs to some of the fine stained-glass windows.**

## Marna Cruickshank

By Stuart Donald, Honorary Archivist



In a life of wide interests, Marna Cruickshank's top priority, was St James' Episcopal Church, Cruden. She was also very much the unofficial local historian and many people consulted her on the life and times at Cruden. Endowed with a fantastic memory for names and dates she was much in demand and will be sorely missed in many circles.

Marna was born at Ivan Cottage, Cruden Bay, on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1938 to Grace and James Cruickshank. She was educated at Peterhead Academy and matriculated at Aberdeen University gaining an MA degree in classical subjects. She taught Latin firstly at Peterhead Academy and then at St Margaret's School in Aberdeen which she adored. During her time at St Margaret's she was involved in a horrific car accident and spent a considerable time in Strathcathro Hospital.

An intrepid traveller, she made several journeys to the Holy Land and holidays abroad were her passion. A talented bridge player she played regularly at Cruden Bay Golf Club where she had been a playing member in her younger days. Gardening and floral art; embroidery and reading were all her pastimes as was her daily copy of *'The Telegraph'*.

The last few years became very difficult health wise and Marna was a frequent visitor to ARI. She soldiered on however without complaint until she went to her rest on Friday morning, 24<sup>th</sup> March. I've known Marna for over twenty years, firstly as a steward at the Cathedral, and then as parish archivist at St James where her assistance to me was very special. I won't forget the sessions which landed up with lunch in the Golf Club and then a historical chin-wag for hours ... sometimes I arrived home after 6 in the evening. She was a character, but always interested in heritage. Well done true and faithful servant ... RIP



**Stephanie Brock**, a member of the Cathedral congregation, has been elected as the Third Religious Representative to the Education and Children's Services Committee of Aberdeen City Council.

**The Rev Dr James Merrick** and his family, are returning to the USA after two years at St Mary's, Carden Place, Aberdeen. We wish the family well as they return home.



## Retirement of Rev Anne James

The Rev. Anne James retired after Easter from being priest-in-charge at St. Andrew's, Alford since 1999, and her gentle, perceptive ministry will be very much missed.



She and Dave came to Alford from Cruden Bay, where she served as non-stipendiary curate. She was ordained priest in 1994 in St. Andrew's Cathedral in Aberdeen, one of eight women who were the first to be ordained in Scotland when canon law was changed to admit women to the priesthood. Anne's vocation came only four years before Dave's retirement from his career as a mud engineer in various countries, and he said it was his turn to follow her as far as Alford, as she had followed him to Argentina and the Far East and points in between! What a blessing they have been, with Dave's warm and discerning support enabling and encouraging Anne's ministry.

Anne's mother, Loraine, was another bonus for Alford – she moved here when they did, and entered very fully into the life of the church and of the village.

The sudden loss of Dave to heart disease in 2008 was an immense blow for Anne, which she weathered with great courage and serenity, the shock and grief only taking their toll health wise some years later, and compounded by Loraine's death from cancer in 2012. We all loved them both, and missed them greatly.

Anne continued to minister to her flock with a still more sensitive empathy for those in distress, and a growing depth in her preaching. She has guided the congregation through one or two painful crises, and has had worries in her own family too, but her faith has grown in the testing, and her loving and perceptive interest in everyone, and her wise words of counsel when asked for, have been widely appreciated, and helped to make St. Andrews a warm and welcoming place of worship. Children love her too, and she them, and she has enjoyed her various classes and assemblies at local schools.

We are very grateful to the Lord for giving Anne to us for so long, and are delighted that her tall figure, walking her dog through the streets and parks of Alford, will still be a familiar figure in years to come.

### A Note from the Editor

Summer brings a chance for adventure and special events, please let us know of you activities with photos if possible.

The closing date for the Autumn edition is  
**25 August 2017**

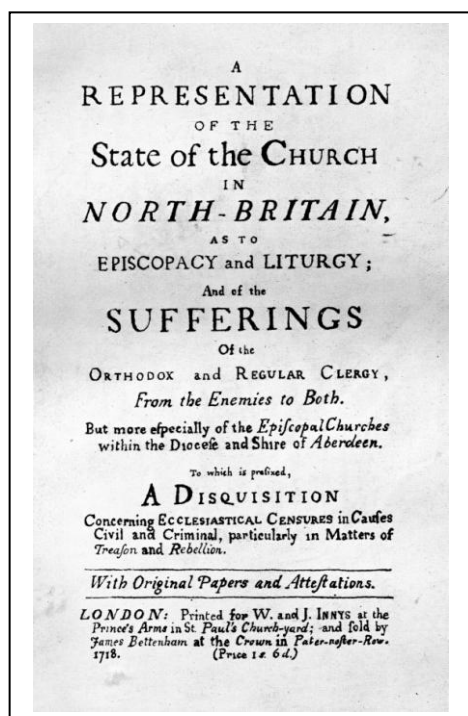
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# The Bishop's Bridge

Over the Water of Cruden there stands a bridge called, '*the Bishop's Bridge*'. James Drummond, Bishop of Brechin, 1684-1689, was deprived of his temporal powers as a bishop due to the Presbyterian Settlement of 1689 which abolished episcopacy. He found refuge at Slains Castle the home of John Hay, 12<sup>th</sup> Earl of Erroll who had married Drummond's sister, Lady Ann, the Countess of Erroll.



When the burn was in spate the congregation had to make a long detour to get to the Parish Church. Bishop Drummond with great compassion decided to build a bridge for them. Now a 'B' listed ancient monument, it was completed in 1697. The Bishop had carved on the south side of the bridge his coat of arms and that of his '*protector*' James Hay, Earl of Erroll. In a plaque erected in 1919 in the Parish Church to both Bishop Drummond and William Dunbar, who continued to minister to his parish congregation through all legal adversity of that day. About Drummond the plaque proclaims "*He was a good and pious man, and diligent in his office. By his generosity, the church was enriched with two silver communion cups and by his help and means, the bridge, which leads to the church, still known as the Bishop's Bridge,*



*was built.* William Dunbar, who became Bishop of Aberdeen, is honoured thus "*He was a faithful pastor and diligent preacher. Under his influence and largely by his pen, the remarkable book entitled, 'A Representation of the State of the Church in North Britain and the sufferings of the Orthodox and Regular clergy' was written at Cruden in 1716.*" [picture above left] I often quote from this book as it gives a shocking insight into the cruelties and deprivations our catholic clergy suffered on our behalf, for the sake of the Episcopal faith.

**Stuart Donald**

The picture of St James the Less Church, Cruden, and the title page of '*Representation*' is from the Diocesan Archive; the picture of the Bishop's Bridge is from '*Buchan*' by the Revd John B. Pratt, published in Aberdeen 1858; the Memorial Plaque is from the Internet  
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