

Edenshead Parish Church

Newsletter – February 2020

February			
Sun	2	10.30am	Worship – Auchtermuchty Church followed by teas.
Thu	6	7.30pm	Guild meeting – Session House Auchtermuchty
		7.15pm	Session Meeting – Auchtermuchty Church
Fri	7	10-11am	Coffee morning in Strathmiglo Bowling Club
Sun	9	10.30am	Worship – Strathmiglo Church followed by teas
Fri	14	10-11am	Coffee morning in Strathmiglo Bowling Club
Sun	16	10.30am	Worship – Auchtermuchty Church followed by teas
Fri	21	7.30pm	Guild Meeting - Session House Auchtermuchty
Sun	23	10.30am	Worship – Strathmiglo Church followed by teas
		3.30pm	Ecumenical Worship in Gateside Hall
March			
Sun	1	10.30am	Cluster service at Falkland Church – <u>All churches in the cluster will worship together.</u>
		2pm	Worship at Strathview
Thurs	5	7.30pm	Guild Meeting - Session House Auchtermuchty
Fri	6	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer – Strathmiglo Church
		10-11am	Coffee morning in Strathmiglo Bowling Club
Sun	8	10.30am	Worship – Strathmiglo Church followed by teas

Cluster Service of Worship in Falkland Church on Sunday 1 March at 10.30am

All congregations in the cluster (Lindores, Edenshead, Howe, Falkland & Freuchie) will come together to worship in Falkland Church. These joint services are great occasions and provide a good opportunity to meet up with others in our local church "family" We meet up with folks we already know and make friends with those who are new to us.

Transport is always available for any church service or event.
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Interim Moderator: Rev Margaret Rose. Tel 01333 312838

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Update since last Newsletter.....

It seems a very long time since the November Newsletter.....
 Christmas is long past and now the bulbs are peeping through the earth!
 This newsletter is later than it should be due to waiting till after meetings in order to have information to pass on.

Manse

Work on the Manse is completed and it is looking lovely. We will have open days in March with dates to be agreed at our next Session meeting on 6 February. These dates will be in the next newsletter.

Minister

We have had permission to call a minister since last September but making suitable dates for meetings has been a problem - outwith our control
 However, we have now had an initial session meeting where we discussed the process required to move forward with appointing a Nominating Committee.

The first step is for our Interim Moderator to conduct a Sunday service in Auchtermuchty Church, after which the congregation will be invited to nominate and second candidates to make up that Nominating Committee. The group will consist of between 5 and 9 people. Having an odd number means any decision taken will always be clearly defined.

Once the Nominating Committee is chosen, they will meet with the Vacancy Advisory Committee. This a team of two ministers and one elder appointed by Presbytery to support and guide Edenshead through the process.

The date set for this Nominating service is Sunday 29 March and for two weeks prior to that date, intimation will be given to the congregation.

Keep your ears and eyes open just in case you hear of any suitable candidates for our vacancy.....

You never know when a name might surface from an unexpected source!

***A Poem shared by Rev Susan Thorburn
Cluster Mission Development Worker.***

'Twas battered and scarred,
And the auctioneer thought it hardly worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin,
but he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid, good people", he cried,

"Who starts the bidding for me?"

"One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?"

"Two dollars, who makes it three?"

"Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,"

But, No, From the room far back a grey bearded man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet
As sweet as the angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said "What now am I bid for this old violin?"
As he held it aloft with its' bow.

"One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?"

"Two thousand, Who makes it three?"

"Three thousand once, three thousand twice,
Going and gone", said he.

The audience cheered,
But some of them cried,
"We just don't understand."
"What changed its' worth?"

Swift came the reply.

"The Touch of the Masters Hand."

"And many a man with life out of tune
All battered and bruised with hardship
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd
Much like that old violin
A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on.
He is going once, he is going twice,
He is going and almost gone.

But the Master comes,
And the foolish crowd never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought
By the Touch of the Masters' Hand.

Myra Brooks Welch 1921

