

## News from the Manse



Dear Friends,

Warm greetings to you all.

As you are aware, several members of our church have passed away recently. Hence, it never ceases to amaze me how many people in the North East turn out to pay their respects. It is truly an enormous source of support and comfort for the bereaved families.

We will have a memorial service this year again on the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. for anyone to come along and light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

If you or someone you know can email a photo, we can display it on the screen during the service.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct., will begin with breakfast served between 9:30 am and 10:00 am, followed by the service at 10:30 am.

Communion is on 26<sup>th</sup> October, and we will have a retiring collection for CAP (Christians Against Poverty). This is a wonderful organisation that helps those less fortunate throughout the UK. Please come along if you can.

Our Day of Giving with a Mini Sale of Work is on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov at the Church, in the Donan Suite and Church Hall, between 2-4 pm, including refreshments.

I would like to thank you all for your generous support of our Church. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to keep going, so thank you all.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you and give you peace.

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### *The Amazing Auchterless Aviators*

A picture can speak a thousand words, and this one does, revealing the swift boxes and the caller system located behind the louvres. This was all funded by a grant from Foundation Scotland, with a result more successful than I ever imagined!

We don't know if chicks were raised this year, but swifts were in and out of the nestboxes. Next year, we may install a camera in that particular box to see what happens behind the louvres. Four adults and at least four young screamers flew their aerobatic swoops during the sunnier evenings of June and July, so I'm hoping there may be a few more of these extraordinary birds next year.

The Swifts arrived earlier than expected (everything has been earlier this year!), so it's hardly surprising that they have already gone.

House martins and swallows are still here, busily snapping up the winged insects. The school took charge of six house-martin nest cups; three have been used. In one case, it was neatly customised, with six chicks raised.



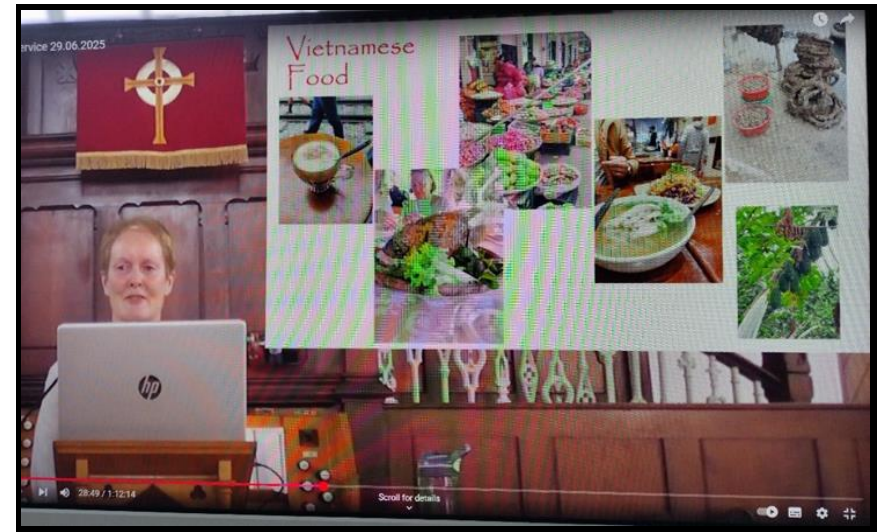
Hungry house martins waiting to be fed.....



Claire cooked breakfast at Church on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024.



She's such a sweet old lady. Agnes comes to church regularly and seldom says a woof.



'Travels with Audrey' through Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept., all were invited to enjoy Audrey's talk about her adventures, supported with photos of each place visited.



Joint Service at Daviot on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June '25 followed by a picnic. Rev. Mary Cranfield organised the planting of two cherry blossom trees to mark 80 years of Christian Aid.



Beautiful singing by sisters Millie, Verity & Johanna MacKenzie, at church on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 'Give me oil for my lamp, keep it burning'



A Magical Musical Evening with Nigel Simmons- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025  
 Many interesting snippets & tales from Nigel, with humour aplenty.



Adam Potts was baptised on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025, supported by his nieces, Summer and Daisy Potts. These two lovely young ladies are also the granddaughters of Rev Steve & Lynda Potts.

## Dates for Your Diary 2025

- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Sept A presentation of Audrey's travels to South East Asia. 7pm
- Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. Songs of Praise at 7pm- with invitations to the other churches in our Groupings.
- Sun.12<sup>th</sup> Oct. Harvest Thanksgiving Giving Service- 10.30 a.m.  
 Breakfast will be served between 9.30 and 10am.
- Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. Clocks go back
- Sun.26<sup>th</sup> Oct. Communion Sunday- 10.30 am.  
 With a retiring collection for **Christians Against Poverty**.
- Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. Mini Sale of Work/Giving Day 2-4pm. Teas, coffees & cake.  
 With various sale stalls
- Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. Remembrance Day Service. 10.30am
- Sun.30<sup>th</sup> Nov. Memorial Service 7.00pm; to remember our loved ones.  
 Come along and light a candle for them. Please send me a photo if you wish their name and photo to be displayed on our projector screen.
- Sat.6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Concert with various artists- 7 pm.
- Sun.14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Friends of Forgue Community Carols- 3pm at Forgue Kirk.
- Wed.24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christmas Eve: Family Carol Service at 6.30pm,  
 Watch Night Service at 11.15pm.
- Thurs.25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Family Christmas Day Service at 10.30am.
- Turriff Food Bank:** There is a collection point in the Donan Suite, should anyone wish to donate. With Thanks in advance.
- Ukelele Club-** come along and learn to play  
 For further details, contact Rev Potts. Tel. 01888 511058
- Community Cuppa-** is held on the last Wednesday of the month 2-4pm.  
 All are welcome to join us for a cuppa, a fine piece, and a blether.

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