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From our Interim Moderator 01592 265536

Welcome!

Not because you are dressed in finery,
Not because you are better than anyone else,
Not because you have been coming here a long time,
But welcome, because you are greatly loved,
And because God invites you to worship him.

It's the reason we come to worship, because God invites us, because God loves us as we are and we come to celebrate that together in God's presence.

Come as you are is the message of Back to Church Sunday which, in common with many other churches in the town and across Britain, we will be celebrating on Sunday 26th September. It's an opportunity to invite your friends along with a personal invitation and say, "Come, and I'll come with you."

Perhaps you haven't been for a while or not come yet to Bennochty. Perhaps you came at the beginning but haven't been back for a while. Perhaps you know someone who used to go to church somewhere, or someone who's never gone to church regularly, but might just come along with you if you actually ask them.

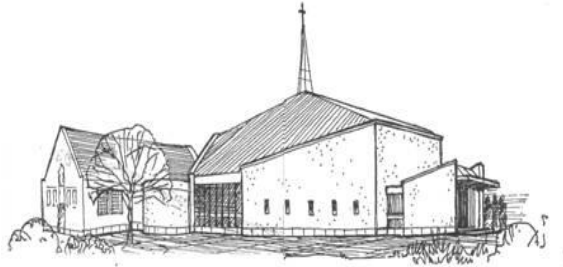
That's what Back to Church Sunday is all about. Some people are waiting for that invitation and if there might be other visitors there that day, it makes it a bit easier. Others may need to be asked over a number of years and one day they say, yes, I'm coming.

And it's good for those who go regularly to church to make the effort to see things through a

visitor's eyes. What kind of impression does Bennoch Church give to newcomers?

Jesus told the story of the great feast and invited all to come and celebrate. we also are invited. Come because you are greatly loved and God invites you to worship him.

Catriona Morrison



PRAYER GROUP

Some time ago Rev Nicola Frail approached the church Prayer Group requesting us to write to an army chaplain expressing our hopes and prayers for the troops serving in Afghanistan. The chaplain replied in a letter thanking us and reporting that the letter was being passed round his men for them to read individually.

At a later date (from the pulpit one Sunday) Nicola asked if the congregation would be willing to write a few words on a card to the troops. We did this, and recently received a letter from her along with a package. The package contained a campaign medal from a Warrant Officer as a thank you for our words on the card sent to him personally.

We have since written to this officer expressing our very humble thanks. The words on the card were as follows: -

Dear Friend,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you travel abroad.

May God bless you and watch over you.

Please remember you are never alone. Return safely to us.

We shall think of you each day.

The soldier carries the card with him throughout his tour of duty. We plan to keep the campaign medal on view in the Prayer Room as a constant reminder of our troops in Afghanistan, a reminder too of the prayer support we can all give them.

We continue our support of KART (Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust) by our involvement with its Prayer Support Group. Chris Beattie, the Scripture Union Associate Worker with KART, was with us in church on Sunday 22nd August to tell us something of his work with our young folk, both in church and in school. We were able to give him the sum of £111.90 which was donated

by Bennoch Church congregation, the retiring offering after the June communion service. As we learn more of Chris's work with young folk in our area there may be opportunities for us to give further support. Remember Chris and his volunteer helpers in your prayers.

Remember too that you are assured of a welcome at any of our monthly meetings. We next meet on Wednesday 15th September at 10 o'clock in the Prayer Room for an hour. Prayer request boxes are in the Church vestibule and in the Prayer Room.

Mary Sherrard

Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is the first room on your right when entering the Hall by the ramp entrance. The Church sound system is extended to the Prayer Room. Anyone, who for any reason is unable to worship in Church, may use this room, and listen and participate in the Service.

CHOIR

I am very pleased that the Choirs from the two former Churches have, in a very short period, got to know one another so well. It is great to have seventeen Choir members, but we can accommodate more, so please come along on a Sunday to the New Hall and you will be made most welcome.

We were saddened by the death of John Campbell in May. John was a very regular and reliable member of the Choir for many years and we greatly miss his presence at practices and on a Sunday. Bill Slater decided to withdraw from the Choir earlier this year. We were sorry to see Bill leave and very much appreciated his total commitment to the Choir since 1995. Bill has said if his health improves, and he badly misses the Choir, he may be back. We will be delighted to see him. Jim Marshall also decided to leave the Choir in May and return to his pew. Again we were very sorry to see Jim leave, and very much appreciated his total commitment over many years. Perhaps Jim will also decide to return, and he too will be most welcome.

Choir Practices on a Thursday will commence on 16 September at 7.15 pm in the New Hall. I appreciate that everyone cannot manage to come to the Thursday practices, so practices on a Sunday at 10.15am will continue.

Brian

Handbell Ringing Group - Anyone interested in the formation of such a group please speak with John Methven or Ron Steedman.

MUSIC IN CHURCH

Now I know I may be criticized for this, but I feel it must be said.

Prior to a Sunday service, there is lots of time for conversation and fellowship - likewise, after the service.

Five minutes before the start of the service the organist plays a short prelude, and it appears very few people are aware of this. Five minutes and the man is playing for your pleasure, but unfortunately it is falling on a number of deaf ears.

Now, everybody at some time has sung or hummed a tune, so we all have some musical ability. We need the organ and the choir to lead us in our worship and we appreciate that.

For five or six minutes after the service, again, the organist plays one or two postludes and, again, not many people are aware of his efforts.

It's a great pity - music can add a lot of happiness to our lives - so a suggestion!

Try to give the organist his space, then on with the conversations in the Methven Hall.

Jim Marshall

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE

St. John's had two Books of Remembrance and it is proposed to continue with this in Bennochry Parish Church with the purchase of a new Book of Remembrance. Messages could be of thanks or remembrance. The message form with instructions may be found at the back of the new Book of Remembrance. On completion of the form, which should be accompanied by £10 cash or cheque, a draft copy of the message will be returned to you in order that any changes may be made, if required. Upon approval, it will then be placed in the Book of Remembrance.

There is now a Diary for 2010 at the Book of Remembrance, and anyone wishing the Book to be opened on a particular Sunday is asked to write in the diary their name, and if possible, the message they wish to have displayed.

Helen Wishart

FLOWERS

My garden beautifies my yard and adds fragrance to the air,
But it is also my cathedral and my quiet place of prayer.

So little do we realise that the glory and the power
Of He who made the Universe, lies hidden in a flower

Helen Steiner Rice

The Flower List for 2011 will be in the vestibule of the Church from mid-November onwards. If you would like to put flowers in on a special Sunday, please write your name against the appropriate date. The flowers are very much appreciated by the bereaved, sick and elderly and those who have special birthdays and anniversaries. During the vacancy, if there is anyone who should receive the flowers, please let us know.

We are always looking for the names of anyone who would be prepared to deliver flowers after the Service. At the moment there is a rota of ladies, who each deliver the flowers about 3 or 4 times a year, but we are presently looking for more names for 2011. Please give your name to Diane White (Kinnear), Clerk to the Congregational Board.

Among the unsung heroines
Who grace this world of ours
Are those who give and who arrange
Their church's lovely flowers.
I wonder if they realise
The pleasure that they bring
To people who will gather there
To worship and to sing
Or the warm friendship that they send
When given to those who can't attend?

WORLD MISSION

Our Mission partner, Jenny Featherstone, is recently engaged in teaching a Social Work Diploma Course in the U.C.Z. College (United Churches of Zambia). The students thereafter pass on the knowledge and skills to volunteers over a wide area.

She is also involved with 2 village compounds with projects that aim to develop a sense of independence and pride, and bring in funds - these are mostly with women, widowed and with Aids, supporting families.

There is also a plan afoot to develop land allocated by the Rural District Council for a play ground - a Play for All project - so that children whose families cannot afford school uniform, thereby not able to go to school (free at primary level), can come and learn informally on all sorts of topics. A Project manager is required with a salary, plus helpers.

Q. What could our contribution be in supporting Jenny in these area?

A. PRAYER - the Prayer Group regularly hold the work on the ground in prayer and the health and energies of Jenny herself. We, as a congregation, can do likewise in our hearts.

A. FINANCE - in a general way, such as a retiral collection on a special occasion. This money can be sent direct to Jenny's Fund to be used at her discretion in cases of dire need..

A. In a Particular Way - such as a practical suggestion from Jenny, as we have done in the past, with wool, embroidery threads for craft stalls, and the purchase of sewing machines and payment of seamstress courses, now, apparently, trickling down to other volunteers.

I would like to comment on a splendid example of this during the month of August:- During her visit here in May, Jenny mentioned the local youth football teams, all very enthusiastic and keenly practising - as here. The 17 year olds play in shoes but not so the 14 year olds, and one team shares 2 football strips for whoever is in a photo So, thanks to John Methven, who retrieved football strips and shorts of old times, also acquiring brand new ones, thanks to Dianne Waddell who washed and mended where necessary and with Rhona Trail worked towards funding the hefty postage.

I was able to deliver the 3 parcels to 121 George Street, Edinburgh and hand over the large bag with contents:-

7 blue and white vertical striped tops	1 kilo 120 gms
10 red/white vertical striped tops	1 kilo 500 gms.
1 black Celtic goalie top	200 gms
5 pairs of shorts, used, 14 pairs new	2 kilos 180 gms.

I met with Mrs Chinembiri, World Rep for Africa, fairly new in the job, and happy to travel 'light' on her first visit to Zambia, and will take the bag and entire load as separate luggage. A blessing indeed!

I will keep you posted with other suggestions from Jenny, as and when.

Margaret Simpson

SEND ME THE BOOK

When W.P. Mackay left home for college his mother gave him a Bible. On the inside cover she wrote his name, her name and a Bible verse. She also said she would pray for him.

He graduated with honours from medical school and quickly advanced to become head of the largest hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland. But, as he grew more successful, he also grew more wicked and coarse in his lifestyle. He even became president of an atheistic society.

The Man's Book

One day a badly injured man was rushed to the emergency room. As Dr Mackay examined the hopelessly crushed body, he was amazed by how peaceful the man was.

The dying man asked, "What's my condition? I want the truth. I am not afraid to die. I've trusted Jesus as my Saviour. He paid for my sins on the cross. I know I'll be with Jesus when I die."

"You have only a few hours to live" said the doctor. He was surprised that this did not change

the dying man's attitude. "Is there anyone we can contact?"

"Yes" said the man. "Contact my landlady and ask her to send me the book."

"What book?" inquired the Doctor.

"Just ask her for the book. She will know."

The Doctor did as the man asked, and then continued his rounds. But these words stuck in his mind. "I know I shall be with Jesus when I die."

A few hours later Dr Mackay returned to check on the man's condition. "He died a few minutes ago" the nurse replied.

"Did he get his book in time?"

"Just before he died."

"Was it his bank book?" asked the doctor.

"See for yourself. It is under his pillow."

Mackay's Surprise

Dr Mackay reached under the pillow and found a Bible. As he removed it, the front cover turned back to reveal his own name, his mother's name and a Bible verse. It was his Bible - the one his mother gave him years ago! He had pawned it for money to buy liquor while on a drinking spree.

The Doctor was overwhelmed. He rushed to his office and asked God to forgive him for his sinful life. As he prayed, he remembered a verse his mother taught him long ago.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Dr Mackay immediately contacted his mother to tell her of his salvation, and how God used the Bible she gave him to dramatically answer her prayers. In due time, Mackay's life proved that 'if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new'.

The worldly atheistic doctor became a preacher of the Gospel.

Story supplied by Alex Stevenson

Blythwood Care Shoe Box Appeal - Although we are several months away from Christmas, we are inviting members of the congregation to fill a shoe box with gifts for an adult or a child in countries where there is a lot of poverty. Shoe boxes will be distributed to Romania, Pakistan, Hungary, Bulgaria, Albania and many other countries and to someone who would not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas. Leaflets with suggested gifts, also covered boxes, are available in the Church vestibule. By filling the shoe box you can bring hope and a smile to some of the world's poorest people.

Doors-Open-Day - Bennochly Parish Church will be one of the venues participating in Fife Council Doors-Open-Day on Sunday, 12th September from 2-5p.m. You are welcome to come along and view pictures, also read about the history of our churches prior to the union.

Gift Boxes - The yellow gift boxes are used for collecting our small change which goes towards church funds. The boxes are available in the church vestibule. Anyone unable to come to Church and wishes one should speak to their Elder. Please help to make pennies turn into pounds! Thank you to all those who already continue to do so.

Christian Aid - A sponsored walk round the Beveridge Park on Sunday, 22nd August was enjoyed by all. There were sixteen adults and one dog doing the walk with lots of tongue and tail wagging going on! The money raised by the walk is going to Christian Aids Pakistan Floods Appeal Thank you very much to all the sponsors and also to those who did the walk on such a beautiful day, without rain and for such a good cause.

Sponsored Run/Cycle - Lorraine Fairful and Ann Crawford (Mrs Montgomery's daughter) are running the Glasgow half marathon on Sunday 5th September, then the next Sunday, 12th September, they are cycling from Glasgow to Edinburgh (51 miles) in aid of Bowel Cancer. Hope you can help this worthy cause. Lorraine hopes all her training in Portugal will help her get through this.

FABRIC

Church and Halls

We have now changed the former Vestry to our new Office area and the former Office to the new Vestry! This was arranged in order to utilise the existing space more efficiently but will require some modest improvements to provide more storage space for documents and equipment from St. Andrews Church.

After a recent quiet period of vandalism, several windows in our Methven Hall were damaged, one quite badly, and were repaired at a cost of £220. However, I have been given a cheque for this amount from the family concerned and have given thanks for this on behalf of Bennochly Parish Church both to the family and to the Police Community Support Team.

Due to the fragile nature of these windows, the Fabric Committee have approved a proposal to safeguard the north facing windows of Methven Hall at a cost of £420, and this work will be carried out shortly.

Manse

Work has now commenced on the upgrading of our Manse, mainly on down takings. Some of these have revealed defects which will require to be remedied and, although relatively minor, will result in a small increase in costs.

The kitchen has now been stripped out and the tiled floor removed. All radiators have been removed, rewiring and wall insulation work is in progress. All carpets and underlay have been lifted apart from the ground and first floor halls and stair which have been protected. Work is currently on programme with a completion date expected mid to end October.

*Roddy Sellars,
Acting Fabric Convener*

GIFT DAY 2010

The Gift Day for 2010 will be held on Saturday 23 October in the Church Hall from 10 till 1 pm. A letter giving further details will be delivered by your elder when he/she visits prior to the October Communion Service.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURERS

There are still some Standing Orders for offerings going to the accounts of the former congregations and not to Bennoch Church. It would be appreciated if these Standing Orders could be changed as soon as possible so that the St Andrew's and St John's current accounts can be closed. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

STRAWBERRY TEAS

Once again we had a very successful summer with our Strawberry Teas. The weather could have been better, but we did manage to get outside a few times. Everybody enjoyed the fellowship, and as usual our sponges etc were very much enjoyed (all calorie free!). After the ladies deducted some of their expenses, the sum of £1,621 was given to Church funds. Thanks to everyone who supported us. We hope to see you all again next summer.

The Strawberry Tea Team

THE GUILD

The Autumn term is once again with us. You may remember we had a very successful year following the theme from Micah chapter 6 - "What does the Lord require of you - to act justly".

During this coming session we continue with the second part of the theme - 'to love mercy' and we shall be celebrating Guild Week with a special service on Sunday 21st November.

We have an interesting programme lined up. This includes talks from members of the Church, from our M.S.P. Marilyn Livingstone and also demonstrations. If you fancy becoming a bit of an Egghead, there's a Quiz Night too!

We meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at 2.00 p.m. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 14th September, when we look forward to hearing Rev Anne Job speaking on the theme.

The Guild invites both men and women and there's always room for more members. Please come along - a warm welcome awaits.

WOMEN'S GROUP

The 2010/2011 session begins on Tuesday 7th September with a walk along the coast at Dalgety bay. On Saturday 25th September members of the Group are hosting a family quiz night with questions for all ages. Come along and enjoy a great night in the Methven Hall. The contest begins at 6.30 p.m. Adults £4 and children £2. Teams of 4 required! After the quiz a delicious selection of desserts will be served with refreshment. On Tuesday 12th October David Birrell will talk on safety in the home. Margaret Rae will demonstrate how to make marzipan fruits on 19th October. On November 2nd Gillian Easson will display her miniature dolls. Ladies of the group will be running the Body Shop stall at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 13th November. There's a members' craft night on 16th November and on 30th November a talk on working with young adults by Beth Hamilton. How time flies! On 14th December the ladies will meet for Christmas Dinner.

New members are very welcome. Contact Irene Wood on tel. 267995 or any member of the Group.

GREETINGS FROM THE GET TOGETHER

We cordially invite any who are free on Thursdays, especially our new friends, to come along and sample our hospitality. If you are interested in playing cards, dominoes or scrabble, then spend a couple of hours in the Methven Hall. You will not be disappointed.

We even buy you a birthday cake when you're ninety. Of course you are given a card before that - you only have to be eighty!

Seriously, we are looking for more members, both younger and fitter than the crocks that are left. Of course, car owners are doubly welcome. We meet all year round from 2 till 4 p.m.

BENNOCHY WALKERS

Our group has just celebrated its first anniversary. We've clocked up 20 walks so far – approx 80 miles – with more in the planning stage for the next two months. On 19th September we are doing something a little different however. We plan to have a Car Treasure Hunt with our families and friends scouring the Fife countryside for clues, answers and directions, and hopefully finding our way back to church for refreshments afterwards.

Our group values the benefits we've gained from walking: for our physical and mental health, fellowship with friends, spiritual reflection and for fun. We do like a laugh. We also enjoy the freedom of getting out into the countryside or by the seashore and soaking up the good air and scenery in our beautiful home county. Are you won over yet? Please have a look at our blogsite www.bennochywalkersblogspot.com to see where we've been so far. The last few walks have been to Culross, Ceres, Forth Road Bridge, Cuparmuir and East Wemyss to Dysart. Our next walk is always posted on the church website as well as in the intimation sheet, so if you fancy giving it a whirl be assured of a warm welcome.

BENNOCHY CHURCH COUNTRY DANCE CLASS

The first meeting of the session will be on Tuesday 21st September from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. This is a class for all interested in learning new dances - whatever your level of dancing - and making friends while doing so. We have a cup of tea at a break and generally enjoy our time together. Do come along and join us.

Ishbel Duncan

100 years young - Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Grace Cairns who celebrated her 100th Birthday on Monday 16th August.

ALZHEIMER'S SINGING GROUP.

The group meets once a month and got off to a good start with around 40 people attending the

first meeting. The group is led by Project Worker Yvonne Bryce with Ken McEwan leading the singing. We were lucky to find Eric Walls, pianist and accordionist. The singers required little encouragement and we were soon singing all the old favourites, including many Scottish melodies.

The refreshments provided by Nancy McEwan and Margaret Hepburn were much appreciated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School starts on 26th September, a little later than usual due to leader holidays. We will, however, have Sunday School this year during the October School holidays, except on Communion Sunday, 10th October.

We would like to increase our numbers. If you know of any children who would like to join us, either on a regular basis or just occasionally, they would be made most welcome.

We have a varied programme of bible readings, stories, craft, activities and lots of child input, always remembering how important the children are in the Church Family.

If you know of any child who might be interested and would like further information please do not hesitate to contact any of the Sunday School Leaders listed below.

Mrs Ena Thomson	269630	Mrs Anne Hugh	592089
Mrs Isobel Neilson	599554	Mrs Margot Stenhouse	265080

BOYS BRIGADE

The Boys Brigade started back on 2nd September. All sections have had an eventful year, with trips to the cinema at Christmas, the beach and the park, as well as a barbecue at Walter and Margaret Simpson's cottage.

Congratulations must go to Andrew Bease, who gained his Queen's Badge, the highest award available to a B.B. boy. He was presented at a special service in Dunfermline Abbey by the Lord Lieutenant of Fife on 6th June.

Thanks go to all the officers and helpers without whom the company could not exist. All sections meet on Thursday evenings - Anchor Boys (aged 5-8 yrs) and Junior Section (8-11 yrs) from 6.15 - 7.30 p.m. and Company Section (11-15 yrs) and Senior Section (15-18 yrs) meet from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. New recruits are always welcome. For further information email: bb4thkdy@hotmail.com.

RAINBOWS

Rainbows will commence on Wednesday 25th August from 5.45 until 6.45 pm after hopefully an enjoyable summer break for all. We hope this term will be warmer and drier than the last when the Rainbows were working towards their Adventure 100 badge, celebrating 100 years of guiding by undertaking various challenges. Last term's focus involved Ice Cool activities such as making our own ice cream and building our own igloos from ice cubes, glacier mints and sugar cubes. We also made a splash at the local swimming pool, completing the Wet and Wild adventure, and everyone certainly looked that by the time we left the pool!

This term we hope to settle into our new surroundings and continue to work towards our final adventures for the centenary challenge.

20th KIRKCALDY GUIDES

Guide numbers continue to remain steady which we hope will increase when some new brownies join us after the summer holidays.

This year has seen many activities starting with the centenary launch of celebrations for 100 years of guiding with a day of activities and signing at Fife College last September. This has been followed by a full year of activities while the guides did a 100 challenge to gain a 100 centenary badge.

The guides have also gained their Campfire Challenge Badge working on various activities throughout the year including campfires, cooking and a bush tucker food trial - much to their disgust. More fun was an evening of weird and wonderful fruit cocktails!

We also had a Halloween party and a swimming outing during the winter months and earlier in the year a funding raising for the Lifeboats.

Footnote

Were you a guide, do you know anyone who was a guide, would you be interested in helping to run guides at our church? Two of our current guiders are due to retire shortly, leaving only one guider, and we do not wish to see the unit close. Please contact us if you feel you can help.

BAPTISM

01.08.10 Archie Stewart Paton, son of Barry and Vicky Paton of Bristol.

WEDDING (in St Andrew's Church building)

04.09.10 Diane Kinnear to Mark White, 3 Ellisland Avenue, Kirkcaldy

TAEKWONDO CLUB

Since last year's European camp the taekwondo has been going along nicely. This year a few of us went to Cascais, just outside Lisbon, for this year's camp. We met up with Nicola Frail and a few people from Kilmarnock, also some of the people that were in Kirkcaldy last year. The weeklong camp was from 7th - 14th August, with general training for me, and Jang-bong for the black belts. It was very interesting. On the Saturday it was the tournament. Hannah Higgins received 2nd in forms and 1st in weapons. Michelle Fairful could only do judging as she broke her foot 4 weeks before she left for Portugal, but still had a great time. Next year's camp is in Rotterdam, Holland.

Now the summer holidays are over we are all back on Thursday and Friday nights, training hard. We will welcome new members of any age to come along - the first night is free to see if you like it.

We are also starting a Keep Fit class on a Sunday night for people 16 and over. This class starts on 5th September.

Class Schedule:	Tiny Tigers (4-7 yrs)	Friday	6.15 - 7.00 p.m.
	Beginners (7 yrs & over)	Thursday	5.00 - 6.00 p.m.
		Friday	7.00 - 8.00 p.m.
	Advanced	Friday	8.00 - 9.00 p.m.
		Sunday	7.30 - 8.15 p.m.
	Black Belts	Thursday	6.00 - 7.00 p.m.
		Sunday	6.30 - 7.30 p.m.
	Keep Fit (16 yrs & over)	Sunday	8.15 - 9.00 p.m.

BOWLING CLUB

The Club meets for outdoor bowling at Gallatown Park Bowling Club on Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm, weather permitting, during the summer. If it is raining at 5.30pm, however, the bowling session will be cancelled. The cost per session is £2.

We have a ladies and a gents section and we have no membership or joining fees and new members are always welcome whether beginners or otherwise. All you need to bring is a pair of flat soled shoes, your session fee and, of course, yourself. Bowls will be provided by the Club.

Indoor bowling runs all year at the Gunners Club in Gallatown (next to the Ice Rink) on Mondays from 2 pm to 4 pm. Paragraph 2 above also applies with a session fee being £1.50, which includes a cup of tea and a biscuit. Where else can you have a little light exercise with refreshment thrown in for this small sum? All abilities are catered for and new members are very welcome. Do come and join us.

Our annual challenge match with Leven Parish Church in August resulted in the same outcome

as last year, unfortunately! However a good time was had by all and next year's match for 15th and 19th August has been arranged, when we hope to be more successful.

Roddy Sellars, Treasurer

Service of Closure - A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in St Andrew's Church at 7.00 p.m. on **Tuesday 28th September**, incorporating the formal closure of the building. The service will be taken by Rev Gilbert Nisbet. All are welcome. More details soon.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Saturday 13 November at 2 p.m.

Bennochty Church **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** will take place in the Church Hall with Santa paying us a special visit. Santa will be in his grotto, so bring along the children and grandchildren. There will also be afternoon teas with homemade baking. Christmas shopping can be done at the Fayre. The following stalls will be very grateful for donations, and names of the stall holders will be available at a later date:

- Baking Stall (Under food and hygiene rules we're are not allowed to sell anything with fresh cream)
- Tombola Stall
- Craft Stall
- Jewellery Stall
- Bric-a-brac Stall (no second hand electrical goods or furniture)
- Body Stall (Soaps, talcs. perfumes etc)
- Jams, Jellies and Chutneys Stall

There will be a raffle. We are also looking for any new or good second hand jewellery. Again for hygiene reasons we are not allowed to sell ear-rings.

Please take a note of the date and support the Church by coming along on the day. There will be further details nearer the time.

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 19 th September	Bennochty Walkers Car Treasure Hunt
Saturday 25 th September	Women's Group Quiz Night
Sunday 26 th September	Back to Church Sunday
Tuesday 28 th September	Service of Thanksgiving, St Andrew's Church
Sunday 3 rd October	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 10 th October	Communion Service
Saturday 23 rd October	Gift Day
Saturday 13 th November	CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Sunday 21 st November	Guild Service
Sunday 28 th November	Service attended by uniformed organisations

KARTS FESTIVAL - Diane and Mark's Arts Festival scheduled for the end of October has been postponed for reasons we can all understand. We wish Diane & Mark well in their married life and look forward to the Festival at a later date, probably early next year.

- Don't forget, for news and updates on all our organisations and to find out what's happening in Bennochty Parish Church just visit our website:-

www.bennochyparishchurch.org.uk