

# Lossiemouth Baptist Church

September 2013

## *Harvest Thanksgiving*



"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

James 5:16

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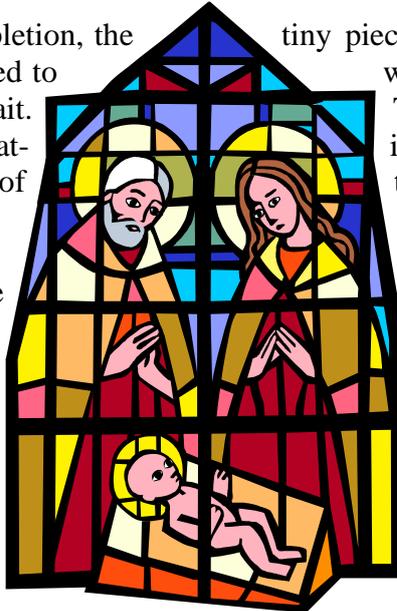
## *I Know He Watches Me*

A fourteenth-century Italian stained-glass artist was summoned to design and create a huge portrait for the window of a cathedral in Chartres, France, a place well known for its stained-glass work. He laid all of the pieces he was going to use out on the floor of the cathedral. They were beautiful to behold; most of them were large and colourful. Some of the colours from that time cannot even be reproduced today. Among these awesome pieces of glass was a small, clear piece about as big as your fingernail. As the stained-glass portrait was assembled, that little piece remained on the floor. Only the big colourful pieces of glass were used.

On the day of the window's completion, the entire city gathered to witness the unveiling of the brilliant and beautiful stained-glass portrait. The artist stood in front of the crowd, made his speech, and dramatically pulled down the cloth cover. The crowd gasped at the beauty of the colourful window glowing in the sunlight.

After a few seconds, however, the crowd grew silent. They sensed that something was missing, that the portrait was unfinished. The great artist then walked over to where the little clear piece of glass lay, picked it up, and placed it in the portrait, right in the centre of Jesus' eye. As the sun hit that little piece, it gave off a dazzling sparkle.

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*Do you ever feel like that little piece of clear glass? Left out. Untalented. A disappointment. Maybe you doubt you can ever do anything for God.*

Let the story of that last little piece remind you that God thinks of you as "the apple of his eye" (Psalm 17:8). No matter how you feel, the Bible makes it clear that you are an important part of the Body Of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12) Each one of us is called to serve and use our gifts and talents in the Local Church for the extension of the Kingdom of God. We are servants of the servant King and we are to fulfil our duties with humility and always for His glory. It is all too easy in these days to become too busy to have time to serve in a ministry within the local Church. God has made you for a purpose. You have gifts and talents that are needed within the life of the Church. There are many opportunities for you to serve.

I want to thank all those who faithfully serve within the life of LBC. It is inspirational to see the servant heart of many people in the life of the Church. We are living in exciting days as God is building His Church. May nothing divert or distract us from Christ, His Church and His glory.

Blessings,

**Rae**



# What's On?



## SUNDAY

9.30 am	Morning Service
10.45 - 11.15 am	Tea/Coffee (except 1st Sunday of each month)
11.30 am	Morning Service
	Crèche/Junior Church
	Bible Class
6.00 pm	Evening Service
7.15 - 9.00 pm	Sunday Night YF @ Lossie Baptist Church

**Communion is held after the Evening Service, except on the first Sunday of the month when it is celebrated after the 9.30 am Service at 10.45 am and again after the 11.30 am Service.**

## MONDAY

7.30 pm	Ladies' Monday Fellowship (Sept - Mar)
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## TUESDAY

10.00 am - 11.30 am	Coffee Morning
	Small Groups 1, 2, 4, 7 and 11 meet
6.30 - 8.00 pm	Area 4:12

## WEDNESDAY

7.30 pm	Fellowship Prayer Meeting (1st & 3rd Wednesdays of month)
	Small Groups 6 and 12 meet

## THURSDAY

6.15 - 8 pm	Kids' Church
8.30 - 10 pm	Lads' & Dads' Football
	Small Groups 3, 5 and 10 meet

## FRIDAY

9.30 - 11.30 am	Little Acorns, Parent & Toddler Group
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Mon 30	Sept	7.30 pm	Ladies Monday Fellowship, Panel Night
Wed 2	Oct	7.30 pm	Fellowship Prayer Meeting
Sun 6	Oct		ALL services in Church at usual times
Mon 7	Oct	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Ladies' Monday Fellowship, BMS Supper Night
Tues 8	Oct	10.30 am	CLC Christmas Bookstall
Sun 13	Oct	11.00 am	<b>One</b> morning service, Lossiemouth Town Hall
Mon 14	Oct	7.30 pm	Ladies' Monday Fellowship, Anita MacDowell
Wed 16	Oct	7.30 pm	Fellowship Prayer Meeting
Sun 20	Oct	11.00 am	<b>One</b> morning service, Lossiemouth Town Hall
Mon 21	Oct	7.30 pm	Ladies' Monday Fellowship, Diane Laing & Donald Petrie
Sun 27	Oct	11.00 am	<b>One</b> morning service, Lossiemouth Town Hall

### ALL ITEMS FOR MEXT MAGAZINE

Mon 28	Oct	7.30 pm	Ladies' Monday Fellowship, Dr Carol Jack
Thur 31	Oct	7.00 pm	Junior Church Pool Party
Thur 31	Oct - Sat 2 Nov		Scottish Baptist Union Assembly, Motherwell
Sun 3	Nov	11.00 am	<b>One</b> morning service, Lossiemouth Town Hall
Mon 4	Nov	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Ladies' Monday Fellowship, Supper Night
Sun 10	Nov	11.00 am	<b>One</b> morning service, Lossiemouth Town Hall

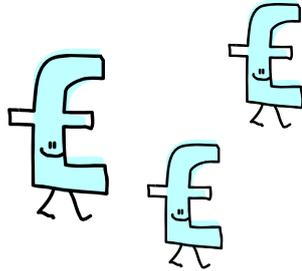
### NEXT MAGAZINE

**NB Throughout the refurbishment the evening service will be at 6.00 pm in the Church Hall**

# Bits & Pieces

## Offerings

Aug 11	£1227
Aug 18	£ 955
Aug 25	£ 957
Sept 1	£1071
Sept 8	£ 854
Sept 15	£ 877
Sept 22	£ 847



## Coffee Mornings

Aug 6	£119
Aug 13	£103
Aug 20	£128
Aug 27	£ 96
Sept 3	£118
Sept 10	£130
Sept 17	£121
Sept 24	£344



**Total £ 636,336**

Aug/Sept Income **£6091**  
Expenditure **£7640**

Change Boxes **£4746**

**BUILDING FUND**



## Charity Shop

The Charity Shop was open from 9 – 20 September and raised £1670, after expenses, for the Extension Fund, a welcome bonus!

A big thank you to all who donated items for sale, to those who patronised the shop, to those who helped to set up and dismantle the shop and to those who worked in the shop over the two weeks. A special thank you to Ann Regan and Georganne Blackwood who so ably co-ordinated the event.

## Baptismal Service



At the Morning Service on Sunday 25 August **Betty Austin, Calum Carey and Joan Fraser** went through the waters of baptism. It was a special morning of witness and testimony as they shared with us all that God has been doing in their lives. May they know the Lord's love and guidance as they continue on their journey of faith.

Recently we have welcomed **Andy Peacock** and **Betty Austin** into membership and we pray for God's blessing on them as they worship and serve in our midst.

If you are interested in baptism or membership and would like to find out more, please speak to **Rae**.

The Coffee Morning is busy every Tuesday morning. You are assured of a warm welcome. Come along and bring a friend.

Donations are always needed for the Sales Table.

## Birth Announcements

Congratulations to **Margaret & Sandy Mackenzie** who have become grandparents again, a little boy named **Ethan**; and to **Mary Hewitt** on the arrival of great grandson, **Harrison**.

## Dedication Service

Sunday 22 September was a special day in the life The **Harper** family and their friends as baby **Eva** was dedicated at the Morning service. The service was conducted by our pastor, Rae and was followed by a Fellowship Meal.

Anne Gault would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the buffet lunch, especially those who made sandwiches and desserts and all who helped in the setting up, serving and tidying up.

*Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

## Praise Night

On Saturday 24 August at 7.30 pm an evening of "Testimony through Song" was held in the church. This event was well attended and was very uplifting and encouraging. Various testimonies were given from the members of the praise band and congregation. After each we sang 'their' song - both old & new. Thanks to all who took part.

# What's on at LBC for kids/young people?

**Sundays** (during 11.30 am Service)

## Junior Church

3 years – young teens

**Sundays** (during 11.30 am Service)

## Crèche 0 – 3 years

**Sundays** (after Evening Service)

## Youth Fellowship

Year 5 1 – upper teenagers

**Thursdays**

## Kids' Church P3 – P7

@ the Church from 6.15 – 8 pm

Featuring messy games, singing, Bible dramas, and loads of noise!

**Thursdays**

## Dads' and Lads' Football

@ Lossie Community Centre

8.30 – 10 pm

Open to all teenagers, young men and the young at heart!

**Fridays**

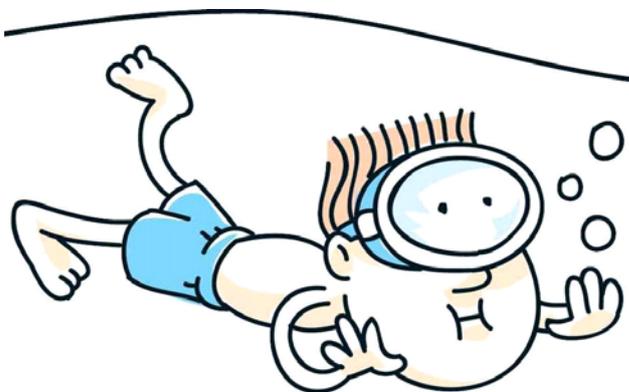
## Little Acorns in the Church Hall

9.30 -11.30 am

Parent & Toddler Group

## **JUNIOR CHURCH POOL PARTY**

*All Junior Church kids and their families are invited to a pool party @ Lossie pool on Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Swimming from 7-8pm, with snacks until 8.30pm*



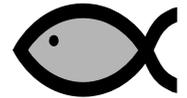
### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**UNDER 8S REQUIRE AN ADULT TO BE IN THE POOL (NO MORE THAN 2 KIDS PER ADULT).**

**ALL INTERESTED PLEASE GIVE THEIR NAMES TO JUDITH OR KATE.**



# Fellowship News



## Crèche Rota

Oct 6	Lily & Ruth
Oct 13	Rachel & Brenda
Oct 20	Carol & Iphthime
Oct 27	Irene & Skye
Nov 3	Ann & Morag
Nov 10	Lily & Ruth



## Door Rota

	9.30 am	11.30 am/6.00 pm
Oct 6	Fred Last	Mike O'Shane
	11.00 am	6.00 pm
Oct 13	C Forster/V Stewart	V Stewart
Oct 20	A Gault/J Farquhar	J Farquhar
Oct 27	B Franklin/S. McLeod	A Reid
Nov 3	M O'Shane/JM Garden	M Garden
Nov 10	F Last/J Simmonds	J Simmonds

## Flower Rota

Oct 6	Catherine Fisher
Oct 13	Margaret Mackenzie
Oct 20	Margaret Fiske
Oct 27	Maureen Donaldson
Nov 3	Jean McKenzie
Nov 10	Molly Milne



Many thanks to Helen and Morag, Catherine Fisher, Pat Campbell, Bella Hutcheon, Isabel Smith and Carron Peacock who have recently provided the flowers for the church.

Speak to Janet Farquhar if you would like to help.

## Bereavements

Our sincere sympathy, love and prayers are extended this month to the **Holloway Family** on the passing away of **Vicky's** mum; the **Wilson Family** on the loss of **Rachel's** sister; **Margaret & Tom Clark** on the passing of their niece; the **Manning Family** on the death of **Cath**; the **Gault Family** on the loss of **Jimmy**; and the **Stewart Family** on the passing of **James**.

*"God is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*

## Church Refurbishment

As the plans have now been finally passed, the organisation for the Church refurbishment is now almost complete. For the duration of the project, there will be **ONE** Sunday morning service at **11.00 am** in the **Town Hall**, with the evening service at the usual time of 6.00 pm in the Church Hall. This will start on **Sunday 13 October** and continue until **Sunday 10 November**. Everything going according to plan, we should be back in the sanctuary on Sunday 17 November.

Please note throughout this time, Communion will be held in the evening.

Anyone willing to labour with Andrew Gault as he dismantles and demolishes the existing area or anyone with particular DIY skills who is able to help, should speak to Andrew at the earliest opportunity. Many hands make light work!



## Lads' & Dads' Football



The refurbishment of the Sports Hall at the Community Centre is not yet complete. This ministry will restart when the Hall becomes available. Watch the bulletin.

## CLC Christmas Bookstall

Christmas cards, calendars, books and gifts will be available in the Crush Hall on Tuesday 8 October from 10.00 am until late afternoon.



## Commissioning Service

During the morning service on Sunday 18 August **Brenda Stewart** was commissioned into the work of Hope UK by Rae. Brenda gave a moving testimony which she called 'Eye of the Storm.' She was accompanied by a colleague from Hope UK.

## Day of Prayer

The church was open from 7.00 am and many people came throughout the day to join in prayer for the church, the community and the wider world. Various displays and tableaux had been prepared to act as stimuli for prayer. Thanks to those involved.

The day culminated in the Fellowship Prayer Meeting in the evening.

**11 September:** It's surprising how soon the Autumn is upon us. There's a chill in the air and the heating was on this morning. The refurbishment will be on us before we know it. More of that in a moment...

If you were at the services on Sunday, you will have seen / heard that we are launching our new website. The address remains **www.lossiebaptist.org**. I hope that by the time you read this it will be up and running and I will, in all likelihood, be up to my neck in tweaking and adding all the content that comes in the "wouldn't it be nice if..." category.

The new site will affect you in two ways... Firstly, we are hoping that the site will be the first port of call for information on the church and what we are doing. To that end, we have added a 'Who's Who' page, and an active diary, which will be kept up to date with times and details. However, it is only going to happen if you keep your 'bit' up to date. Please make sure that the church secretary/church administrator (once she is in post) knows what information you want to get out there. There are also multiple views, so you can look at the calendar as a list of events, as a traditional calendar with week/month view, or even filter it to just show the youth events/women's fellowship/etc.

Secondly, the podcasts of the sermons have migrated to the new site. There is a 'podcast' page in the Technical team section, that can be accessed by clicking on the link on the front page. It then works much the same as the previous system, with the option to listen online or download the file.

**Speaking of Video...** We are using more and more video in the regular services. It might be interesting to try and create a few of our own. To that end, the tech team are still looking for individuals who have either experience with, or a desire to learn video production. I am hoping that when we have a special service on, or an event like a holiday club, we can put together some of our own footage for playback in the service, or on the big TV in the coffee room between services. If this is something you are interested in, give me a call and we can talk it through.

We are approaching the time when the services are going to be moved out of the sanctuary while it is refurbished. **Church is going on the move!** During this time, we will be setting up the AV system twice a week so that the services can continue with a minimum of disturbance. This is a great opportunity to train on a variety of systems. If you have any interest in AV please give me a call to explore possibilities. We currently have two spaces on the team, where you could have the opportunity to serve the whole congregation – all at once!! ~ *No prior knowledge is necessary*, just a desire to serve and a willingness to learn. We will do all the training and sit alongside you as you learn the craft of being a techy. It will be good to be in on this from the beginning – call me for an application form! **"Take a walk on the dark side."**

Gentle reminder: As part of our on-going drive to improve our processes and the quality of what we do, I am trying to increase the forward preparation and planning of services – If you have content for the Sunday services please let us have it by last thing Thursday before the service.

You can email details to me I will forward to the right person or pop them into drop-box if you have access to the folders – thank you.

### **Neil & the team...**

#### **Thank you**

As he steps down, The Church would like to convey sincere thanks to Ian Williams for all the work he did as webmaster over the last few years.

*We want to say a big thank you to Neil Millward for his excellent work in re-vamping the church website.*

*It is very professional, attractive, readable, and a pleasure to go through.*

*Well done Neil !*

**David and Margo Thomson**

*(I'm sure we all endorse Margo&David's message.)*

### **Joint Baptist Service**

This took place in Elgin Town Hall on Sunday 22 September when we joined with the congregations of Buckie, Elgin, Forres and Hopeman at 6.00 pm

Rev Jon Mackenzie recently inducted to the Lighthouse Church in Forres was introduced and gave a word of testimony. The speaker for the evening, Rev. Jim Turrent preached a challenging message. The worship was led by the young people of Elgin Baptist Church.

The service was followed by tea and coffee and a time of fellowship.

This was the last Joint Service as Elgin Town Hall is about to undergo a major refurbishment. The fraternity are to consider the future of joint ventures.

## Imagine 2013

If you are anything like me, you have probably given in and put on the heating by now which is a sure indicator that the cooler weather is officially on its way! Doesn't summer seem an age ago? Back in August I promised Claire an article about the teens trip to Imagine (she is so patient!) so here it is!

Cast your minds back a few months to when the sun really was cracking the pavements. This was the time when the teens packed up what seemed like everything but the kitchen sink and headed off for *Imagine* - a youth camp held in Inverurie. There was much excitement from all the teenagers as they crammed into cars and much prayer from all the leaders for no rain, no food poisoning or any incident involving a trip to A & E!

The first challenge of the week was to erect the tents! This is always fun when the teens are involved that's for sure! Some know what they are doing and get on while others stand rooted to the spot with a tent pole in their hand looking incredibly puzzled! Hilarious! Another thing that caused much amusement was the size of the tents. Some of the young ladies (I will mention no names here but they know who they are) insisted on bringing a 10 man tent. Ordinarily that doesn't seem so odd until we realised it was solely for two! And then from the car out came a full length mirror! Priceless! The word "glamping" comes to mind!

Learning from years gone by, we knew that this year we had to pull out all the stops as far as accommodation was concerned! Crawling on our hands and knees in and out our muddy tents was no fun last year I can tell you! So Matt Payne declared back then that if we were to come again it would have to be with a bit more style! And true to his word he managed to acquire a caravan which meant for the first time **ever** we would be guaranteed a dry warm place to hang out should it rain!

He also sweet talked Chris Gault into allowing us to use his enormous gazebo! This now meant that we could actually all sit on chairs around a table together to eat instead of sitting on the ground cross legged hoping not to spill our tea!

In previous years we had looked at the other churches in awe as they arrived with a meeting tent the size of the big top, tables and chairs and even cooks!! Yes cooks, who had volunteered to come along and serve the youth by providing hot meals for them throughout the week! Boy did we feel inadequate back then! But now with the Lossie caravan and gazebo successfully up and in place along with running water and a working generator we felt we had moved up in the festival ranks! We congratulated ourselves and felt epic! Lossie Baptist had arrived!

Main meetings were held twice a day and the band was incredibly lively which really went down well with the young people. Some got more carried away than others. This year there was one particular guy who jumped throughout the singing (there's always one!) Whilst this amused me no end I couldn't help but admire his abounding energy as the six foot loon pogo'd around the meeting hall!

The main speakers were really challenging and engaged with all ages. I particularly enjoy being alongside hundreds of young men and women who are hungry to know God more. *Imagine* is a place to leave behind the usual daily grind and submerge yourself in great teaching and provides an opportunity to deepen your spiritual relationship with Him.

Other than attending the main meetings and seminars, the rest of our time was generally spent eating and playing board games. Michelle Mack is the queen of games and always has a new one up her sleeve. This year the game of the week was "Bonanza". A card game that is highly addictive. I would recommend it as a Christmas pressie for all gaming families out there!

The evening entertainment was always a great way to end the day too and every year I look forward to the talent show. The best bits for me are when things don't go to plan (it's wrong I know but I can't help it!) This year my favourite act was a young lady from Aberdeen who warbled through a Taylor Swift track. Call me old fashioned but can it be called singing if you can't make out the words? I am no Taylor Swift fan (I didn't even know the song she was trying to sing!) but I do know that Miss Swift is coherent when she sings! Anyway I applauded the effort and left with a chuckle!

*Imagine 2013* is now no more and next year it is being replaced by Soul Survivor Scotland. It will be a very similar format but on a much larger scale. I know the teens are already talking about it and the leaders are equally as keen to go again. Mad lot! I am convinced the caravan and gazebo have helped and who knows we may even move it up another level and have our own cooks too! Any takers?

***Kate Wakeford***

## Small Groups Ministry Update from Andrew Reid, Small Groups' Co-ordinator

A meeting of the Small Groups leaders was held on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> August and it was really encouraging and uplifting to hear how all the Groups are growing in a healthy sense of community. God is certainly blessing this Ministry and we pray for greater things to come. Thanks be to God. We have some 12 active groups consisting of around 110 people meeting weekly in our Small Groups.

The meeting opened in prayer and after a short video clip, the discussion centred on the importance of not excluding anyone in our community, striving always to make everyone feel special and valued.

The Pastor read from the Book of Acts and again reiterated that from the outset the early Church too met in Small Groups in their homes for times of fellowship. Small Groups are therefore certainly "Biblical" and this highlights the importance of meeting in our Small Groups to supplement our corporate worship on a Sunday. Isn't it exciting that we are following the same model that was set out in the very early Church?

The pastor reminded everyone of the essential role Small Groups play within the life of the fellowship. "*As the Church grows bigger it must also grow smaller*".

The main points from the feedback from the leaders were:

- Small Groups help us to recharge our spiritual batteries and shed light on our spiritual path
- Small Groups provide great times of fellowship and bind people together
- We can study God's Word together, pray for each other and encourage growth in our prayer life
- Pastoral care is important in the Small Group Ministry. We can watch over and support one another
- As each person is special., Small Groups give us the opportunity to love one another
- It is important to incorporate social outings within the life of a Small Group
- Small Groups can provide a safe environment where people can grow in maturity
- It is great that there is such a diversity of groups and at times a diversity within the groups as well.

We then looked at how we could further develop Small Groups in the life of the Church. It was agreed that in order to develop we need to understand our:

### **Strengths:**

- Leaders' Commitment
- Bonding together
- Caring for one another
- Supporting one another
- Friendship
- Mentoring/Discipleship
- Prayer
- Counselling
- Learning/Maturing
- Fun
- Sharing food together

### **Weaknesses:**

- Lack of time management
- Size of Groups
- Encouraging involvement
- Share more information
- Availability of new Groups
- Mentoring/Discipleship
- Participation
- Balance within the Group
- Plugging people into New Groups
- People not linked with Small Group

### **Threats:**

- Mini Church cliques
- Bitterness
- Heresies
- Stagnating

### **Opportunities:**

- Linking - Newsletter
- Creating New Groups
- Identifying
- Inviting
- Advertising
- Bigger/Smaller
- Community
- Belonging

The Small Group Co-ordinator will continue to share at some point at the Church services. Also a regular update will be available in the Church monthly magazine. Please re-circulate copies of the recently published Small Group flyer to encourage your friends.

### **Library**

As we are now collecting a reasonable amount of real quality study material we will try and control the distribution of this more securely so we do not lose such material. We will sort the material in a bookcase for Study Material and another one for Reference Material. Also we will publish a list of useful material and websites for downloading good quality material.

[www.christianfocus.com](http://www.christianfocus.com)  
[www.desiringgod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org)

[www.covertocover.com](http://www.covertocover.com)

[www.ficm.org.uk](http://www.ficm.org.uk) (Freedom in Christ)

## An Update from Alex Saulys

Hello All!

The summer was fantastic - and not just the weather! I spent a couple of weeks at **Soul Survivor** as Cafe Manager and had such a great time that I have signed up my summer next year to do the same! Really looking forward to this as it will be kicking off with Soul Survivor Scotland! If any of my Scottish readers have any contacts with any other Scottish Christian festivals - Clan/Frenzy/etc and would be willing to put the Soul Survivor team in contact please email me as this is something they are really keen to do!

After Soul Survivor I got a week to rest before starting in my new role at **Youth-180**. At Youth-180 I am the administrator and Lead Youth Worker for one of our schools, **Nicholas Chamberlaine**. I am in *Nicholas Chamberlaine*, which is a high school and sixth form, on a Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesdays I do mentoring and support the R.E. department in a class and an after school club as well as having a group of young people come and have lunch in my office on both Tuesday and Thursday. On a Thursday I spend most of my time in the Sixth Form Common room getting to know the young people with the hope of offering mentoring and support where needed.

As well as the admin and working at *Nicholas Chamberlaine*, I am also at **Bedworth Baptist** where I support the team there that work with the young people. On a Friday night I am at **Activ8** and Sunday Morning I help with their teenage Sunday School. I am loving all my work with Youth—180 so far and really hope that I will continue to build relationships with the young people and that God will use me to make a difference in their lives.

Outside of work I am also doing a Graduate Diploma in Youth Work and Ministry. This is a one year intensive course which allows me to get my JNC - which is the professional standard for youth work in England.

I continue to appreciate you all reading what I am up to and praying for me! I would really appreciate your prayer for:

- Youth-180: Please pray that God would help us as we fund-raise this year and reach out to the young people: Sharing a journey of faith, love and hope with young people to relevantly demonstrate the good news.
- Nicholas Chamberlaine: Please pray as I settle in I would develop strong relationships with the Staff and Students and faithfully serve them both.
- Bedworth Baptist: Please pray that I would settle in here and serve the Church and the young people this year while I am there.
- Coursework: Please pray that I am able to motivate myself and have the energy to complete get the most out of the course.
- Accommodation: We have had a few issues sorting my accommodation - please pray that this would all smooth out soon and I would be able to move in.

*Alex Saulys*



### **Matthew Payne - Youth Worker**

On the 7th of October I will be giving up work full time as an Agricultural mechanic. Since being at the GLIA project in Dorohoi in in Romania last year, I have wanted to do more for God locally and to learn more about Him.

After speaking with Rae we found an organization called DNA - *your year in with God*. This is a gap year course that helps Christians to be prepared for ministry or to serve God better in the work place. I will spend the next year working with Rae and Kate and hopefully will learn a lot from them.

A big part of my year will be spent studying the Bible and spending time with other DNA trainees in teaching sessions - some In London and the rest in Aberdeen. I will work three days a week at the Church, spend two days studying the Bible and do a bit of work and try to get some rest with what time I have left.

I was unsure whether I should give up my job and life as it has been for the last 6 years but God has called me to work for His kingdom and to serve Him. I can't wait to serve the church and grow more in my faith this year.

Thank you for all your support and prayers.



## WHAT IS ALPHA?

- "What Alpha offers, and what is attracting thousands of people, is permission, rare in secular culture, to discuss the big questions - life and death and their meaning." The Guardian, London
- "What distinguishes Alpha from other initiatives is the easy-going, relaxed feel of the proceedings - that, and its astonishing success." The Times, London
- "Many claim Alpha has changed their lives and appear genuinely happier for the experience." Time Magazine
- "Alpha is an unqualified triumph." The Daily Telegraph, London
- "Alpha makes Christianity relevant to modern life." The Express, London

The Alpha Course consists of a series of talks addressing key issues relating to the Christian faith:

**Supper** There is a cup of tea together at the beginning of each session which gives people a chance to get to know each other.

**Video** After each video we divide into small groups to discuss the topic of the evening, ask questions and express opinions.

**Small groups** Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.

### Talk Titles

Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?

Why Did Jesus Die?

Why and How Should I Read the Bible?

How Does God Guide Us?

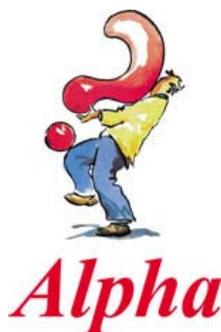
What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

How Can I Resist Evil?

Does God Heal Today?

How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?

We will be starting our next Alpha course SOON!!! If you would like to participate in this group and deal with the real questions of life, please contact Rae.



Who Is Jesus?

How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?

Why and How Do I Pray?

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

How Can I Be Filled With the Spirit?

Why and How Should We Tell Others?

What About the Church?

### Information Please!

If you (or your group) are organising a Church event and wish it to be publicised in the magazine, please give details to Claire Stewart, Editor. After your group has held an event, it would be great if you could nominate someone to provide a short report to be published in the magazine.

The magazine aims to provide information about what God is doing in our midst and to encourage one another as we serve Him in Lossiemouth Baptist Church. God is doing great things so let's share them so we all enjoy the blessing.

It would also be helpful if ministry leaders could notify dates of holidays etc.

Tel: 812557 or [magazine@lossiebaptist.org](mailto:magazine@lossiebaptist.org)



### Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Once again the Church is supporting the Operation Christmas Child project run by Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to get involved, see the table in the Crush Hall where full details can be found.

Boxes should be filled and returned by the middle of November

### Shopping Online?

Do you shop online? If so, you could raise money for the Centre of Hope, Dorohoi, Romania at the same time. Centre of Hope is now registered with "easyfundraising". There are 2,000 online shopping companies registered - just register with <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/centreofhope> and then access companies like Amazon, Jessops, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, eBay etc, and do your online shopping and raise money for the Centre at the same time. Thank you.

# WHO'S WHO IN LOSSIEMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH?

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Lauren Harper/Lissa Rowan/David Leitch  
Kenny Owens/Joel Robinson/Matt Payne Guitar  
Greg Patterson/Craig Rowan/James Brooks Drums  
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Ann Regan  
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