

Lossiemouth Baptist Church

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

James 5:16

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Is He Waiting For You?

He sits by himself at a table for two. The uniformed waiter appears at his side.

“Would you like to go ahead and order, sir?” The man has, after all, been waiting since seven o’clock-almost half an hour.

“No thank you,” the man says with a smile. “I’ll wait for her a while longer. How about some more coffee?”

“Certainly, sir.”

The man sits, his deep brown eyes gazing straight through the flowered centrepiece. He fingers his napkin, allowing the sounds of light chatter, tinkling silverware, and mellow music to fill his mind. Dressed in a sport coat and tie with his dark brown hair neatly combed, he projects a clean-cut and welcoming image. You get the sense that he wants his companion to feel important, respected, loved. Yet he’s not so formal as to make one uncomfortable. Having taken every precaution to make others feel at ease with him, still, he sits alone. The waiter returns to fill the man’s coffee cup.

“Is there anything else I can get for you, sir?”

“No, thank you.” The waiter remains standing at the table. Something tugs at his curiosity.

“I don’t mean to pry, but...” His voice trails off. This line of conversation could jeopardize his tip, if not his job.

“Go ahead,” the man encourages. His voice is strong, yet sensitive, inviting conversation.

“Why do you bother waiting for her?” the waiter finally asks. This man has been at the restaurant other evenings, always alone, always patient.

“Because she needs me.”

“Are you sure?”

“Yes.”

“Well, sir, no offence sir, but assuming that she needs you, she sure isn’t acting much like it. She’s stood you up three times just this week!”

The man winces, and looks down. “Yes, I know.”

“Then why do you still come here and wait?”

“Cassie said she’d be here.”

“She’s said that before,” the waiter protests. “I wouldn’t put up with it. Why do you?”

Now the man looks up at the waiter with a smile. “Because I love her.”

The waiter walks away, wondering how one could love a girl who stands him up three times a week. The man must be crazy, he decides. From across the room he turns to look again at the man, who is pouring cream into his coffee cup. He twirls his spoon between his fingers a few times before stirring sweetener into his cup. After staring for a moment into the liquid, the man brings the cup to his mouth and sips, silently watching those around him. He doesn’t look crazy, the waiter admits. Maybe the girl has extraordinary qualities. Or maybe the man’s love is stronger than most. Pulling himself out of his musings, he moves to take an order from a party of five.

Setting down his coffee cup, the man recalls the many things he wanted to talk over with Cassie. But really he was mostly looking forward to hearing her voice telling him about her day—her triumphs, her defeats...anything. Yes, she’s stood him up before, but he still can’t get used to it. Each time, it hurts. He’s looked forward to this evening all day. He’s tried so many times to show Cassie how much he loves her. He’d just like to know that she cares for him, too. He sips sporadically at the coffee. He hopes Cassie may yet arrive.

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The clock says nine-thirty when the waiter returns to the man's table-still with one empty chair.

"Anything I can get for you?"

"No, I think that will be all for tonight. May I have the check, please?"

"Yes, sir." When the waiter leaves, the man picks up the check. He pulls out his wallet and signs. He has enough money to have given Cassie a feast. But he takes out only enough to pay for his five cups of coffee and the tip. Why do you do this, Cassie, his mind cries as he gets up from the table.

"Good-bye," the waiter says, as the man walks towards the door.

"Good night. Thank you for your service."

"You're welcome, sir," says the waiter softly, for he sees the hurt in the man's eyes that his smile doesn't hide. The man passes a laughing young couple on his way out, and his eyes glisten as he thinks of the good time he and Cassie could have had. He stops at the front and makes reservations for tomorrow. Maybe Cassie will be able to make it, he thinks.

"Seven o'clock tomorrow for a party of two?" the hostess confirms.

"That's right," the man replies.

"Do you think she'll come?" the hostess inquires tentatively. She doesn't mean to be rude, but she has watched the man many times alone at his table for two.

"Someday, yes. And I will be there waiting for her." The man buttons his overcoat and walks out of the restaurant, alone. His shoulders are hunched, but through the windows the hostess can only guess whether they are hunched against the wind or against the man's hurt.

About the time the man steers his car out of the restaurant's parking lot, Cassie falls into her bed. Tired after an evening out with friends, she reaches toward her night stand to set the alarm.

"Oh, no," she says aloud when she sees the note she had scribbled to herself the previous night. "Seven o'clock p.m....and what'd I write here?...oh, yeah, Spend some time in prayer. Well, I'll do it tomorrow night for sure."



Besides, she told herself, she needed tonight with her friends—and now she needs her sleep. Tomorrow night will be fine. Jesus will forgive her. She's sure He doesn't mind.

The most important part of daily devotions is showing up. It doesn't matter what you say or do. Just take time every day to spend a little time with the One who loves you and waits patiently for you to come. He wants to meet with you, to speak to you, to minister into your life, to reveal more of his love towards you.

There is a children's song that we used to sing and it simply says: "Read your Bible, pray every day and you'll grow, grow, grow."

We are told in Matthew 6:5-6: "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward you."

Let's be a people who value time alone with God.

Blessings

Rae

Christmas At Lossie Baptist

Look out for posters and flyers advertising our Christmas events. Please distribute these among family, friends and neighbours.

Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Appeal) 2013



Operation Christmas Child is an initiative of Samaritan's Purse – a Christian relief and development organisation which works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God to children and families in need across Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Last Christmas, a total of **977, 880** children from 15 countries across the world received a special shoebox gift thanks to the commitment of supporters and volunteers across the UK.

For the last two years Lossie Baptist Church has generously packed up and sent over 120 shoe boxes. This year we are hoping the church will again support Operation Christmas Child and fill as many boxes as we are able! For those who are new to it, the idea is simple. Children and adults wrap and pack empty shoeboxes with little gifts. The boxes are then sent overseas and distributed through local churches to children on the basis of need alone.

All the information to complete a box is in the leaflets on the table in the entrance hall. Simply pick up a shoebox, decide if your gift is for a boy or girl, purchase the items (new items only please) then wrap and pack the box. A list of suggested items is included in the leaflet if you are stuck for ideas. To finish, tear off the sticker from inside the leaflet and stick it to the front of your box, remembering to mark on it what age group the box is for and drop off the completed box into the returns bin in the entrance hall at church. It couldn't be easier.



We would love you to join us in this venture as we seek to let vulnerable children know that we love and care about them and want to bring some joy into their lives this Christmas. To find out more about the work of Samaritan's Purse check out their website www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Please note that the deadline for wrapping and filling the shoeboxes is **Sunday 17th November**.

Kate Wakeford

Youth Fellowship Update

At the moment we have 15-20 young people attending on a Sunday evening. We have been doing range of activities each night - Baking nights, Prayer nights and Team Challenge nights.

I would like to say a big thanks to Mandie Cooper for her testimony and fun first aid night. The teenagers really get a lot out of mature Christians sharing their experiences with them and testifying that even they make mistakes but also demonstrating how God has used them.



Last week we went to Erica Stewart's at Cowfords for a bonfire and fireworks night. Twenty one youth came and many of the leaders too. I love fire as the kids soon found out. Plenty of rockets and sparklers for all. Erica had tons of baked potatoes with amazing fillings and enough sweets to make them all hyper. Thanks Erica and Phil for an amazing night. A big thanks to all the leaders and folk who transported everyone.

In the next few weeks the youth will hopefully be leading an evening service. The idea behind this is for them to find some of the gifts they have and learn how they can use them in the church. Also I hope it will show everyone that our young people have a real desire to know God and not just to play games and eat Jaffa cakes!

Matt Payne





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)

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

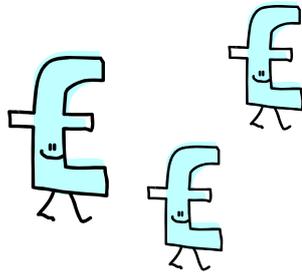
9.30 - 11.30 am Little Acorns, Parent & Toddler Group

Mon 12	Nov	7.30 pm	Ladies' Monday Fellowship, Donnie Stewart, Wartime Memories
Tues 13	Nov	10.00 - 11.30 am	Coffee Morning, Bring and Buy in aid of Autism
Sun 17	Nov	11.00 am 6.00 pm	One morning service in the Church YF taking Evening Service in Church
Mon 18	Nov	2.00 pm 7.00 pm	Ladies' Monday Fellowship Visit to UF Church Ladies' Monday Fellowship Steering Group Meeting
Wed 20	Nov	7.30 pm	Fellowship Prayer Meeting
Sun 24	Nov	9.30 & 11.30 am	Morning Services revert to usual times
Mon 25	Nov	7.30 pm	Ladies Monday Fellowship, Elgin Street Pastors
Tues 26	Nov	10.00 - 11.30 am	Last Coffee Morning this year
Sun 1	Dec	ALL ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE, including Christmas Greetings	
Mon 2	Dec	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Ladies Monday Fellowship, Christmas Party, 1629
Wed 4	Dec	7.30 pm	Fellowship Prayer Meeting
Fri 6	Dec	1.30 pm	Wedding of Kevin McKenzie & Julie Watson
Fri 13 - Sun 15		7.30 pm	Christmas Cantata, "Sing for Joy"
Sun 15		11.00 am 7.30 pm	Christmas Family Service (One service only) Evening Service
Christmas Magazine			
Wed 18	Dec	7.30 pm	Fellowship Prayer Meeting

Bits & Pieces

Offerings

Sept 29	£1285
Oct 6	£1189
Oct 13	£1097
Oct 20	£ 985
Oct 27	£1294
Nov 3	£ 999



Coffee Mornings

Oct 1	£118
Oct 8	£101
Oct 15	£154
Oct 22	£116
Oct 29	£123



Total £ 637, 854

October Income **£1518**

Expenditure **£4726**

Change Boxes **£4823**

BUILDING FUND



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.

The final Coffee Morning of the year will be on Tuesday 26 November, restarting on Tuesday 14 January, 2014. The Coffee Morning Team would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year

Harvest Thanksgiving BMS Appeal **£439**

GLIA Soup & Sweet Lunch

Peter & Lesley would like to offer a huge thank you to those who organised the Soup and Sweet event in aid of Centre of Hope GLIA on Saturday 2 November. Also to those who cooked and donated the soup and sweets and those who came along to make it such a successful event.

The sum of £450 was raised which will provide just over 50 Gas Bottle refills (just over what is required for a month) through the coming winter. At the time of writing the temperature in Dorohoi, Romania is just a bit colder than here in Lossie, but will soon drop quite dramatically down to an average of -25C for the rest of the winter. As you know among other forms of help, we provide hot meals and food bags and without Gas Bottle refills many families receiving food bags would have nothing to cook with. So on behalf of the recipients, Thank you.

Lily Mulholland would like to express her grateful appreciation to those who donated foodstuffs for the Lunch; to those ladies and gents who helped to set up, serve and clear up; to all who attended; and a special thank you to **Claudia Spencer** who baked a wonderful heart-shaped GLIA cake.

Christmas Greetings

Yes, folks, it's nearly that time again! However, we are here to make your Christmas preparations just that little bit easier.



No time to write all those cards? Why not place a Christmas greeting to all your friends in the church in the Christmas edition of the magazine? You can save yourself a lot of stress and also be sure that you don't miss anyone! **Make a donation** (minimum £5) which this year will be shared between the **Youth Café** and the work of **GLIA**.

Please let me have your Christmas message in writing by **Sun 1 December** or email: magazine@lossiebaptist.org

Claire Stewart

Christmas Cantata

The practices for the Christmas Cantata, "Sing for Joy", are now well underway and it promises to be a very special event. The cantata will be performed on three evenings - Friday 13 – Sunday 15 December at 7.30 pm. Tickets are required for Friday and Saturday, available from Lesley Butcher (01343 810748 or email: lesley.butcher@btinternet.com). Plan to join with us (& bring your friends) as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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



After several years of humiliation in various fancy dress costumes (I still have photographs of deacons dressed as Ugly Sisters and Fred from Scooby Doo, if anyone wants to see them), the Junior Church leaders decided it was time for a change. Somehow we thought getting into our swimming costumes would be less humiliating than fancy dress and last year we opted for a pool party as a Hallowe'en alternative for the kids of LBC and their friends.

The kids who came last year asked to do it again this year and so on the 31st of October the Junior Church met at the Lossiemouth Community Centre pool for an hour of swimming. Let me be clear that no actual swimming took place but all the kids (and a few brave parents) had fun soaking each other, trying to walk across the pool on the 'stepping stones' without falling in, competing to see how many children could fit on top of a large float and generally messing about.

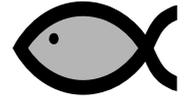
After showers we all met up for cakes, crisps and way too many sweets before going home to the added bonus that while at the pool we had avoided answering the door to all the trick or treaters! A result almost worth getting into a swimming costume for!!

Judith Paterson





Fellowship News



Crèche Rota

Nov 17 Rachael & Brenda
 Nov 24 Carol & Iphthime
 Dec 1 Irene & Skye
 Dec 8 Anne & Margaret
 Dec 15 Lily & Ruth



Door Rota

	11.00 am	6.00 pm
Nov 17	M Wakeford/L Paxton	L Paxton
	9.30 am	11.30 am/6.00 pm
Nov 24	Sandy McLeod	Dennis Slater
Dec 1	George Campbell	Leonora Paterson
Dec 8	Maureen Garden	Mike Mulholland
Dec 15	J Simmonds /B Stewart	

Flower Rota

Nov 17 Bella Hutcheon
 Nov 24 Catherine Fisher
 Dec 1 Carol Reid
 Dec 8 Wedding Flowers
 Dec 15 Joan Fraser



Many thanks to Catherine Fisher, Janet Farquhar, Margaret Fiske, Maureen Donaldson, Jean McKenzie & Molly Milne 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 **Fraser Family** on the passing away of **Cathel's step-mum**; and to the family and friends of the late **Bruce Guy**.

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

New Members

Recently we welcomed **George Campbell, Joan Fraser, Philip and Eunice Wasteny** into membership of the church. We wish them every blessing as they worship and serve in our midst.

"Commit your way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."

Church Refurbishment

The Church refurbishment is now almost complete. Next Sunday, 17 November, we will have a special service of celebration as we move back to the Sanctuary to see the transformation. Please note that there will be **ONE** morning service at **11.00 am**. Service times will then revert to normal.

We thank God for those who have given of their time and their talents to work alongside **Andrew Gault** over the last few weeks and who have helped to bring the work in on schedule. A special mention must go to **Andrew** who has not only worked relentlessly but has also co-ordinated the whole project.

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.



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship Ten Pin Bowling and Basket Supper Evening was held at PINZ Bowling Centre, Elgin on Monday 28 October when there was a record attendance of 32 men of all ages. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship with several, including pastor, displaying their prowess and scoring multiple strikes!

It was such a success that another Bowling Night is being mooted for February. Many thanks to **Mike Mulholland** who so ably organised the event.

Thank you

Peter and I want to thank everyone for their prayers while we were trying to get home from Dorohoi after Peter's accident. It had been a very stressful and frustrating seven days of constant phone calls to our travel insurers after Peter came back to the Centre after a three day stay in hospital in a nearby town and by the Saturday evening I was getting very distressed. I wrote to ask for prayer from the Fellowship that we could be repatriated as soon as possible and on Sunday, suddenly everything started to happen and we flew home on Monday. Up until then I had been trying to get things sorted out myself – a lesson learnt (again!) that when God's people pray, things happen! Thank you again for your prayers and e-mails, cards and visits since then, they have meant so much to us.

11 October:

As I write this we are four down and one to go, and the new sanctuary is taking shape. The tearing down has finished, and the building up is well underway. We have been working around Andrew to install wiring and fix the things that were working at less than their optimal efficiency.

In the meantime, we have been making the most of the Town Hall with its horrible acoustics and limited facilities and we are looking forward to our new sanctuary with its carpet and dead acoustics. In the meantime, there is wiring to do..... hundreds of yards of it! In addition to the new televisions there are a number of changes that will not be immediately obvious. We have been told not to mention the pastor's new Jacuzzi tank, so we won't dwell on it, but there are other aspects of the changes that may be of interest. We have changed the audio to a digital system; giving more opportunities for training, and a better, clearer sound. We have upgraded the video system to HD to match the new televisions and give a clearer feed to the overflow. We are also looking into putting an information screen into the crush hall, so we can feed it with images from the service, or just the week's bulletin and notice of future events.

To say the **website** is done is a misnomer, as it is a dynamic and variable tool for the church to use. We are looking for groups to change the pages they are responsible for, or in some cases 'start them', to reflect current activities and keep the site relevant. The most recent changes have been a string of pictures to keep you up to date with the renovation, and a daily devotion section at the very bottom of the page. Please keep the comments coming... if a link doesn't work, or you want to change something – please email me.

Vacancies: As a tech team we are still looking for volunteers to train in the technical arts. If you have joined the church recently and are looking for an area in which to serve, please consider us. We are looking for FAT people! No, before you reach for the keyboard to email me, weight is not an issue. We are simply looking for people who are Faithful, Available and Trainable. If you qualify, please give me a call for an application form.

So, lastly, to our '**toys for the month**'. Two 'apps' this month; one for your phone and one for your computers. I have just been playing with a small phone app called **Camcard**. Simply put it is a small character recognition program designed to read the details off a business card and copy them to your address book. You photograph a business card when you are given it, and it recognises the name and address and adds them to your phone database. It's not perfect, but worth a look. Secondly, anyone using more than one computer has to struggle with the decisions about what information to put on which computer.

Sync toy takes away the need to have split files, some on one and some on the other. After a simple set up, Sync Toy is able to compare your files in a directory on one machine with the files same files on the other – it overwrites the older with the newer and deletes the files from one that you have deleted from the other. Incidentally, as it only works when you run it, it also solves your back up problems too. No more lost files: well almost!

Neil & the team...

Glasgow City Mission

We recently received a letter of thanks from Glasgow City Mission thanking us for the donation of £348.26, raised at the Coffee Morning held in the Church Hall on Saturday 28 September.

"We've been celebrating recently that with God, change is possible. We've seen a number of our clients recently have their lives transformed in spite of some harrowing circumstances. Whilst it is Christ that does the transforming, He calls each of us to do our part.

By financially supporting GCM, you are enabling change and transformation to take place, right here in Glasgow. Your gift enables us to meet immediate needs of food and provision of a safe, warm place to meet. It enables us to provide a holistic programme of daytime activities, each designed to tackle the underlying causes of homelessness, poverty and exclusion. And it enables us to share more of God's love in word and action. Thank you for your generosity."

The church would like to thank all those who helped in any way with the success of this venture.



Things You May Like to Know!

An Update from Church Worker, Matt Payne

Since last month I have been a very busy man. I spent a week in London at Dalesdown, a residential Christian Centre. There we spent our days from 9.00 am until 10.00 pm studying the Bible and praying together. We looked at discipleship, the father heart of God, worship, self-image, prayer fasting, faith, salvation and prophecy. It was an amazing week of making friends for life. God spoke to me so much through the studies and times spent in prayer.

During my study time I have been going over what we studied on the course and doing essays. My first one was "Kingdom and the work place" and my second has been on "The father heart of God".

During my work days I have been working with Andrew on the refurbishment as I love being practical and doing wood work. I have also been out visiting with Rae, expounding the Psalms at the Prayer Meetings, sorting out the upcoming youth service and organizing youth nights.

On Sundays my days are spent helping the AV team set up and pack down, playing in the band and helping in the service or helping with Junior Church. Many of my Sunday afternoons are spent with the cantata crew getting ready for this year's amazing performance. Sunday nights are always crazy and great fun with YF.

I am enjoying every part of my year out so far and God has blessed and provided for me in so many ways. I am being pushed in every role that I do and have to learn many new things.

Thank you all for being so supportive and encouraging me in all I do. I love being part of such a great church and serving you all.

A very big thank you to anyone who has supported me financially or with hospitality. God bless you.

Please pray for me as I continue to study as my brain is struggling to take it all in. Please pray God will equip and provide for me as I continue to serve Him in this way.

Thanks everyone

Matt

Ladies' Conference Day with Jeff Lucas, Saturday 23rd November 10am - 4pm at Smithton Free Church. A day of study and reflection on the life of Samson. Tickets £18 (inc. lunch). Full programme information and ticket booking available at www.aliveministry.co.uk

From a Hope UK Educator in London

Knowledge is power?

"Doing detached drug education, I got talking to a boy who said he is using illegal drugs and getting his friends to do the same. Every time he comes across something new he checks the effects on the Internet. He also has a heart condition so would not touch stimulants as it would be extra risky for him! It was heart-breaking to hear how he very deliberately takes calculated risks. It seemed what he was after was mostly an escape from reality and a good feeling.

My prayer is that he took to heart what I said about there being better things out there, ways for him to feel good without using drugs. He said he was getting ready for a fundraising skydive, which could provide an alternative kick. He didn't need drug education, just support for his self-esteem and to understand that he may not always be able to totally control his drug-taking".

This is what parents are up against; this is what is on offer to our young people and they can all use the Internet to source information, good and bad. Give thanks to all Youth Workers in our Churches in Morayshire giving our young people, who are our future, support and offering them other 'safe' ways to spend their time and of course who better to be their mentor than 'Jesus' himself: 'I have come that I may give you life to the full'.

Next time you see Kate and Gordon and all their helpers, say 'Thank You, for giving their time and skills to develop our young people grow in the goodness of Him and remember the Lossie Youth Café also that only operates because of volunteers.

Brenda Stewart, Hope UK

Monday Fellowship Christmas Party

The Ladies' Monday Fellowship is nearing the end of this session. We praise God for increased attendance and have more than thirty ladies who enjoy the varied programme of speakers and activities.

We are currently taking names for our Christmas Party to be held on Monday 2 December at 1629. All ladies in the Church are warmly invited to come along. Please see **Kate McKenzie** if you would like to join us. For the ladies attending this there will be a Secret Santa which will take the form of a donation to be given to charity. Again this year the proceeds will be given to the Youth Café and GLIA.

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?

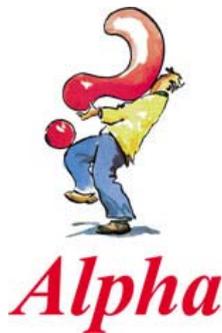
How Does God Guide Us?

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?



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?

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.

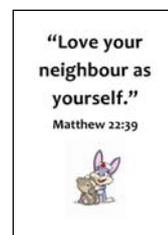
Community Food Moray

Moray Food Bank has been set up to help those locally in need of emergency food items and the church will support this initiative. A collection box has been placed in the Crush Hall.

Donated items must be non-perishable (dried or tinned), in date and not high in salt, sugar or saturated fat.

Suggested foods include:

Milk (UHT or powdered)	Sugar (500g)	Fruit juice (carton)
Pasta, Pasta Sauces	Tomatoes (tinned)	Sponge Pudding (tinned)
Rice Pudding (tinned)	Rice	Tea Bags
Meat/Fish (tinned)	Fruit (tinned)	Instant Mash Potato
Biscuits	Snack Bars	Instant Coffee
Soup	Cereals	Jam



Volunteers Required!

There is always a need for extra help in all areas of the Children's and Youth Work in the Church. If you feel that the Lord is leading you into ministry within this area, please contact **Kate Wakeford**, Youth and Children's Co-ordinator (Tel: 813963), who will be happy to discuss this with you.

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/centreeofhope> and then access companies like Amazon, Jessops, M&S, John Lewis, eBay, and raise money for the Centre as you shop. Thank you.

WHO'S WHO IN LOSSIEMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH?

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Peter Butcher (Tel: 810748)
 Andrew Gault (Tel: 813258)
 Brian Gray (Tel: 01340820587)
 Sandy McLeod (Tel: 813130)
 John Paterson (Tel: 814447)
 Andrew Reid (Tel: 830735)
 Alasdair Rose (Tel: 814653)
 Mark Wakeford (Tel: 813963)

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Carol Reid (Tel: 830735)
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Judith Patterson (Tel: 810336)

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Andy Peacock (Tel: 812144)
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SUN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (S1 up):

Michelle Mackenzie (Tel: 812062)
 Gordon Stewart
 Matthew Payne
 Lauren Harper

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Matthew Payne
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Group 3 Hazel Lornie (Tel: 830960)
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Group 5
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Group 7 Peter & Lesley Butcher (Tel: 843278)
Group 8 Judith Patterson (Tel: 810336)
Group 9 Angela Stewart
Group 10 Chris Gault (Tel: 813103)
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PRAISE TEAM:

Worship Coordinator:

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 Kate McKenzie/Julie Gray/ Vocals
 Lauren Harper/Lissa Rowan/David Leitch
 Kenny Owens/Joel Robinson/Matt Payne Guitar
 Greg Patterson/Craig Rowan/James Brooks Drums
 Mandie Cooper/Suzanne Gilbert Woodwind

TECHNICAL TEAM:

Neil Millward (Tel: 831363)
 Jono & Marian Smith Lizanne Fraser
 Patrick Millward James Brooks
 Keith Remnant Chris Holloway
 Mike Pole

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP:

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