



## East Mainland Manse

You all know the words of Jesus in John 13:34-35, when He says,

A new commandment I give you: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,

if you love one another.

Do you remember Dawn French as Geraldine Granger - the Vicar of Dibley? It seemed for a few years that church choirs all over the land were perfecting Howard Goodall's arrangement of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and Christmas Specials of the show popped up each year... then perhaps fashions in comedy changed...

There was one episode I remember particularly, the storyline surrounding the 'quite great storm,' when a tree smashed through the stained glass window in Geraldine's church. Catastrophe!

Urgent action brought corporate sponsorship and by the end of the episode all seemed 'sorted' in time for the great unveiling of the new window.

...then news broke of earthquakes in South America.

Villagers and sponsors gathered at evensong and as the veil fell away the congregation gasped!

Of course, all but the price of plain replacement glass had been sent to the earthquake appeal...

The Programme was funny but not necessarily so very true to life. However, that episode was exactly right in sense and sentiment in that life, God's own creation should come before an inanimate object no matter how beautiful and nothing can outdo the beauty of God's creation seen through the plain glass window...

The Lord be with you.

Wilma

## Christian Aid Door to Door Collection 2017

A special thank you is due to the people in the East Mainland for their generosity and to a hard working team of dedicated volunteers. The amazing total of £2931.42 (before gift aid is added) was raised.

Thank You.

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*Laurence Tait*

## Out of the Life

Tommy Budge 20/6/17

## Also Remembered

Madge Smart 14/5/17

James Carstairs 17/5/17

Lilian Sinclair 6/6/17

Karl Foulis 16/6/17



## Fundraising

Savoury Buffet Teas raised £1030.20 in early June, thanks to the hard work and support of members of the congregation. The Book Sale was postponed from 9th July to coincide with the Car Treasure Hunt on 16th July. Books sold at that time amounted to £7 and the 11 entries in the Car Treasure Hunt raised £145. Particular thanks are due to Isobel Clouston who set out the Hunt clues and who undertook the onerous task of calculating the winner from the answers.

Details of the answers to the 'Birds' Quiz are available in the Sunday School Room and the total collected for this event will be provided when the final distributors' payments have been made.

The solution to the Bird Quiz is shown below.

Bird Quiz answers	11.DUCKy or HEN	22.HOBBY
1.DOVEtail	12.KIWI or GOOSEberry	23.KNOTty
2.SHAGreen	13.bEAGLE	24.QUAIL
3.inTERN	14.CROWdie	25.knOWLedgeable
4.bOWLer	15.MARTINet	26.gRAVEN image
5.DUCK	16.cLARKia or	27.SWANsong
6.WRENch	LARKspur	28.gRUFF
7.cROOKed	17.JAYwalk	29.IEMUr
8.GROUSE	18.sTEALth	30.STINT
9.consTERNation	19.consTITution	
10.HAWK eyed or	20.GULLible	
EAGLE eyed	21.CRANE fly	

The winner was Rosemary Domick from Letham, Angus.

## Guild News



The Guild meeting in May was led by Margaret Sparkes who welcomed everyone and we began by singing "Eternal Father strong to save." The bible reading, taken from 1 John was read by Morag, followed by prayer from Margaret.

Business was attended to including the Projects update. For those attending the Spring Rally in Westray, names needed to be given to Margaret.

Margaret gave a personal reflection encouraging us to 'be bold' and brave and to keep Christ to the forefront of our minds.

The speaker for the meeting, Brian Archibald, Head of Marine Services for Orkney Islands Council was introduced. Brian aided by a slide presentation gave an insight into his long association with ships and the sea, starting with his love of dingy sailing as a child to a career in the Royal Navy and now with his current role.

His Naval career covered events such as the Vietnamese Boat people, Cold War Operations, the Falklands, First Gulf War, Counter Terrorist Operations, Fishery Protection and his final post with the Navy as Director of Surface Combatants.

He then spoke about the role of the Harbour Authority as part of Orkney Islands Council and the various issues encountered such as ferry services, environmental protection, wave and tide turbines, fish farms and cruise liners and after his very interesting and informative talk, gave us the opportunity to ask questions.

Joyce then gave the vote of thanks and a welcome cup of tea from Isobel and Morag followed.



The meeting closed with the hymn “Will your anchor hold” and the Lord’s Prayer.

*Maureen Tait*

### **June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Morag Shearer welcomed all and announced the opening Hymn 532 – 'Lord, you have come to the sea-shore' accompanied by Joyce Johnston.

The Reading was taken from the Good News Bible at Philippians Chapter 4 v4 -9, followed by Prayer by Nancy Omand. After the usual Business, Morag reported on the Spring Rally held in Westray on 10<sup>th</sup> May where some 60 members from the mainland Guilds gathered. Guest Speakers were Michael and Christine Marcus, both Westray farmers and also well known vocalists in Orkney and in the South, and often requested on Radio Orkney, giving much pleasure to listeners.

Morag then welcomed Kenny Meason, who was soon to become Moderator of the Orkney Presbytery, to address the Meeting with tales of Beachcombing. He was brought up on Shapinsay's north east coast where, as a boy and throughout his life, has had interest in beaches and the treasures they hide. Perhaps his greatest find was a ships ladder, obviously lost from the side of a ship. Smaller items, including bottles of various shapes, shells, whale bones, glass floats and a tin of tobacco, were handed round for all to examine. He also told of his part in the Sea Mammal Research Unit's Seal Team, collecting scat for the Team to looking into the diet of seals - Biotoxins being a factor in the decline in population of harbour seals - all very interesting and educational.

Appreciation was voiced by Isobel Clouston and tea was served by Maureen Tait and Julia Archibald.

Hymn 180 'Give thanks with a grateful heart' and the Lord's Prayer ended an evening of fellowship.

### **July 5<sup>th</sup>**

Joyce Johnston welcomed members and opening praise, accompanied by Isobel Clouston, was Hymn 547 'What a friend we have in Jesus', after which Joyce read a poem 'Prayer' and then led in Prayer.

Minutes were read and approved and the Annual Outing was provisionally arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Linda Lennie, guest speaker for the evening, was introduced and she told of how Marie Curie Orkney began when Dr Andrew Trivett at Stromness Practice saw the need for Care and Support through terminal illness and made fund funds available to supply a nursing team. Soon after, fundraising events were held throughout Orkney and the care was available for the Mainland of Orkney and also for the Islands when the occasion arose. Referral is made by the patient's GP and then Marie Curie Orkney's Team can give trusted information on everything from symptom management and day to day care through to financial information and legal issues. They are there to support every step of the way. Linda answered many thought provoking questions then Julia Archibald gave thanks on behalf of members.

A welcome cup of tea was served by Nancy Omand.

Linda was presented with a Donation collected during the evening for Marie Curie Orkney.

The Meeting concluded with Hymn 540 'I heard the voice of Jesus say', 'Come unto me and rest'; and Benediction.

*Joyce Johnston*



## Boys Brigade

I find writing this report a bit strange as this will be my last report for the 1st Holm Boys Brigade.

As I said in my last report, we had our Awards Ceremony on Sunday 14th May. Our Brigade President, Esther Sclater presented the awards. It was good to have all the boys present.

This year our little story at the Awards Ceremony was about jelly babies, a sweetie manufactured after the 1st World War, and all jelly babies have a symbol on them.

I was completely unaware, that this year, I was to be included in the awards.

Thanks to all the parents and boys, both past and present, who presented me with money and gifts on my retirement from the Boys Brigade.

The last event of our session was the Groundwater Shield for 7-a-side football. After playing all our games, Holm ended up regaining the Shield. Well done boys!

I wish the Boys Brigade all the best for the future and hope that someone will come forward to help Andy to continue to work with the 1st Holm Company which Bertie Thomson and myself started 46 years ago.

*Jack McIntosh*





### Sunday School

The Sunday School prizegiving was held during the service taken by Jo Jones on 2nd July. We had the bouncy castle up again followed by juice and snacks.

*Katrina Tait*



**BibleWise**

## And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

GOD	SEED	CHRIST
SUN	STAR	SAVIOR
WAY	RABBI	MESSIAH
ONE	BREAD	TEACHER
ROOT	LIGHT	REDEEMER
WORD	TRUTH	IMMANUEL
LAMB	ALPHA	SHEPHERD
GATE	OMEGA	COUNSELOR
LORD	STONE	BRIDEGROOM
KING	FATHER	RESURRECTION
VINE	PRINCE	
LIFE	BRANCH	

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Nell de Vries and Mary Currier. More Bible Activities You Can Do. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.



Month	Date	Time	Event
September	3rd	11:00am	Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion & Sunday School + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Guild in the Session Room with guest Julie Gibson (Archaeologist for Orkney)
	10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East mainland Church
	24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
October	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Guild in the Session Room with guest Rev. John Butterfield
	8 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	15 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
	29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
November	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30pm	Guild in the Session Room with guest Muriel Drever (Mission Aviation Fellowship)
	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:50am 11:30am 12:45am	Wreath Laying Services at Deerness & Holm War Memorials Remembrance Service and Sunday School in the Church Wreath Laying Service at St Andrews War Memorial
	19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
December	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am	Worship on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent & Sunday School + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	Guild Carol Service in the St Andrews Community Centre
TBA			Harvest Thanksgiving
TBA (October)			Last day for contributions to the Shoebox Appeal

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