



THE KIRK WINDOW

A Word from our Minister.....

Dear friends, when Jan and I moved into our home in Elgin we built a 'sit ooterie' at the bottom of the garden. For those who don't know what that is, it is a place where you can sit 'oot' on nice days. Well, storm Floris left the trellis surrounding our 'sit ooterie', with the roses, honeysuckle and clematis, swinging in the wind, so that it will all have to be taken apart and rebuilt.

Of course, this was only a minor disruption compared to the thousands of people who were left without power, the damage to property and the widespread disruption to travel and transport caused by the storm.

Another piece of minor damage was a lovely tree along the footpath across from our house. It was laden with bird-cherries and, despite it being one of the larger trees in the avenue, the storm blew the whole thing over. I pass that tree several times a day walking the dog and, as I looked at it the other day I thought of the storms of life that can come to blow us over when we least expect them.

That then led me to think of the well-known hymn I first learned many years ago in the Boys Brigade. The hymn begins with the question, *'Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?'* The chorus then answers that by reminding us of our anchor of faith in Jesus Christ. *"We have an anchor that keeps the soul, steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love."*



This reminded me of a poster that was on the wall of the chaplaincy office in Raigmore Hospital. The poster had a wonderful picture of a wild sky and huge waves breaking on the shore with the caption, *'God didn't promise us freedom from the storm but peace amidst the storm.'*

Nature's storms and the storms of life will come, but our faith is that through them all we are held in Jesus' love. A love that is steadfast and sure, a firm anchor to bring us a peace, that is beyond all our understanding, even in the worst of storms.

May God hold you all in his peace,

Morris and Jan.

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Baptisms



Bodie Michael Owen Herschell, born 22/06/2023, baptized 23/03/2025 in Knockando.

Weddings



Laura Suzanne Osler and Arthur Dale Mitchell from Dallas, Texas, were married in the Rothes Glen on 31 May 2025.

Funerals



<u>Name</u>		<u>Died</u>	<u>Funeral</u>	
Anna McPhee	MS	26/01/2025	07/02/2025	R/Cem
George Ness	MS	29/01/2025	13/02/2025	R/Cem
Vera Cain	MS	10/03/2025	20/03/2025	R/Cem
Michael Southwell	S Palmer	07/03/2025	08/04/2025	A/Crem
Lynette Murray	MS	25/03/2025	11/04/2025	R/Cem
Susan Canton	MS	23/06/2025	03/07/2025	Cattos/Crem
Sheila McWilliam	MS	31/07/2025	15/08/2025	R/Cem
Isobel Franklin	D Oelofse	17/08/2025	28/08/2025	R/Aber Cem

Knockando, Elchies and Archiestown Church



Change of Session Clerk

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who have supported and encouraged me throughout the many years in which I held the office of Session Clerk at Knockando Kirk. It has been a privilege to serve in this role, and I have enjoyed most of the tasks involved.

Unfortunately, my health has not been of the best this year, and although I have now recovered, it seems like time to move on to lessen the stress of the upheaval in the church and the rapid advance of technology.

I am delighted to see Lorna Millsopp appointed to be our new Session Clerk, (albeit on a trial basis). I have every confidence that Lorna will be a great success, and a very able post holder. I urge you to give her the same support and encouragement as you did for me.

I would like to take this chance to express thanks to Mrs Ann Bowie for her long period of work as our Interim Moderator. It was a very difficult time for all of us, and she looked after us well. I wish her some rest, if she is capable of taking it, good health and joy in the years to come.

Lastly, I would like to thank Morris for his sterling work both as an excellent preacher and a diligent pastoral visitor.

Kind regards,

Pat North

Save the Date

Knockando Church is holding a “Buttery and Blether” coffee morning on Saturday 4 October from 10am to 12pm in the church. There is no set charge, just a donation. All are welcome.



Roths Church



The Rothes Guild

Rothes Guild will resume in October. We will continue to hold meetings locally in the Kirk Hall but will also join our counterparts from Mortlach in fellowship on a few occasions in 2025/2026.

We have been invited to join Mortlach Guild for their musical night on Tuesday 7 October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. If you would like to attend, please speak to Ethel so we can arrange transport.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 14 October at 2pm. It will be an informal meeting over a cup of tea/coffee.

Rev. Morris Smith will be our guest speaker on Tuesday 11 November at 2pm. The Guild will be rededicated at the meeting.

We will be hosting our annual Christmas carols afternoon on Tuesday 9 December at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to join us and get in the festive spirit.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our meetings. The Guild is open to both men and women and there is no need to join.

Celin McDuff-Jones

Monday Morning Coffee



Monday morning coffee continues to be a great way to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea with a scone/pancake and a good old blether with friends.

We are there every Monday in the Kirk Hall from 10a.m. till noon. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Sandra, Maureen and Ethel.

Roths Church Craft Group



This year we supported the Keith Show by entering the group section. This was the first year of this section, so we were pleased at coming fifth. Each group had to display five items, each of a different craft on the theme of 'Farming Life'.

The group is now getting ready to fill some boxes for Blytheswood.

Sheila Brumby

Mortlach Church



Prem Baby Hat Knits

Mortlach have been busy knitting hats for premature babies and these will be sent off to ARI at the end of September.



This ties in nicely with prem jackets that some of the Rothes Craft group have been knitting.

Save the date.....

7 October—Guild Concert at the Memorial Hall Dufftown at 7.30pm.

19 October—Harvest Thanksgiving

26 October—Communion

30 November—St Andrews Service with a Touch of Tartan.

7 December—Keith Silver Band

24 December—Christmas Eve Service at



Junior Quiz

1: Where was Jesus born?

- a) Nazareth b) Bethlehem c) Jerusalem d) Capernaum

2: How many disciples did Jesus have?

- a) 7 b) 10 c) 12 d) 20

3: What is the name of the disciple who betrayed Jesus?

- a) Simon Peter b) Bartholomew c) Andrew d) Judas Iscariot

4: How did Jesus die?

- a) He was flogged to death b) He was crucified c) He was stoned d) He was burned outside the city wall

5: Who gave Jesus gifts when he was born?

- a) The wise men b) The shepherds c) Mary d) The innkeeper

6: With what did Jesus feed 5000 people?

- a) Loaves and fishes b) Corn and roast lamb c) Almonds and figs d) Herbs and fruit of the fields

7: What is the name of the prayer Jesus taught to his disciples?

- a) The Prayer of Jesus b) The Prayer of Peace c) The Lord's Prayer d) The Righteous Prayer

8: Who are the religious leaders who continually tried to trap Jesus with their questions?

- a) Stoics b) Pharisees c) Epicureans d) Galileans

9: What is the name of Jesus' mother?

- a) Mary b) Salome c) Joanna d) Martha

10: What did Jesus do for Lazarus?

- a) Cooked him dinner b) Took him for a walk c) Healed him from a fever d) Raised him from the dead

Answers should be sent to: **Junior Quiz , Roth's Kirk Hall, High Street, Roth's, AB38 7AU** with your **name, age and address**. Please send in your coloured pictures of the Harvest Festival as they could be displayed in your local church at harvest time.

Harvest Thanksgiving Page to Colour

Harvest Festival Coloring

