

In the PICTURE

November 2024

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MEN OF DUNNICHEN, LETHAM & KIRKDEN WHO DIED IN THE GREAT WAR

David F. Balfour	William J Brown
David C. Bruce	Joseph D. W. Bruce
James Crabb	James Davie
James Douglas	James A. G. Duncan
James Edgar	David Edwards
John L. Findlay	Alexander M. Fleming
James Fleming	John Hampton
David Langlands	Robert Lee
James Lindsay	George Livie
Ernest Marquis	James Mollinson
William Napier	George R. Nicol
James Pirie	John Ree
George Reid	James A. Reid
Alexander B. Salmond	David F. Smart
Robert G. Simpson	Andrew Smith
George Robert Smith	James A. Smith
Alexander D. Strachan	William Sturrock
Walter R. Taylor	

MEN OF DUNNICHEN & LETHAM WHO DIED IN WORLD WAR II

George Adam	George Angus
David Buick	Alexander McArthur
Gerald Ramsay	William H. Robertson
Jack Rodger	John Shepherd

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10th November

The service will start early at **10am** to allow time to process up to Dempster Park for the 2 minute silence at 11am.

Wreaths from the various organisations are welcome and will be placed and removed only by the representative of the organisation bringing them.

Retiring Collection for Earl Haig Fund / Poppy Scotland

Letham Seniors Coffee Morning

The Seniors are holding their Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 23 November. Come and join us for our annual fundraising event for the Christmas Party.

Everyone is welcome, and you don't have to be a Senior to enjoy a cup (or two) of tea or coffee and seasonal fayre.

The cost for an adult is £3 and for a child 14 or under the cost is £1. Very good value.

There will be the usual stalls such as tombola, lucky squares and home baking.

WARM SPACES - LETHAM

Letham Church will open the Church Hall every Friday during the winter to provide a Warm Space for all. Come and enjoy refreshments and company in a relaxed atmosphere.



Broth 'n' blether

Tea, coffee and home-made soups



Coffee and tea-conversation

Crafts, games, conversation

Everyone welcome, no matter what age.

Letham Church Hall - Fridays 11am-2pm

Letham Church Services

Morning Worship

At 10.30 am

**Services Conducted by
a member of Team Ministry**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT 2024 PUBLICITY GROUP

The first thing to report is that the Publicity Group of Dunnichen, Letham & Kirkden Church no longer exists. As a consequence of the Union, we are now part of the All Souls Communications Committee.

In common with our own previous practice, there are a number of Committees which sit under, and report to, the new All Souls Kirk Session. In addition to Communication, these are: Finance, Property, Worship (and Discipleship), Mission and Outreach, Pastoral Care, Social, Safeguarding and Youth and Children. All 10 of the Elders from legacy DLK Church sit on one or more of these Committees and you will hear more about their work in coming months.

However, our previous initiatives continue more or less unaltered, as you may have noticed. The same group of local people co-ordinate the funding, production and distribution of "In the PICTURE" - our church and community newsletter. 1,000 copies of the magazine will continue to be printed 10 times a year, and delivered free of charge to all households in the parish, thanks to our very willing volunteer distributors. Those who live outwith the Parish and have requested a copy are sent an electronic pdf version.

Our other activities were all successfully implemented again this year and will continue: delivery of an Easter Card with the March edition; updated copies of the "In the Know" leaflet aimed at providing useful information for both newcomers to the village and more long term residents going out with the September edition, and in October we organise the annual Envelope Appeal, which (assisted by Gift Aid) brings in a huge contribution towards the printing costs of the magazine – which are currently £206.28 per month.

But we could not achieve a satisfactory funding situation without our 16 loyal sponsors - the local businesses who financially support the magazine ensuring that "In the PICTURE" is not a drain on the Church's resources.

Local organisations have increasingly taken the opportunity offered by "In the PICTURE" to publicise their activities or special events either via an article, or an advert or sometimes through a special leaflet inserted into the magazine. This will be enhanced by highlighting events and activities in our partner churches in the All Souls Union.

The work involved in collating, editing, liaising with sponsors and occasional advertisers, proof-reading, bundling and delivering would not be possible without the commitment of our team who are Rev Martyn Thomas, Joan Smith, Elaine Saunders, Jeannie Mair and Irene McGugan.

Finally a huge thank you to all who support this significant outreach initiative of the Church.

Irene McGugan All Souls Communications

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'In the PICTURE'

Welcomes items of news and expressions of opinion from organisations and individuals within the community, provided such articles are signed.

Published items do not necessarily reflect the views of either the Publicity Group or the Kirk Session of Forfar All Souls @ Letham.

Next Issue of 'In the PICTURE'

Deadline for **December/January 2024** issue is

Saturday 9th November 2024

Material may be sent to Joan Smith,
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Harvest Thanksgiving



of Thanksgiving took place in “Letham Church” on Sunday 20th October. The Service was conducted by Rev Maggie Hunt with a Choir singing special songs.



After the service Lunch of soup and sweet was served in the church hall and enjoyed by all.

The goods were taken to The Food Project Group at Forfar Lawson Memorial Church. There were also donations for the Ekwendeni Hospital in Malawi, amounting to £245.



A big thank you to all who took part and supplied the food for the lunch and those who served it.

It was good to be able to give thanks to God for all the good things we have.

From Rev Maggie Hunt

Autumn is well and truly here and winter just a cold snap away. We come to a time of remembering in the church year – with times remembering the history of our faith and church, remembering the fallen in wars and conflicts around the world, remembering those who are cared for by social work services such as CrossReach and remembering, before advent starts, that Christ is King – that the baby Jesus grew and taught, and blessed and healed and rebelled and forgave and ultimately died that we might all know the peace, hope, joy and love of Advent.

We have a number of special services coming up which are especially created for members of the Letham community who usually ‘don’t do church’. They are designed to be extra welcoming, informal and open to people who come without belief or understanding of Christianity.

Remembrance Sunday – 10th November at Letham Church followed by wreath laying at the memorial

Stir-up Sunday – 24th November at 10.30am. An all-age service to mark the end of the church year [before advent starts] complete with cuppies, cakes and Christmas pudding!

·Blue Christmas – a special community service for anyone who will find Christmas hard or sad this year – for whatever reason. Whether it is grief, family issues, money worries, work problems. Come and be with others who understand that it isn’t the most ‘joyful’ time for everyone. Sunday 8th December at 1pm at Letham Church – all faiths or none are welcome.

A full Advent and Christmas listing will be in the next edition BUT put the date in your diaries now for a ‘church for those who don’t do church’ a DIY community nativity play on Sunday 22nd December at 10.30am. Bring the kids, grandchildren, neighbours etc – everyone who comes gets to join it and be part of the fun together

Letham Seniors' Christmas Party

This is a notice to all members who have paid their subscriptions by 30th September, that the visitor for your area will be coming round very soon to see if you would like to come to the Christmas Party on 7th December 2024.

There will be a meal with a glass of wine and of course entertainment. The price to members is £18, with carers and spouses costing £22.

There will not be a bar this year, so if you would like more than the one glass of wine, please feel free to "bring your own".

LETHAM GARDENING CLUB

At the meeting on Tuesday 8th October Tracey Williams gave us a full and interesting talk on the gardens, grottos and fernery at Dewstow Sunken Garden in Monmouthshire. Many thanks Tracey.

On Tuesday 12th November Reg Henderson from Revell Green Nursery will give us a talk on bees in your garden, with an explanation of the workings of the bee hive. Reg has promised that the hive will be empty. Come and join us and bring a friend.

Time 7.30 pm Venue Letham Bowling Club

Bill Muir 079083392



A lovely display that enhanced the Square. Thanks to the Gardening Club and helpers for all their work on the flower beds and hanging baskets throughout the summer. Bruce Mair

Never give upon something you really want it is difficult to wait but it is more difficult to regret

✦ Forfar All Souls ✦



Giving Day

Saturday 16th November
Anchorage : 10am - 2pm

Sunday 17th November
Aberlemno - 10.00am
Letham - 10.30am
Lowson - 11.00am

Giving to Grow our Church

Men's Fellowship Group

In 'Lowson Church' Buildings
1 Jamieson Street, Forfar
on the 3rd Monday of the month
@ 10.30 am (10.15am for Tea/Coffee)
18th November: "Guide dogs for the blind"
Speaker: Gillian Davidson
More info from David Adam: 07889573885



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All Souls Church Guild



The Guild meetings are on Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm fortnightly in the Lowson Church Hall and usually finish between 3.30 and 4 pm unless otherwise intimated.

Please bring your own mug for a cup of tea or coffee. A wrapped biscuit will be provided.

November Guild Project Afternoon – Unida, Brazil

20 November Christmas Wreath Demo – Anne Elder

4 December Christmas Meal

If you need more info or have any queries please contact Linda Stewart 01307 469255 or email lin-das28@btinternet.com

Linda Stewart All Souls Church Guild Contact

If you need a lift to the guild please contact Norma on at 818275

“Cuppa With A Cop”

Constables Jo Grieg and Sara Watt invite you to come and meet them and have a “Cuppa with a cop”.

This is a chance to speak with your local Police Officers about absolutely anything that matters to YOU in your local Community

Sunday 24th November 2024 @ 6.00pm-7.00pm

Drummie Hall, Letham Village Hall

TaysideCommunityWardsArbroath@scotland.police.uk



SANTA'S GROTTTO (BOOKINGS ONLY)

AT 6 GUTHRIE STREET, LETHAM

£4 Per Child (Includes Santa Visit, Gift, Cookies & Drink, Charity Donation)

Please pop along any time to pre-book and pay ASAP

Opening times

SUN 22nd December 4pm – 6.30pm

Mon 23rd December 4pm – 7pm

Tue 24th December 4pm – 6pm

For those who just want to see the grotto while Santa isn't here it will be open for viewings on

Friday 20th December-4pm to 5pm and Saturday 21st December-1pm to 3pm. Donations welcome.

Kind Regards, Mel & Wayne

TALES OF LETHAM STANES No. 9

*“I’ve seen many a ruined building,
but never a ruined stane.” (Hugh McDiarmid)*

A DOLMEN IN IRELAND ERECTED TO COMMEMORATE MONASTERBOICE CONNECTIONS WITH LETHAM. (Part 2)

Meantime our Irish twins were enjoying much more drama erecting their Dolmen. A Dolmen consists of 4 large stones. Three are securely embedded in the ground, forming the legs of the large picnic table, whilst the fourth stone is perched atop.

Modern rules and regulations require the ‘table top’ and the ‘legs’ to be bored to accommodate steel rods, ensuring that the several tonne top does not fall off and kill someone. This involved a mason’s yard. Once all this mason’s yard preparation had taken place, an ancient tractor pulling an equally ancient trailer arrived to convey the stones, (which may have been a fallen Dolmen from ancient times) to its new site.

This was an impossibly very heavy load. The tractor driver made for the just constructed motorway leading from Dublin to Belfast. This was the quickest route to the erection site. The tractor’s old driver was completely unaware that an ancient tractor moving very slowly, pulling an overweight load of big stones weighing several tonnes, on a rickety trailer, was banned from entering a motorway.

The inevitable happened, and the trailer got a puncture. Motorway users speeding (now slowly) to Dublin were greatly delayed. The incident got top spot in the traffic report on the radio. This all happened two days before the Letham contingent arrived. The Dolmen was duly erected and inaugurated. At the inauguration ceremony the visitors from Letham and their Monasterboice twins were rightfully impressed with this Dolmen, erected in Letham’s honour.

I know that the series about stanes tells of the stones of Letham, however I had to talk of Letham’s Dolmen in Ireland, which consists of four very heavy, long stones. With the stainless steel retaining rods, the Letham Dolmen in Ireland will outlast all of us. It too has a time capsule about Monasterboice buried below it. AMcG



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LETHAM & DISTRICT



President, Lynne Slater, welcomed a large gathering of members and visitors together with guests from Memus, Menmuir and Padanaram institutes.

The speaker for the evening was Anni Whitehead who with her assistant Suzanne guided us through the intricacies of a Japanese Tea Ceremony.

She explained that it is based on the virtues of Harmony, Respect, Purity and Humility.

Three of the ladies bravely squatted on the carpet beside Anni and acted out the ceremony, but everyone present was offered a taste of the tea and sweetmeats accompanying it.

Anni and Suzanne were thanked by Jeannie Mair.

They also kindly judged the monthly competitions and the results were:-

Matcha Shortbread: 1. Dorothy Goss;
2. Victoria Alexander; 3. Lynne Slater.

Sashiko mat: 1. Lynne Slater; 2. Lindsay Smith;
3. Rae Archibald.

Garden Flower: 1. Jeannie Mair;
2. Isabel McClung; 3. Frances Webster.

Joy Spence thanked the Letham ladies on behalf of all the visiting institutes for their warm hospitality.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th November at 7.15 pm in Letham Bowling Club.

Linda Marshall will be demonstrating Botanical Printing. Visitors are very welcome.

More information can be found on our website. www.lethamswi.org

(Colette McNeill (Press Secretary))



JustGiving

My name is Karen and I am fund raising on behalf of the Letham and District Community Council (LDCC). One of our LDCC objectives is to provide and maintain defibrillators within our community for the use and benefit of everyone in our community.

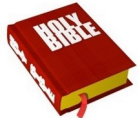
Around 70 people each week have a cardiac arrest at home in Scotland (St Johns Ambulance). As a nurse I am well aware of the benefits of early intervention when people take unwell suddenly and I am sure most people will have a family member or friend who has suffered a cardiac arrest. A defibrillator can make all the difference in these situations, especially in a rural location when professional help may take some time.

Currently in Letham we have 3 defibrillators, one in the Square, which is accessible 24 hours, one in the Keystore and one at Davidsons the chemist, however the latter two are only accessible during business hours. It is our ambition at the LDCC to have all 3 accessible 24 hours a day. We would also like to widen availability to some of the smaller communities within our district like Craichie and Bowriefauld.

Our Just giving online target of £1,325 has been achieved. This will get us 1 defibrillator and 2 outdoor cabinets, we have very generously been supported by the Football trust and Davidsons chemist's with donations towards this cause, however all donations above our target will be held in the defibrillator account of the LDCC and used to replace the current defibrillators which are coming to the end of their lifespan, also to replace batteries and AED pads when required to ensure this vital equipment is available at the time of need.

We would really appreciate any donation you can offer and will continue to collect cash donations which are currently being collected in the Letham Keystore. Donations can also be given to any of the LDCC committee members.

THANK YOU for taking the time to read our story



Learning Together



Weekly Group Bible Study

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on Mondays at 1:30pm.

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to remind us to be
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