

# ALL SOULS

Aberlemno - Letham - Lowson - Est. 2024

## A note from Rev Maggie...

Welcome to the autumn edition of the All Souls Newsletter. You'll find lots of information about what is going on and how you can be part of the wider work of our church. As the summer ends and the nights draw in and the cold winds blow, there is lots to look forward to - so please pop dates in your diary now for events later in the Autumn.

Over September and October our big focus is our church wide theme of 'Joyful Generosity'. We aim to ensure that everyone in our church knows what is happening in all the different worship and mission centres. There will be weekly services reflecting this theme as well as leaflets and brochures which will be delivered to you all. Having been involved a little in the preparation of the mailing I have been overwhelmed by the amount that we do as a church to serve our communities. It truly is remarkable that we are able to do as Jesus asks and quite literally feed the hungry, clothe the naked, offer shelter and warmth to the cold, friendship to the lonely. I hope you are excited by what you discover about the work of our church and come along to our special Commitment Sunday services on 26 th October at Aberlemno, Letham and Lowson to find out more.

Rev Maggie

"LORD GOD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMISE TO  
GIVE US PEACE WHEN WE FIX OUR MINDS ON YOU.  
FILL US WITH YOUR PEACE AS WE ADJUST TO THIS  
NEW SEASON AND PREPARE FOR THE LONG  
WINTER SEASON AHEAD. YOU ARE OUR LIVING  
PEACE, AND WE PRESS CLOSE TO YOU WITH THE  
HOPEFUL EXPECTATION THAT YOU WILL BRING  
PEACE TO OUR SOULS. AMEN."



*Happy moments, praise God  
Difficult moments, seek God  
Quiet moments, worship God  
Painful moments, trust God  
Every moment, thank God*

## Monday

### TOTS

#### Toddler Group

@Lowson  
9.30am - 11.30am  
(TERM TIME ONLY)  
Adults £1  
Children 50p

All Welcome

### Hillcrest Futures Advice and Support Drop In

@Anchorage

10 - 12pm

### Warm Spaces

@Anchorage

Monday - Friday  
9.30am - 12pm

A warm space to enjoy company, a cuppa and a space to work, chat or relax

### Cosy Cuppies

@Anchorage

1.30 - 4pm

A place to chat, play dominoes, bring knitting and enjoy fellowship

### Spectrum Choir

@Anchorage

Spectrum ladies choir resumes  
Monday 15th September

7.30pm

New members welcome

For more information contact Helen McLeod - helen.mcleod53@sky.com

## Mens' Fellowship Group

The speakers at our meetings over the coming months are:-  
2025

- 15 September. Peter Hay  
Coxswain RNLI Broughty Ferry
- 20 October. Mark Hooghiemstra  
Forensic Accident Investigator
- 17 November. Christine Donaldson  
Strathmore Woolens Forfar
- 15 December. Fellowship Lunch  
The Mill, Forfar

Meetings third Monday monthly at 'The Anchorage', West High Street, Forfar. Gather 10.15 for tea/coffee for 10.30 start.

Why not come along?

For further information contact

David Adam - mobile 07889 573885

## Cosy Cuppies

Monday afternoons 1.30 - 3.30pm

Cuppies, conversation, company  
(and even a game of dominoes,  
cards or bananagrams)



## The Anchorage



Let's get  
together &  
Play some  
games

**BOARD  
GAMES  
AFTERNOON**

First Sunday  
of the Month

AT THE ANCHORAGE,  
W HIGH STREET FORFAR  
1:30PM TIL 3PM

## Wednesday Worship

Every Wednesday morning 10.30am  
30min interactive seated church service  
followed by lots of chat over a cupple

Join us!

All Souls @ The Anchorage, West High St Forfar



## TOTS GROUP

for babies, toddlers and kids under 5,  
**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**  
9.30 - 11.30am

Anchorage, West High  
Street, Forfar



JOIN US FOR

**Crafts,  
Colouring,  
Cuppies and  
Company**

Every Wednesday afternoon  
1-3pm

(just pop in - no need to come every week)

@THE ANCHORAGE,  
W HIGH STREET FORFAR



## Tuesday

**TOTS Toddler Group**  
@Anchorage

9.30am - 11.30am  
(TERM TIME ONLY)  
Adults £1  
Children 50p

**U40s Adult Group**  
@Anchorage  
7 - 9pm  
Once a Month

9th September  
14th October  
18th November

**U3A Singing Group**  
@Anchorage

Every 2nd and 4th  
Tuesday afternoon of  
each month  
2-4pm

# WHAT'S ON



All Souls Charity  
Shop

146 East High Street, Forfar

Monday  
to

Saturday  
10am to 4pm



### School Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop at the Anchorage opening times are:-  
Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday 10.00am till 12 noon.

Used school uniforms which  
have been washed and ironed  
are available at no cost.

Donations always welcome and  
can be handed into the shop.



### Easyfundraising



- Donate to our funds every time you spend
- Easyfundraising turns your daily shopping into everyday magic
- Site is free to use and if you ask for a refer-a-friend link we get £5.00 for every referral.

If you want to know more drop an email to  
[Lowsonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:Lowsonchurch@gmail.com)

## Wednesday

### Wednesday Worship

@Anchorage

Informal worship from the worship team, followed by refreshments.

10.30am onwards

Returns Wednesday 3rd September

### Stoma Support Group

@Anchorage

A group for those who live with stomas, carers, friends and family.

First Wednesday of each month  
2 - 4pm

### Karaoke @ The Kirk

@Aberlemno

Informal gathering for folk who love singing and have a good time

Every week from 7pm  
£2

### Body and Soul

@Lowson

7pm

Mindful meditation, being still in the presence of God, Low impact cardio for women

### TOTS

#### Toddler Group

@Lowson

9.30am - 11.30am  
(TERM TIME ONLY)

Adults £1  
Children 50p

All Welcome

### Cafe Church

@Lowson

Every 3rd  
Wednesday, 7.30pm

A lively informal service led by the praise band

### Bus Shopping Trip to Morrison's

Last Wednesday of each month

Pick-ups can be arranged  
If interested or would like more information contact  
Valerie Darling -  
07359 766289

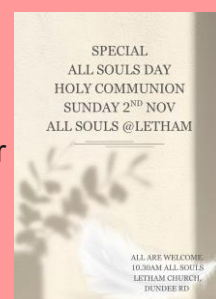
## Letham



At All Souls Letham we have been spending the summer months thinking about how church has changed over the years and will continue to change. And how the Holy Spirit is always on the move and leads us onwards. We have been praying about how to engage more with our community and better serve the people of the village, noticing where God already is at work. Dempster Day (Ice Cream Sunday) at Letham, was a lovely time spent sharing compassion and love together with ice cream for breakfast for some and then a communal lunch served by the All Souls Hospitality Team.

Upcoming events in Letham include;

- Fairtrade breakfast before worship on Sunday 21st September
- Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 12th October
- All Souls Day and Special Communion on Sunday 2nd November
- Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November





## Thursday

### TOTS Toddler Group @Anchorage

9.30am - 11.30am  
(TERM TIME ONLY)  
Adults £1  
Children 50p

### Men's Prayer Group @Lowson

7.30pm in the  
church  
All welcome

### Elevenes @Lowson 11am

Come and worship  
in a short and  
informal service in  
the church

Transport available

### Lunch Club @Lowson

In the hall, come  
along for soup,  
filled rolls, cakes,  
tea & coffee  
Lunch from 11.45

### TLC @Anchorage

7 - 9pm

A positive mental health space  
welcome to anyone.

Please contact Rev Maggie on  
07557381932 if you would like to  
come along.

### Craft Group @Lowson

2-4pm in the Hall

Bring along your knitting, crochet, sewing and join us  
for a friendly chat.

INVITATION to other ALL Souls Craft groups.

Come and join any Thursday afternoon. Phone or text  
07929915955 to say which Thursday you have chosen.  
We look forward to meeting you.

## Lowson



Holiday Club

Some children and volunteers at All Souls Lowson Summer Holiday Club



Linda, Kate and Mary from All  
Souls @ Lowson Craft Group  
donating jumpers and hats to  
Ann Marie Pitt who will forward to  
Friends of Toowa, Uganda.  
The craft group completed this  
before the Group stopped for a  
summer break.  
The meetings started again on  
Thursday 21st August at 2pm.  
All are welcome to join us.



Summer Fayre was  
a successful event  
for All Souls together.  
A live band and  
some goodies were  
enjoyed by all.



## Friday

### Celebrate Recovery

@Letham

A group for anyone with addiction issues who would like some support – meeting in Letham Church Hall on Friday evenings from 7 p.m. Contact Graeme McIntosh on 07752 735 288 for more information.

### House Group

@Letham

Meeting every two weeks on Friday mornings from 10:30 am, this new House Group is for those who would like to deepen their faith and find new ways to reach out in faith. For more details contact Rev Klaus Buwert: Klaus@buwert.co.uk

### Cosy Cuppies

@Letham

All are welcome to enjoy companionship, games, activities and refreshments in Letham Church Hall from 1:30 p.m. each Friday afternoon. Hosted by Letham Seniors, there is no cost for attending. For further information, please contact Isobel Sword: 07981740888 or isobelsword@hotmail.co.uk  
\*Please note this will finish at the end of October\*

### Youth Group

@Lowson

Friday evenings in Lowson Hall  
(TERM TIME ONLY)

P1-P3: 6.30-7.45pm

P4-P7: 7.45pm - 9pm

### Drop Zone

@Lowson

Friday evenings in the church  
(TERM TIME ONLY)

For Secondary students  
7.30-9pm

### Tots Toddler Group

@Lowson

9.30am - 11.30am  
(TERM TIME ONLY)

Adults £1

Children 50p

All Welcome

### U3A Knitting & Crochet

@Anchorage

2nd and 4th  
Fridays of each  
month

2-4pm



## All Souls Church Guild Let Us Build A House



The Guild would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in the Lowson Church Hall on Saturday 23 August. The Guild greatly appreciates your continued support. We look forward to the start of the new session when we welcome old and new members. If you just want to come along to hear more about any of our programme topics you are very welcome. The Guild Membership costs £17.00 for the year or FREE for the first year for anyone who has never been a Church of Scotland Guild Member.

On Saturday 13 September some of our members are travelling to Perth North Church for the National Guild Annual Gathering for the launch of the 2nd Theme for 2025 – 2026 – “Living Stones” of the “Let us Build a House” Strategy and the Discussion Topic “encouraging one another through Fellowship and Friendship” It will be an inspiring day with wonderful singing, speakers, entertainment and Guild News and Project updates.

Guild Week 14 – 21 September 2025

17 September Opening Social – U3A Singing for Fun Group

Sunday 21 September - Guild Rededication Service during Morning Worship at All Souls @ Lowson Church

1 October “Living Stones” Theme Afternoon Rev M Hunt at Letham Church

15 October Angus Small Repairs

29 October Joint Guild’s Project Afternoon in Lowson Church Crossreach – Playful Beginnings

12 November Open Meeting – all welcome - Scam Prevention – Constable Anderson

26 November Spinning Demonstration – Ann Allan

10 December Christmas Meal to be arranged

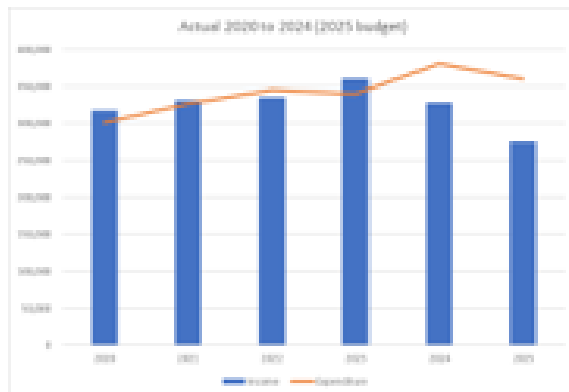
The Guild meetings are on Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm fortnightly in the Lowson Church Hall and usually finish between 3.30 and 4pm unless otherwise intimated. Please bring your own mug for a cup of tea or coffee. A wrapped biscuit is provided.

If you need more information or have any queries please contact me (Linda Stewart) 01307 469255 or email

lindas28@btinternet.com

## Finance Group Report

This bar chart gives us a picture of the combined income and expenditure from 2020 to our 2025 budget of the churches who are now united in Forfar All Souls Church.



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The fact that our total income is reducing (blue columns) and our outlays are increasing (red line) should come as no surprise, given the cost inflation and financial problems following and resulting from "Covid".

This year all of us will have seen articles in the national press expressing concern at high

levels of borrowing and indebtedness and/or lack of reserves that would allow us to "weather the storm". And this includes the Church of Scotland nationally.

Fortunately we are not in that position yet, but the majority of our reserves are restricted and not freely available to meet operating costs. Current trends suggest that the reserves available could be swallowed up and exhausted in a year or two.

The Finance Group is charged with overseeing all the financial activities of our church. All members of the group are in no doubt that, working together, this situation can and will be overcome. Our initial target is to achieve a balanced budget by 2027, but in the longer term and with your help, we look to expand our mission, increase our service to the community and continue to share our hope with those in need.

In this regard, our Stewardship Section have been busy preparing, with the help of our stewardship consultant, Katherine, a campaign aimed at undertaking a review of our personal giving. With this issue of the newsletter, you will have received a letter from our ministry team of Rev Karen, Rev Maggie and Rev Heather, explaining our approach. We are not just concentrating on offerings. As well as preparing and receiving grant applications for specific needs, our Fundraising Section is charged with encouraging and assisting individual members as well as groups to bring forward fundraising events.

The other two sections in the group, Finance Group, General (overseeing all financial activities, budgets etc.) and Resource Management (managing, reviewing use and insuring all church properties) are engaged in looking for possible economies and reductions in cost and expenditure, as well as an increase in returns.

Currently, all in the Finance Group are elders, but we are looking beyond elders for volunteers willing to help us meet these challenges. Whether or not an elder, please get in touch and make our day!

Yes, we do have a challenges ahead, but let us look forward in faith, not in fear.

Remember, the task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.

Thanks be to God

Ron Leslie  
Finance Convener

# Aberlemno

Every Sunday at 10am  
All welcome.

There is a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits  
after the first service of every month.



# Letham

Every Sunday at 10.30am

All welcome to join us for service, tea  
and coffee after service.  
Informal Communion first Sunday of  
every month.



# Lowson

Morning Worship  
11am every Sunday

Sunday School, Teen Scene and Creche

Cuppies after service

Information Communion last Sunday of  
every month

*All services are available online on  
YouTube at "Lowson Church"*



# The Anchorage

26 West High Street

Forfar



*All Souls Church have created this Anchorage in  
response to the need in our town for a free place*

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

Some readers of the "ALL Souls Newsletter" have been asking why there is no longer information about members' babies who have been born, or those who have married or who have died – (Births, marriages and deaths) – as used to be the case in most church magazines.

The answer is that GDPR is now in place. This is an EU regulation on information policy and is an important component of privacy law and human rights law.

For our purposes, it means that we are no longer permitted to publish such personal dates in church magazines. We hope this explains.

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will be December 2025

Any information please provide before  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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