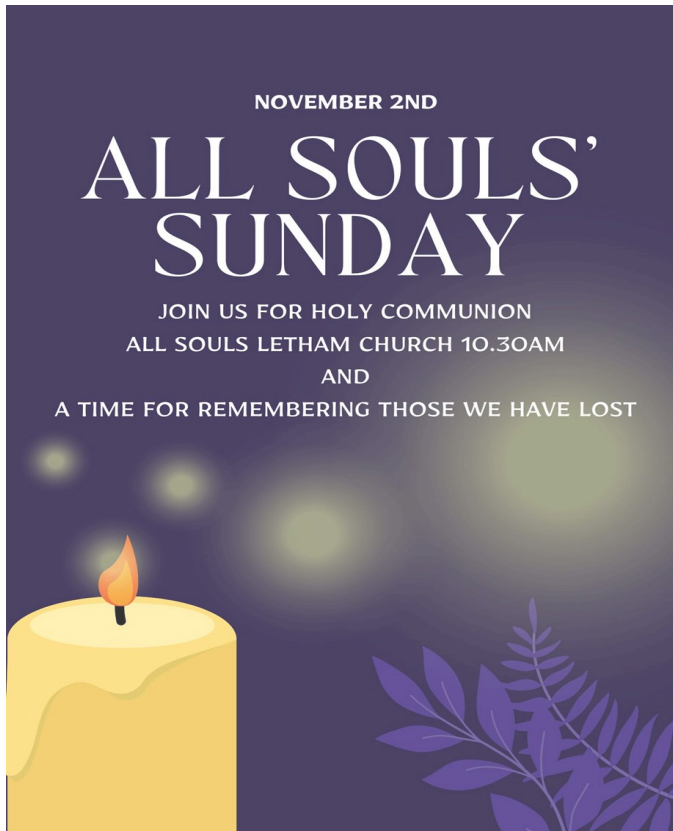


In the PICTURE

November 2025

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

David F. Balfour	William J Brown
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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

Pte. John Ree (New Zealander) was one of three brothers who came to Letham from Norway

Remembrance Sunday

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

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT 2025

FORFAR ALL SOULS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP and legacy DLK PUBLICITY GROUP

The Forfar All Souls Communications Group is one of a number of sub groups of the Kirk Session. Others relate to Finance, Property, Worship, Discipleship, Mission and Outreach, Pastoral Care, Hospitality and Safeguarding. All of the Elders from legacy DLK Church sit on one or more of these Committees.

The principal, most recent activities of the Communications Group include production of the quarterly All Souls Newsletter which is distributed to all members now worshipping at Aberlemno, Letham and Lowson churches. The Group has devised a new Logo for the Union which will be increasingly used in all documentation, e.g. headed paper and Notice Boards. Responsibility for the All Souls website, Facebook page and other social media outlets also rests with the Communications Group. A funding bid has been submitted to the Presbytery of Perth Mission Fund to hopefully establish a part time Communications Officer post to assist Elders and others to better inform members and the wider community of the outreach and mission of the Church.

In addition, our local publicity initiatives continue. "In the PICTURE", our church and community newsletter is still produced and delivered 10 times a year to all households in the parish, plus a number of pdf copies are sent via email. Numbering over 1,000 copies in total, this constitutes a significant outreach initiative by the church.

Other activities implemented again this year were: 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 around £226 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 are encouraged to take 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 Distributors and our team who are Rev Martyn Thomas, Joan Smith, Elaine Saunders, Jeannie Mair and Irene McGugan.

A huge thank you to all who support this work.
Irene McGugan



**Fairtrade
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**Pre-Christmas
Social evening and
Shopping event**

Saturday 15th November
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Forfar All Souls

**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

Saturday 29th November
10am – 12noon

All the usual stalls, treats and fun

Lowson Church and Hall,
Jamieson St Forfar

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



Was held in Letham Church on 12th October, the service was led by Rev Maggie Hunt. The service was followed by a lunch in the Church Hall.



The donated goods were given to Forfar All Souls Food Project. The collection of £226 was donated to the Eckwendeni Hospital in Malawi. Thanks are extended to all who helped with the display and those who provided soup and deserts for the lunch

Photos by Bruce Mair and John Crichton

WARM SPACES - LETHAM

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Letham Church Hall: Fridays 12noon-2pm

From Maggie Hunt

Hi everyone!

As we turn towards the winter months we have a lot going on in the village and at the church.

Fireworks on Saturday 8th November at the field at the end of Smiddy Place and Burnside Rd. Bonfire from 5.30pm, fireworks at 7pm and hot drinks, smores, and hot dogs on sale by the local Scouts.

9th November – Remembrance Sunday. 10am start at the church in order to gather for a short all age worship before heading to Dempster Park for the 11am silence. All are welcome from across the community. Car shares up to Dempster Park can be arranged for those worried about transport.

As always, I try to be around and about during the week when possible, but if you'd like a visit or a chat, please just get in touch and I'll happily meet you either at home or at the café. Rev Maggie

Pre-Christmas Bible Study

All are invited to the joint churches pre-Christmas bible study held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm starting on 4th November at the Anchorage on West High Street Forfar. We will be looking at Journeying through Advent with New Daylight. We are starting in November in order to finish mid December before everyone gets super busy. As always, transport can be arranged if you'd like to join us but need a lift.



Cosy Cuppi in church hall on Friday 17th when Mitch McGugan entertained the Group.

His father Stuart McGugan will be remembered by those of a certain generation as a Playschool Presenter.



Age Scotland have passed on the following information .

Just a reminder that scam messages are circulating, urging people to contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to ensure they do not lose out on their entitlement to this year's Winter Fuel Payment. In Scotland, the benefit is now known as the Pension Age Winter Heating Payment, not the Winter Fuel Payment, and is received automatically by eligible people, not through a link or application. It is administered by Social Security Scotland, not the DWP.

Please ignore / delete any such texts and / or e-mails and do not click on any links they contain.

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SATURDAY

22nd NOVEMBER

Letham Village Hall

10 to 11.30 am



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EVERYONE IS WELCOME



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Next Issue of 'In the PICTURE'

**Deadline for December/January 2025/6
issue is**

Saturday 15 November 2025

Material to be sent to Rev Martyn Thomas
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And to Jeannie Mair

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TALES OF LETHAM STANES No. 18

*"I've seen many a ruined building,
but never a ruined stane." (Hugh MacDiarmid*

"AH'M RUNNIN' OOT O' STANES "

When I began to write about our ain stanes so many months ago, I never thought for one minute that we had so many stones to speak about. However it looks like I am close to the end of the road on the subject of stones.

I will stop writing about stones, and may come up with other aspects of our fascinating village which are worthy of exploration. Meantime, a wee mander to recall some of the stone stories of the past.

Our ancient Girdle Stane remains on guard beside our northern road into Letham on Auldbar Road. It is classified as a Cup and Ring Stone and is said to be 3,500 years old, possibly a 'markerstone'.

The replica Pictish stone which sits in front of what was the old Dunnichen kirk is formed of very believable fibreglass, and filled with concrete. It is said to commemorate The Battle of Dunnichen AD 685 fought between the Scots and the Northumbrians. The Picts won the day.

It is also well worth recalling that each house built in the newly planned village in 1789 had a spanking new well built in the most exquisite stonework imaginable. Many still contain cool fresh water to this day. A marvel surely.

JAMcG



Three well known local ladies enjoying Church Coffee Morning on 18th October. Val Macdonald, Margaret Shepherd and Sheelagh Campbell. The amount raised was £398



It would appear the storm season is upon us. The storm season begins on the 1st of September every year and Storm Amy hit us on the 3rd of October. SSEN reported that 90,000 houses were affected by power cuts. Power was restored to all these households by the 8th of October, which meant that some houses were without power for up to four days. Such prolonged power cuts prompt us to consider how we would manage for four days without power and yes some of these 90, 000 households were in the DD8 post code area.

Community and personal resilience are now high priority as we see more extreme weather phenomena such as storms, flooding and wildfires. Community of Letham Emergency Action Resilience (CLEAR) is a group created by members of Letham Church, Letham Seniors, the Community Council, Letham Feuars, Letham Village Hall and interested members of the public.

CLEAR is recognised as an affiliated resilience group working closely with Angus Council's Resilience Forum, part of Angus Council emergency planning. CLEAR status as a constituted group is acknowledged by organisations including Scottish Southern Electrical Network, Scottish Gas Network, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland.

Earlier this year CLEAR received grant funding from Angus Councils Community Resilience Fund. This funding enabled the purchase of various items of equipment intended for use during emergencies.

Letham Village Hall is equipped with electrical switch gear that allows connection to a generator. In the event of an extended power outage the Village Hall could be opened as a local hub providing heat, power and hot water etc. and would have direct support from Angus Council and other essential services.

Angus Council have set up a communication network with all local resilience groups, with CLEAR among them. Through this network CLEAR receives direct updates from the council's emergency planning department and resilience forum. Once a messages from Angus Council are received about storms, emergencies or other disruptions we need to get that message out to you.

We might need to let you know if the village hall will be open or one of the other halls in the village will open. We will broadcast messages via our own Facebook page and other local Facebook pages and would ask you to share these as well. We also propose using the pre-existing communication networks of other groups and societies in the area by setting up points of contact, who will then cascade messages through their own networks. Of course, we all need to take personal responsibility to ensure that our neighbours and friends are kept informed and the more vulnerable of our neighbours are looked after too.

We also need to consider our own personal resilience, how well prepared are you for any kind of disruption?

Do you have torches with batteries, candles and matches, a charged powerbank for your mobile phone, bottled water, cash instead of bank cards? There is a huge amount of advice about personal resilience available online, and it is definitely worth taking a look. Angus Council, Ready Scotland, SSEN, the Met Office, SEPA and the Scottish Government all have websites, Facebook pages or apps which have vital information which will help you plan for emergencies. If you or someone you know is vulnerable you should consider registering with SSEN's Priority Service, call 0800 294 3259 to register.

For further information or if you are interested in joining us contact us by email- clearletham@gmail.com,

Call 007925773456, or follow us on Facebook CLEARLetham

Letham Feuars

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON FRIDAY 5th December In The Square At 6.30pm



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Everyone is welcome to come along to the
Letham Fireworks Display on Saturday
8th November at Findlay Russel's Farm
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To be held on the field at the end of Burnside
beside Smiddy Place. There will be hot drinks
and food, and lights for sale

5.30pm for Bonfire and 7pm for Fireworks
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On Tuesday 7th October the ladies of Letham and District SWI admired the talent and skill of Karen Donaldson as she produced a stunning flower arrangement in a pumpkin and a beautiful hand-tied bouquet from her left-over flowers. Karen, a trained florist, now runs Rowan and Fern Lampshade Design which can be seen at our local farmers' markets and at Milton Haugh Farm Shop. At the end of the meeting Sheelagh Campbell and Joan Smith were the lucky winners in the draw for the flowers.

Karen, ably assisted by her daughter Rowan, judged the competitions and the results were -

Individual Pumpkin Pie

1 Lindsay Smith, 2 Meg Bundock,
3 Dorothy Goss

A Paper Flower

1 Lindsay Smith, 2 Lynne Slater
3, Frances Webster

Garden Flower of the Month

1 Isobel McClung, 2 Lynne Slater,
3 Lindsay Smith

We are very much looking forward to a talk on The History of Letham on November 4th and our Christmas Party on December 2nd. Do come along and join us. We meet in the Letham Bowling Club at 7.15. The cost is £6 for visitors which includes tea and biscuits – please bring a mug!

November competitions are 3 pieces of puff candy, a crocheted coaster, and a garden flower.

December competitions are 3 cheese straws, a Christmas table decoration with a candle, and a garden flower

Dorothy Goss



Letham Stitches



We meet on Wednesday afternoons in the Church Hall - 1.30 to 3.30pm.

We do all crafts that use a needle or hook of any sort.

We share all sorts of knowledge and help each other when needed.

Why not come and join our happy band.

Kind Regards Elaine

Letham Gardening Club

Our October meeting was led by Tracey Williamson on an enjoyable tour around the Glenwhan Garden near Stranraer.

On the 11th November Steve Ludlum will give us a master class on flower arranging. Steve has his own inimitable style, leaving many of us thinking "I could do that", but then maybe we couldn't. Come and join a lesson from an expert on how it's done.

The gardening club is held in the Bowling Club at 7.30 and we look forward to you joining us. Oh, and bring a friend.

.Bill Muir

07902339420

Letham House Group

Meets every two weeks on Friday mornings from 10.30 am, for those who would like to deepen their faith and find new ways to reach out in faith.

For more details contact Klaus Buwert

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'In the PICTURE'

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