



JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2026

ALL SOULS NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING OUR WORSHIP, EVENTS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Minister's Message

Welcome to our summer edition of the All Souls newsletter.

This edition covers June, July AND August so hopefully there will be information about events, activities and ongoing outreach that will excite you this summer. We look forward to various sporting events from Wimbledon to the Commonwealth Games as well as football, cricket and other sporting highlights.

At church we look forward to our Friends Choir concert on 13th June, the fantastic Summer Fayre on 27th of June and the summer breakfast clubs and holiday club in July and August. There's lots going on as well as other activities which you will read about later. We pray that the weather is good and that we are able to reach out in Christ's name to our communities through our events, groups, projects and missional activities over these coming months. Our focus in this edition is outreach.

Rev Maggie Hunt

Musical Evening with The Friends Choir & Band

When: Saturday 13th June 2026

Where: Lawson Church, 1 Jamieson St, Forfar

Time: 7.30pm

All tickets £10

(Refreshments & Raffle available)



All proceeds to the RNLI & Lawson Church

FORFAR ALL SOULS
ABERLEMNO • LETHAM • LOWSON

ALL SOULS CHURCH GUILD
Charity No: SC 002417

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Guild Funds

SATURDAY 22 August
10 am – 11.30 am

@
LOWSON MEMORIAL CHURCH HALL

Adults £4.00

Tickets for sale at door or at Lawson Lunch Club 20 August

*Raffle *Home Baking *Gifts

HIGHLIGHTING OUR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH



BILL AND ANNE-MARIE PITT FROM ALL SOULS AT LOWSON ARE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF TOOWA



Toowa is a village, located in the hills near Lugazi, an industrial town in central Uganda. Toowa has a high percentage of women and children, with the majority living in poverty due partly to the current high levels of illiteracy in the population.

Toowa Primary School, founded some 20 years ago by the Lugazi Pentecostal Church, aimed to provide local access to education for the many local children. The purpose of setting up a primary school in Toowa was to reduce the travel by foot for those children attending schools in neighbouring areas and to reduce the many social problems arising from lack of access to education. The school's humble beginnings started with preschool classes, only with additional classes and buildings introduced each year.

Capstone Projects, a Dundee charity, initially supported the development of Toowa Primary School as one of its several projects and Bill and Anne-Marie Pitt visited and worked in the school in 2017. However, the following year a Kirriemuir lady, Kathleen Houghton, visited the school and was inspired to set up sponsorships of £15 on month for a few children. The growth of the sponsorship programme has led to 145 children currently sponsored, many school buildings improved plus high levels of national examinations passes and children moving onto senior school. It was agreed to formalise the Friends of Toowa as a charity in 2021 with OSCR approval being granted in April 2021. Kathleen, Anne-Marie and Bill are three of the five trustees (website Toowa.org and Facebook page Friends of Toowa).

Not only has access to education been made possible through the sponsorship programme, but the buildings within the estate of the school has expanded and rebuilt to allow for a far better learning environment and also Government approval to hold national examinations. The latest building to be improved has been a new toilet block, which was desperately required, and a technical class. A boys dormitory is half way under construction with a grant from the Rotary and fundraising activities from Bretherton youth club in England. A girls dormitory has already been provided, due to long distances some children have to travel to school from rural communities, a kitchen, library, many classrooms and fencing around the school.

The needs of the children and families in Toowa, and Uganda itself, are endless due to the extreme poverty and lack of basic healthcare and utilities. God's provision, however, continues to be felt in a small way through the sponsors and organisations that support the work of Friends of Toowa. Sponsors are often led to help the families of the children by providing better homes, animals to farm and solar power which consequently blesses the whole community.

Anne-Marie and Bill try to visit the school every two years (next visit June 2026) with other trustees also going out regularly. Bill usually builds desks for the school while there, alongside a local carpenter, and Anne-Marie teaches and works with the children. They are witness to the blessings provided by God via the sponsors and supporters of the Friends of Toowa and beginning to see children passing their primary exams and going on to be supported through a secondary school education. This will result in teenagers, and consequently their families, beginning to break the cycle of poverty.

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Baby hats for hospitals in Ukraine

Destined for premature babies in Ukraine, the Rotary Club of Forfar was delighted to accept 250 BABY HATS from the Craft Group and other knitters of Forfar: All Souls Church in May this year. The hats (as well as some gorgeous little cardigans and mitts!) will initially be sent to the International Rotary Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals, who have been in constant contact with medical facilities in Ukraine since the war there began, supporting wherever they can. They will arrange onward transit of the knitted items to medical locations where maternity care, particularly premature, is most needed. In Ukraine cold temperatures combined with ongoing disruptions to the power supply, are putting many vulnerable newborns at serious risk.

A simple way to reduce the risk is to provide them with small soft hats! There is strong medical evidence behind this request. A newborn's head is proportionally much larger than an adult's, making it a major source of heat loss. When left uncovered, babies can lose warmth rapidly – increasing the risk of complications and, tragically, even death.

A massive thank you to ALL the knitters and crocheters who contributed to this wonderful effort. our contact in Ukraine [via Rotary] will be in touch at the end of the summer with a list of what is needed next.



Musical Memories

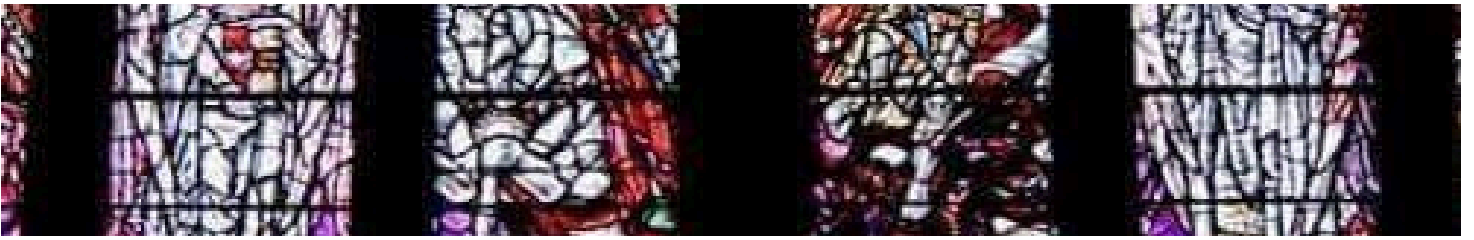
We have recently started a new Music & Memories group in Letham for adults with Dementia and other illness to come along with their carers.

Sadly the first meeting at the start of May was not very well attended, but those that did come really enjoyed themselves. Bill Fraser came with tambourines and bells and song sheets for us all, and we had a great sing-song. I don't think we wanted to finish. Please come and join us at the next session on **June 5th** when there will again be live music.

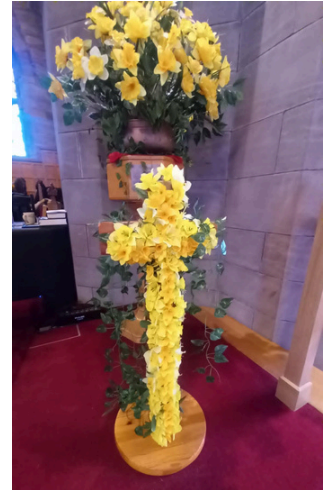
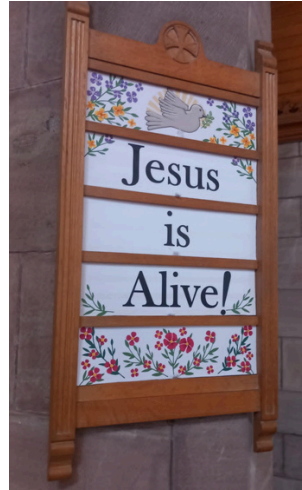
The group meets on the first Friday of each month.



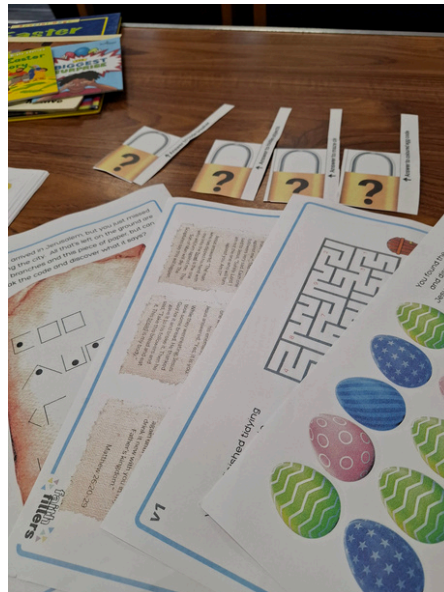
SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES



Easter Bonnets at Letham



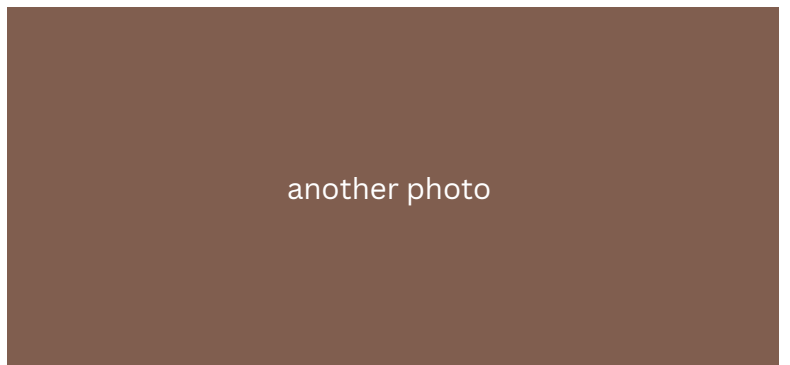
Easter at Lowson



Some of the crafts and quizzes at 'Explore Easter' events held in Letham, Forfar and Inverarity



Christian Aid coffee morning



another photo

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

This issue of the All Souls Newsletter doesn't feature **ALL** the groups which meet and activities that take place in our four locations. This is because there are other and better ways of accessing this information - ways which can be updated more effectively so that the content is always up to date and accurate.

However - you can find out all about what's going on at:

Aberlemno - intimations at weekly worship

Letham - intimations at weekly worship and the 'In The PICTURE' village magazine.

Lowson - intimations at weekly worship and written details in the printed order of service

Anchorage - a 'what's on' sheet available to pick up

You can also find out more on the church website:

www.forfarallsouls.org and on social media.



All Souls Church Guild

Let Us Build A House



At the "Second A G M" of All Souls Church Guild on 25 March we distributed the funds raised in 2025 as follows - £2000.00 to All Souls Church General Fund, £400.00 to the Outreach Fund, £200.00 each to 2 of the Guild Projects for 2025 - 2027 - Bear Necessities for Bulgaria - Build My Church & Release International Voice of the Persecuted Christians - Operation Hope. We also donated £200.00 to equip a new Maternity Home in Bandawe in Malawi. (The Church of Scotland Guild is celebrating 150 years linked with Livingstonia Synod in Malawi).

Thank you to all who generously support the Guild in order that we were able to make these donations.

In April Les Craib gave an interesting talk on Our Garden in Spring and his time as President of the Forfar Horticultural Society. Christine and George Mitchell entertained with a variety of musical duets and solos at the Closing Social.

The Guild is now on a Summer Break and instead of a "Trip" this year we are going to the Royal Hotel, Forfar for High Tea on Wednesday 10 June.

Diary Dates

Saturday 22 August - Coffee Morning in the Lowson Church Hall 10.00 am - 11.30 am with the usual stalls.

Saturday 12 September - Guild Annual Gathering - Perth North Church

Our regular meetings will resume during Guild Week on Wednesday 16 September with an Opening Social and the details will be in the September/October Newsletter.

Please contact me at lindas28@btinternet.com if you require more information.

Very Best wishes, Linda Stewart [Minute Secretary]

CAN YOU HELP?

If you worship in one of our Churches and would like to help ensure that the wider All Souls Union is aware of events, special services and general happenings where you are, either in the form of pieces for the newsletter, articles for the website or help with social media; please let us know!

Also please consider joining the Communications Group, which amongst other things is responsible for producing this Newsletter.

Anyone interested should contact Rev Maggie Hunt in the first instance.

Messy Church @ All Souls



Messy Church is an intergenerational church that meets together to explore the gospel through crafts, activities, stories, music and shared food.

We welcome children with their families to come and be church together once a month on a Saturday at 10am at All Souls Lawson.

Our next Messy Church meetings are:

June 20th and September 19th



ALL SOULS@ LOWSON CHURCH

Saturday 27 June

Gates open at 11.30 am

- 🎈 Fun and Games 🎈 Food and Refreshments
- 🎈 Live Music 🎈 Bouncy Castle
- 🎈 Face Painting 🎈 Crafting 🎈 Stalls.....and more !!

**A GREAT DAY OUT FOR YOUNG AND OLD
NOT TO BE MISSED!!!!!!**



email: Hospitality.Allsouls@gmail.com
or text 07950157108 for further info

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dates for your diary

[or to pin to your fridge!]



June 2026

5th June - Musical Memories at Letham Church hall 2-3.30pm

10th June - Guild afternoon tea

13th June - A musical evening with the Friends Choir and Band at Lowson

17th June - Wednesday Worship away day [see Gavin Drummond to book a place]

24th June - Last Wednesday worship until September

25th June - Kirk Session meeting

27th June - All Souls Summer Fayre [gates open 11.30am]

29th June - Cosy Cuppies last meeting until September

July 2026

3rd July - Musical memories at Letham Church Hall 2-3.30pm

6th - 31st July - Breakfast Club at Lowson 9am - 11am each weekday.

August 2026

7th August - Musical Memories at Letham Church hall 2-3.30pm

10th - 14th August - Holiday Club for primary school aged children

22nd August - Guild Coffee Morning at Lowson 10 - 11.30am

September 2026

2nd September - Wednesday Worship returns after summer break

14th September - Mens Fellowship at the Anchorage 10 for 10.30am start

16th September - Guild Week meeting at Lowson - 2pm

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Deadline for next newsletter is 15th August at noon. Articles can be sent at any time to whatson.allsouls@gmail.com