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Dear friends,

This year's General Assembly had a theme of "Word of Life." Throughout the week, we reflected on different words of life, including "hospitality," "water," and "with." I offer a summary of the General Assembly elsewhere in the magazine, but I want to offer a few words of life for your reflection this summer.



*Rest* – I hope that the summer brings rest, or at least a change. We need time to be restored and renewed, to recover from busy times, to enjoy recreation. May you find your body, mind and soul revived.

*Play* – part of Sabbath and rest is time to play, to have fun, to take pleasure in life and creation, to enjoy things, to laugh, to share. May summer give you time to play, in whatever way is best for you.

*Pray* – another aspect of Sabbath is time with God - prayer. Pay attention to God through creation, through the Bible, through music, through silence, through solitude, through others... And with the whole Church of Scotland, please pray that God will do a fresh work amongst us as God's people.

And finally, I offer *hope* – a word of life for all, for good times and difficult days, for life beyond death, for love defeating hate; hope of the risen Jesus, hope of the life-giving Spirit. Hope helps us to live out the dreams and visions God's Spirit brings us. Please consider and share your dreams and visions for Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman Church, and how we might work with God towards them.

May this summer bring time to rest, play and pray, and may we all know God's hope and share it with others.

With love & prayers, Rev Jenny



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## News from the Session Clerk

I have known for quite some time that I was going to have to sit down & write this newsletter, one of the 'perks' of being Session Clerk!



Lots of proverbs seem to have been rattling round my head and the one that seems to have been uppermost is '**don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today!**' however, this just hasn't happened. Things have been fairly hectic in the Rowand household of late. It's now Thursday, the rain has stopped, the sun is shining, it's polling day and the Sunday deadline for the magazine is fast approaching.

Before I begin this 'News from Session', here is a proverb which I believe to be very true...

**A problem shared is a problem halved,**

so I'm going to take a moment to share a few of my problems with you... I would like you all to be aware of just how worried I am about having taken on the role of Session Clerk. I feel that there are so many of you, so much better equipped for this role than me, but I'm also aware that many of you don't have the time because of work or other commitments. My next problem is the size of my feet, knowing what gigantic shoes I have to fill! Ron was the perfect Session Clerk & I'm very glad that he is around as Deputy Session Clerk and an enormous source of knowledge.

Those are my problems and I do feel better having shared them with you. It has lightened my load, so please, if you have any problems, worries or concerns, why don't you 'share your problems'. You can contact your Elder or myself and we will do our very best to help in any way we can. Maybe we will be able to 'halve your problems' too.

Since the last Magazine there has been a lot happening in Session, we have had very full agendas. Our Quinquennial Visit (which is now called the Local Church Review) is now much less of a worry because the aim of the review is to offer help & guidance and not to criticise & tell us where we are going wrong. This went well & made us aware that we really aren't doing too badly at all. We also attended a joint Session meeting with our neighbours from Burghead & Alves l/w Kinloss & Findhorn & some Elders from Elgin: St Giles & St Columba's South. The topic for discussion was

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'Empowering Local Leadership' and the need for members of the Session to 'step up' and take a more active role. This is something that will become very necessary because, as was explained to us, every year we lose many more ministers and filling vacancies is becoming almost impossible. We are in a more fortunate position than many churches as lots of our elders and members of our congregation do help lead worship in various ways.

In May, at our request, the General Trustees visited all three of our church buildings and their advice was invaluable. As with all things in the Church of Scotland, nothing happens quickly. **Good things come to those who wait** and their recommendation was that we apply for a grant for funding so we can employ experts to look at each of the three buildings. These experts will be able to advise & recommend what each of the buildings would need to make them 'fit for purpose' for the 21st century.

Your Future Focus group are continuing to meet and work on various projects. Preparation for the Gatherings is now well underway and your invitation will be delivered towards the end of August. It would be wonderful to see as many of you there as last time.

The Soup & Sweet lunches at Spynie Hall continue to be well attended and if anyone can offer any help there, I know that would be appreciated. **Many hands make light work.**

Can I suggest that at this very difficult time in our world, when the terrible atrocities seem more frequent & closer to home, we try our very best not to have cross words for each other & that we tell those closest to us often, just how much we love them.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you...

**Shona Rowand**

**Session Clerk**

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## **Rev Jenny's report from the General Assembly 2017**

One of the most important things the whole Church agreed was to issue **a call to prayer to the whole Church** – for Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions to act upon – **to pray that God will do a fresh work amongst us as God's people.** Alongside a widespread desire for change and renewal, there is a great thirst for deeper and more varied spiritual experience and prayer. Prayer was also urged for South Sudan, which is facing terrible conflict and famine; for Coptic Christians in Egypt; and for the Church of Scotland HIV Programme.

The **World Mission Council's** focus this year was on "**Women in the World Church,**" and a thread of **gender justice** ran throughout the General Assembly. There have always been women in varied ministries, central to the life of the whole Church, whose contributions are to be celebrated. There are still barriers, but women are increasingly participating despite difficulties. The Church needs to consider the impact of discrimination and violence on women; and the World Mission Council will continue accompanying women in our partner churches so that their voices may be heard, and gender justice may come closer. Christian Aid's work on gender justice is very important too. Resources will be available to help us explore these issues, and there will be a conference for representatives of all congregations on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September (joint with the Guild, Christian Aid and the Church & Society Council) on "Women in the World Church."

There was significant discussion of the situation in **Israel and Palestine**, marking 100 years since the Balfour Declaration, a British statement in favour of establishing a home for the Jewish people in Palestine. The Declaration also said that should be done without prejudicing rights of the people living there – but those aims were contradictory, and since 1948 Palestinians have been displaced from their homes. There was much discussion about the current situation, particularly in the occupied territories of the West Bank, Gaza and East

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Jerusalem, where Palestinians and Arab-Israelis find their human rights constantly abused. The point was made that we cannot remain neutral in the face of injustice, but we must remain balanced in how we consider it. We must oppose anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim prejudice at all times, and are encouraged to “go and see, come and tell,” visiting partners in Israel & Palestine.

The Social Care Council, which operates as **CrossReach**, continues to do amazing work with insufficient resources coming from local authorities. While the church would like to pay all its staff the Scottish Living Wage, it is not yet possible for everyone because the funding that pays for services to the most vulnerable doesn't fully cover costs. Please consider supporting CrossReach as a charity.

**The Panel on Review & Reform** emphasised the need for **change**. We don't need to write more reports, we need to get on with doing what the Kirk has proposed in the last few decades. We should be seeking to develop churches marked by 3 characteristics:

- working in partnership with others to meet social needs, and to bring about change so that justice prevails
- sustaining authentic, engaging Christian community and worship for all generations
- encouraging all to become fully formed disciples of Jesus Christ

The **Path of Renewal** pilot programme is helping 40 congregations to make some of the mindset shifts required for changing culture and leadership, and is about to roll out to more. It has also highlighted that the greatest need is discipleship – the church needs to shift from creating members to growing **disciples** in all generations. I am involved in this work, and hope we can learn from it.

A joint working group is also looking at how **sacramental ministry** might be enabled in fresh expressions of church, and in churches with no ordained Minister.

The **Church & Society Council** report touched on lots of contemporary life. There was an interesting reflection on the positives

and negatives of **surveillance** and data collection (now part of everyday life). The Kirk has concerns about our place in Europe, and the racism that has increased since the Brexit vote. Locally and nationally churches are hugely involved in offering hospitality and seeking sanctuary for **asylum seekers and refugees**, and will continue to push the UK Government to be more welcoming. **Pilgrimage** is being rediscovered as a spiritual tool, and local congregations can all consider how we might engage with long or short pilgrimages – surely something we could do here?

The work of **the Guild** was celebrated, in their 130<sup>th</sup> year, with an encouragement to all Kirk Sessions and members to find ways to support our Guild and its projects. Along with the National Youth Assembly, the Guild also encourages congregations to do **intergenerational** work – deliberately learning with and from different generations together.

With **Ecumenical Relations** we marked 500 years since Martin Luther triggered the Reformation in Europe, with a reminder that the Church of Scotland is “ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda”: “**A reformed Church always requiring to be reformed.**” Will we let God reform us?

The report & debate around **Ministries** was difficult. There is already a shortfall of around 200 full-time Ministers of Word & Sacrament in the Church of Scotland, with upcoming retirements far outnumbering new recruits. There is work being done to support new shapes of ministry, including supporting pilots of “hub-style” ministries, but the Kirk moves slowly and there is an urgent need to support new missional approaches in local contexts. We will have to get talking about this with our neighbouring congregations.

We are well supported by the central councils & committees, with **Mission & Discipleship** providing many resources to help us all learn and share faith and how to be church. There are specific resources

available for rural churches. The **General Trustees** are keen to help congregations make best use of buildings for local mission. And of course, the report that got the news headlines was from the **Theological Forum**, on **same-sex marriage**. The Forum offered a new approach, trying to get beyond the normal divisions. This was based on an interpretation that recognises that Jesus brought in a new age where the kingdom grows through union with Christ, rather than through procreation - therefore relationships where having children is not possible can be seen in a different light. The General Assembly eventually accepted the report, and also agreed that the Church needs to apologise to gay people for discrimination. A report will now come to the 2018 General Assembly indicating whether and how Church Law can allow some Ministers & Deacons to conduct same-sex marriage, while fully protecting those who would not. All of this is done within “**constrained difference**” which recognises allowable disagreement within the tradition of the Church, while upholding the fundamental doctrines of the Church. That constrained difference will be found in our congregation and every congregation, as well as at the General Assembly.

Throughout the week we heard from interesting speakers, including June Andrews, a **dementia** expert who was launching a guide for supporting people with dementia in the local church, which we will make available.



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## MESSY CHURCH REPORT

2016 – 2017



The last Messy Church of the session was held in Duffus Village Hall on May 7 and was another resounding success. Some of our regular families were missing for various reasons but those who came had a lot of fun. The theme was Easter and Resurrection so the children embellished foil crosses, decorated hard boiled eggs which they later rolled, made little chickens, made Easter gardens and made beautiful Spring flowers which have been on display as you come into Duffus Church. As always Jenny led the Celebration with the story tailored to the age of the children and music led by Chris and Michael. Then we all sat down and enjoyed a meal together.

Over the session numbers, excluding helpers, have fluctuated between five adults with 11 children and 12 adults with 19 children. Christine had prepared some little forms for the parents to fill in and the feedback was interesting and encouraging. One said it was nice to sit down and eat with other adults.

We had a discussion about the future and decided to continue with the same bimonthly pattern over the school year. We did not feel able to offer more frequent meetings because of the work involved and other commitments, but are happy to carry on as before.

We have booked the following dates for the 2017 – 2018 session:

**Duffus Village Hall** September 3, January 14 and May 6.

**Hopeman Memorial Hall** November 5 and March 4.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who comes and helps with the activities, the food, the games, the music, the publicity, the celebration. We would also like to thank the members of the congregation for their generosity when we ask for donations.

It would be wonderful if we could have a few more volunteers. You don't have to commit yourself to be there every time so would you please give it some consideration? We would be delighted to welcome new members to the team.

**Helen McKidd**

## Pictures from Messy Church



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## A Bay in Anglesey

The sleepy sound of a tea-time tide  
Slaps at the rocks the sun has dried,

Too lazy, almost, to sink and lift  
Round low peninsulas pink with thrift.

The water, enlarging shells and sand,

Grows greener emerald out from land

And brown over shadowy shelves below  
The waving forests of seaweed show.

Here at my feet in the short cliff grass  
Are shells, dried bladderwrack, broken glass,

Pale blue squills and yellow rock roses.

The next low ridge that we climb discloses

One more field for the sheep to graze  
While, scarcely seen on this hottest of days,

Far to the eastward, over there,

Snowdon rises in pearl-grey air.

Multiple lark-song, whispering bents,

The thymy, turfy and salty scents

And filling in, brimming in, sparkling and free  
The sweet susurrations of incoming sea.

**Sir John Betjeman**

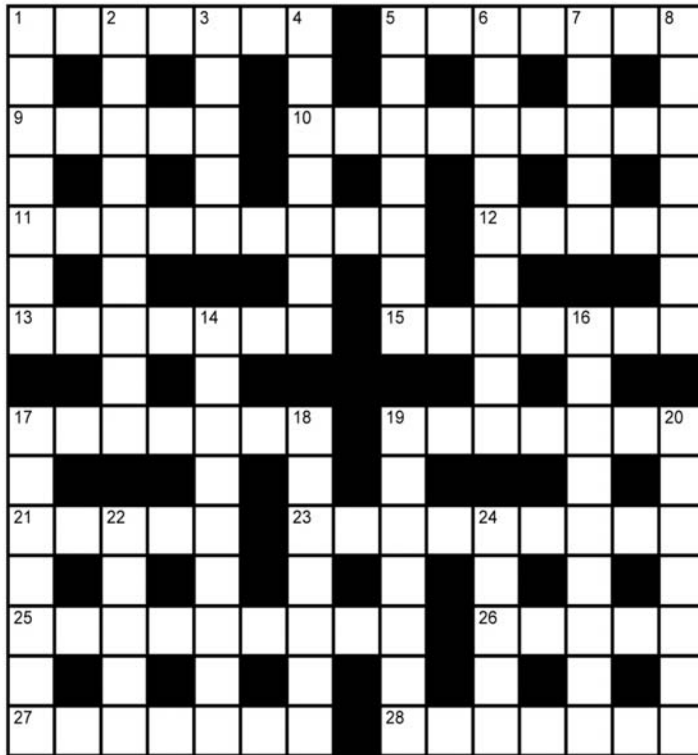


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# BIBLE CROSSWORD VI

## Across

- 1 Purifies (7)
- 5 Tainted (7)
- 9 Forbidden objects of worship (5)
- 10 Abundant (9)
- 11 Wife of David (9)
- 12 Lift up (5)
- 13 Grapple (7)
- 15 Lack of rain (7)
- 17 Sennacherib's realm (7)
- 19 Domain (7)
- 21 Biblical clothing (5)
- 23 Supplant (9)
- 25 Announced (9)
- 26 Tamar's brother (5)



by Philologus

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- 27 Person seeking redress for wrong (7)
- 28 Decorates (7)

## Down

- 1 Colourful arc seen after the flood (7)
- 2 Forehead ornaments (9)

- 3 Bird homes (5)
- 4 Greatest in status (7)
- 5 Servant (7)
- 6 Time of day (9)
- 7 Ruth's mother in law (5)
- 8 Lineage (7)
- 14 Separating wheat from chaff (9)

- 16 Legion's people (9)
- 17 King who was almost persuaded to be a Christian (7)
- 18 One more (7)
- 19 Pummelled bread (7)
- 20 Grass clippings (7)
- 22 Holy book (5)
- 24 Barter (5)

## Jewish and Christian Pentecost

In Acts 2 verse 1, we read

*"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place."*

They had gathered together to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost, also known as the feast of weeks or in Hebrew 'Shavuot'. It seems that today few of us know much about this Jewish festival and its relevance to us Christians.

The feast of weeks is so called because it occurs a 'week of weeks' after Easter (or Passover). A week of weeks is 7 weeks or 49 days, near enough 50 nights which gives us the term Pentecost (Greek). The Jewish festival of Shavuot is a double celebration. Firstly the start of the wheat harvest, occurring 7 weeks after Passover, (which is also a double festival which also marks the start of the barley harvest, needless to say the climate in Israel is very different from Scotland, and would be a poor guideline for us!) Secondly it is a celebration of Moses receiving the ten commandments and the rest of the law on Mount Sinai. This is referred to as the giving of the Torah to Moses (even though the Torah consists of the first 5 books of the Old Testament, and therefore consists of narrative after Sinai).

For some strange reasons, the Jewish calendar, and ours do not normally allow both Easter and Jewish Pentecost to coincide, but this year they have. The question that arises, is "What is God telling us by sending his Holy Spirit during the Jewish festival of Shavuot?"

I think it signifies, first the giving of the word that is the law, which proved to be incomplete, in that it was not enough to bring salvation, but was made complete at Easter when Jesus was crucified. Then at Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to dwell within us so that the word would be made alive. We need both, as the Holy Spirit guides us and helps us to read and understand God's word. Jesus told us, *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them."* (Matt 5:17). Therefore the Holy Spirit does not replace the word, and in practical terms, we need to pray for the Holy Spirit to enter into us and illuminate his word when reading the Bible. Ideally we should be doing this on a daily basis.

As this year's Pentecost celebrates both Moses receiving the 10 Commandments as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit, should we not ponder the significance of this combination in our Christian life?

Prayer: Come Holy Spirit, fill me and illuminate your word, making it come to life in my life!

**Francis Mitchell**



### **Update from Moray Foodbank**

Thank you for your continued support of the work of Moray Foodbank - your donations are hugely important to all that they are doing to support those in crisis. We will continue to collect items on the first Sunday of every month.

In the last couple of months Moray Foodbank have started a new project looking at early intervention measures to tackle food poverty rather than focusing solely on crisis provision. They have started taking quality supermarket waste and other surplus food and redistributing it to community groups and food related projects. If you know of any groups which support those who experience food insecurity or social isolation (drop-in cafes, lunch clubs etc.) then get in touch about how to get involved. The project has also involved setting up community larders and starting a Fair Food Forum. For more details about Moray Food Hub, contact 01343 208293 or see [www.morayfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.morayfoodbank.org.uk)

The foodbank are say that the items listed below are always in short supply and would be greatly appreciated

**Milk (UHT)**

**Tinned Puddings**

**Pasta Sauces**

**Tinned Fruit**

**Fruit Juice (UHT)**

**Instant Mashed Potato**

**Male Toiletries**

They are also running very short of **strong bags** to pack food parcels in, please could you consider donating those too.

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**Guiding** would like to thank the kirk for helping them store there rag bag collections the last pick up made **£600.00** for the three groups and again we have started collecting for our next one.



**Hopeman Guiding** are still collecting milk bottle tops for Logan's fund, we would like to thank everyone for the tops they have already collected and to keep them coming.  
**Contact Janice Craib.**

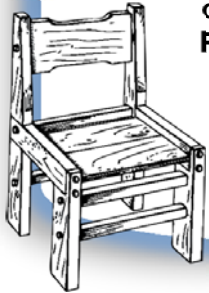
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## Church Hall Lets

If you'd like to hire our Kirk Hall at Duffus or Hopeman for a morning, afternoon, or evening, the price is £5.00 (juniors) & £15.00 (adults) per session, including the use of a basic kitchen and toilet facilities.

For more information please contact  
Mrs J Craib 830139



# Hopeman

## Kirk



Hopeman Kirk flower, coffee & cleaning rotas need volunteers – can you help?  
Please contact: Janice on 830139

## You are invited to communion

As a congregation, we celebrate communion on the first Sunday of every month, as we gather together in one place. We will also remember Jesus' last support on Maundy Thursday evening, in Hopeman Kirk – a very powerful and meaningful gathering around the table.

There is a great richness of meaning and symbolism in the sacrament of communion. We share the Lord's Supper together, remembering Jesus' last supper with his friends, and also looking forward to the great feast God invites all people to. It is the family meal of the church family. We offer thanksgiving (Eucharist) for God's goodness, and we are fed and nourished for the journey ahead.

A sacrament is a visible sign – in this case, visible, edible, taste-able and touchable – of God's invisible grace. God loves us first and always, and the sacraments enable us to know that through our senses, as well as our minds. Jesus invites us to come, take, eat – we are all invited. You are invited.

Please join us if you can. And if you are unable to join us, please speak to your elder about home communion, sharing with Rev Jenny and your elder, when opportunities arise.





## In Memoriam

Peter Ramsay of 28, Northfield, Duffus –  
funeral 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

Lorraine Main of 20, Duff St, Hopeman –  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

*We remember them with love,  
give thanks for their lives,  
entrust them to God's loving arms,  
and hold their families and friends in our  
thoughts and prayers.*

## Growing God's Gifts Together into the Future

In September 2015, we held a series of gatherings to consider the work of the church, and take time to reflect on our giving of money to support that work.

This September we are going to hold another set of gatherings, to consider the future direction of the church. We hope to have fun, enjoy tea, cakes and company, and share ideas for the future of our church buildings. The Board & Session have some ideas we'd like to explore, and we'd also like to hear your suggestions of how our church buildings can resource the mission of Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman Kirk for the years to come.

Every household connected to the congregation will get invited in the weeks before the gatherings, and you will hear more nearer the time. But please try and keep one of the following dates in your diary:

**Thur 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm at Spynie Community Hall**  
**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at Duffus Village Hall**  
**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 10.30am at Hopeman Kirk & Hall**

We hope the different times, days and locations will make it possible for everyone to come along. Transport will be available. And if you have some spare time at the end of August/early September to deliver invitations, please contact Shona Rowand (see contacts page).



## **SPYNIE SOUP AND SWEET LUNCHES**

Our monthly event has proved to be very popular and we have been amazed by the support of the congregation, the parish and Moray in general. We serve between sixty five and seventy five meals at each event. There is quite a buzz on the day and a great community spirit is shared by all.



The lunches are part of our Future Focus plan in reaching out to the Community but we have had the added bonus of raising a substantial sum for the Fabric fund.

We plan to continue holding the lunches throughout the summer on the last Thursday of each month between noon and 2pm in the Spynie Community Hall. Please come and join us, everyone will be made most welcome and we only charge £3.

The organising group invite volunteers from the congregation to help if possible by donating soups, sweets, bread, lemons or table napkins. Assistance in the kitchen or waiting at tables would also be greatly appreciated, no previous experience is necessary!

Please contact Shona Rowand on tel: 01343 850693 or Elsie Watson on tel: 01343 543914 for further details if you can help in any way.



### **SONNET 18**

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimm'd;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;  
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st;  
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee

*Shakespeare*

## **Sunday 25th June Church Picnic**

**to be held in the church garden  
after the Children's Service**

Bring along a Picnic to share with others,  
drinks will be supplied.

Games for children/and others - weather permitting!  
A great opportunity to mix and socialise!

On Sunday 11th June a small group from Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman made their way to Knockando Kirk where they were treated to a wonderful 'Songs of Praise' led by the Rev. Bob Anderson & the Elgin Strathspey & Reel Society. Just when they thought the evening could not get any better, the church ladies served teas & 'heavenly pieces'. Many old acquaintances were renewed. The scenic route home was beautiful & extended due to flood damage at Dallas. No one seemed to mind as it was a lovely evening.



Shona Rowand

## August cont.

- Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** Family Service & Sunday School, Hopeman Kirk 10am  
Family Service, Spynie Kirk 11.30am
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup>** Future Focus follow-up group, Duffus Kirk Hall 7pm
- Thur 24<sup>th</sup>** Sitting down service, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2 for 2.20pm  
Prayers for peace for Israel & Palestine, Spynie Kirk 4pm
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** Family Service & Sunday School, Hopeman Kirk 10am  
Family Service, Duffus Kirk 11.30am
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup>** Congregational Board, Duffus Kirk Hall from 6.45pm
- Thur 31<sup>st</sup>** Soup & sweet lunch, Spynie Community Hall 12noon-2pm

## September 2017

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** All-age communion service, Duffus Kirk 10.30am  
(also food collection for Moray Food Bank)
- Thur 7<sup>th</sup>** Sitting down service, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2 for 2.20pm
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** All-age Service, Hopeman Kirk 10am  
All-age Service, Spynie Kirk 11.30am

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- Thur 6<sup>th</sup>** Sitting down service, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2 for 2.20pm
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup>** All-age Service, Hopeman Kirk 10am  
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Hopeman Gala Songs of Praise, Gala Marquee 2pm
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup>** Gala coffee morning, Hopeman Kirk Hall 10.30am
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Sitting down service, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2 for 2.20pm
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup>** All-age Service, Hopeman Kirk 10am  
All-age Service, Duffus Kirk 11.30am

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- Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** All-age communion service, Spynie Kirk 10.30am  
(also food collection for Moray Food Bank)
- Thur 10<sup>th</sup>** Sitting down service, Hopeman Kirk Hall 2 for 2.20pm
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** All-age Service, Hopeman Kirk 10am  
All-age Service, Duffus Kirk 11.30am

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