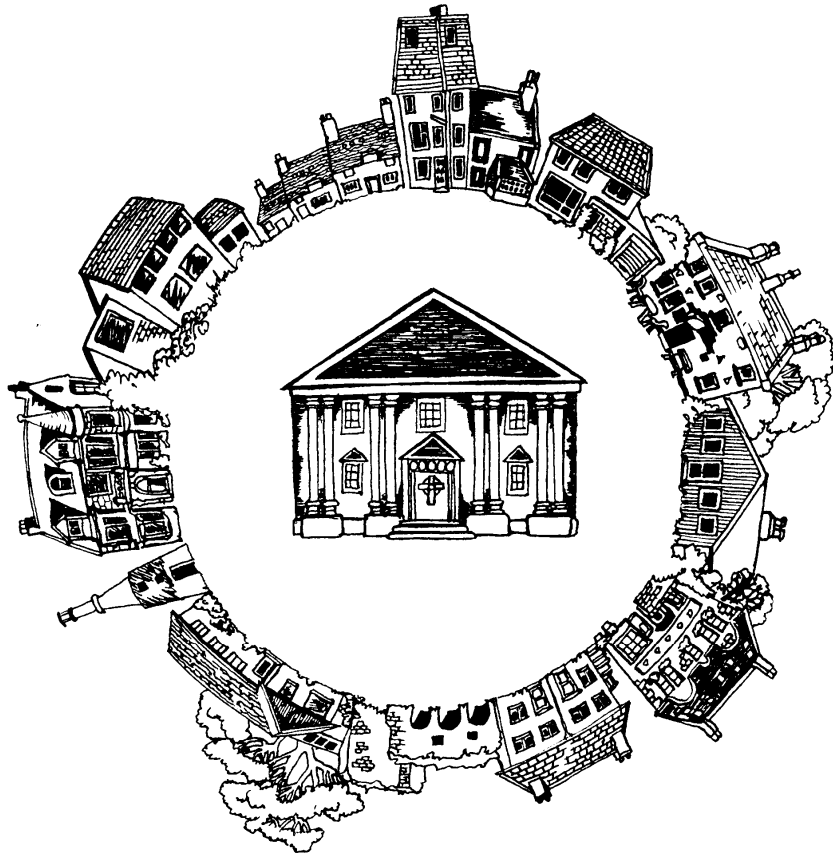
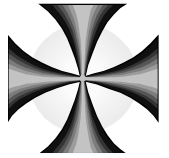


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Limekilns, Charlestown, Pattiesmuir and
Crombie*



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Message from the Manse



Dear Friends

For many people this time of year is the beginning of a new year.

We know that the calendar year begins on 1st January and the tax year is to do with April, but somehow this time of year still feels like the beginning of a new year.

Many of the organisations we are connected with do begin a new year at this time of year, but I suspect that this feeling of -new year* comes from our youth. Through our formative years the school year began in late August or early September and so it still feels that following holidays a new year begins. In our congregation most organisations do work on this time of year being a new beginning.

What will this year hold for us? This is not something that can be easily foretold. What we can say is that this will be a year of change. We live in a world that is changing ever more rapidly year by year. The Church is not immune to change, though perhaps the Church has sometimes tried to put off change.

Anyone who has not been at Church for some time will find a very different place to the one they remember. The Church of my youth has all but disappeared. 'Sunday best' and 'church hats' are all but absent.

Children are not hushed and adults are not quiet. There is participation by many folk in worship. As minister I am much more comfortable being addressed by my first name. A thing I would never have done with the minister of my youth.

Lots of the change we are seeing in the Church is good and right. It is to do with us being a living body. But change is unsettling and not everyone is entirely comfortable with the rate of change either in Church or in society. Sometimes what people want of the Church is something unchanging. It is comforting to have something that remains the same when all else is changing day by day. Sometimes people want the Church just to be there for moments of need or celebration.

The place many hope will be there for funerals and weddings, to celebrate Christmas or mark Armistice, could easily disappear. The Church in Scotland is facing a future where a shortfall in ministry and in money is already bringing change.

I believe that God is at work within our Church and our Parish. I believe we have a great and exciting future ahead. That said, it is through human beings that God works. Each member of our congregation has a vital role to play if our church is to serve the parish. What we do and what we give is already shaping the future of our congregation,

I wish you every blessing.

Yours Norman

PRAY FOR SCOTLAND 2003

A week of prayer from 27th September to 4th October. There will be a prayer rally at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Dumfermline on Sunday 28th September at 7pm.

The evening will be a time for worship and fellowship as local churches come together to pray for the life of our nation. The theme will be 'Bless the Land' and included in the service will be a choice of prayer topics, schools, industry and commerce, neighbourhood, church and government.

Please come and join together for united prayer.

On Saturday mornings at 9.30am the Men's Prayer Group meets in the Church Hall. We meet for about half an hour each week and we would be delighted to welcome you. For more information ask Norman or Richard Fleming.

ENQUIRER'S GROUP

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the church and have lots of questions to ask about Faith Norman is hosting a series of meetings to try and help answer some of your questions. Please speak with him, his telephone number is 872341.

SMALL GROUPS...HOUSE GROUPS... BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to part of one of our House Groups??

What is this? Who goes? What will it be like?

There are groups both in the evening and during the day where we meet in small groups to read and study the Bible together. As well as learning together we enjoy getting to know each other and we can encourage and support each other in our daily lives.

The groups are friendly and non-threatening and you would be welcome to join us. Groups meet at the following times:

Monday evenings in Limekilns at 8pm Fortnightly

Wednesday mornings at Cairneyhill Manse at

10am, weekly

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For further information as to venues an study material talk to David Blane or Karen Grant or see church notices.

Advent Studies, over a period of six or seven weeks only, will start the week beginning Monday October 27th October. All groups are invited to participate and we hope that Norman's sermons will follow the study.

A small group of people, willing and committed to pray for anyone or any situation, exists, in the form of a prayer chain.

Prayer requests are treated in total confidence and can be anonymous, if preferred.

There is a Prayer Request Box with slips of paper and pen beside it, in the entrance hall (vestibule) of Limekilns Church.

Alternatively, a point of contact for the prayer chain is Diana Muirhead, Tel 872729,

**Keep on praying and never give up
(Luke 18,11)**

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TO THINK ABOUT...

I asked God to take away my habit. God said. No. It is not for me to take away but for you to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said. No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. God said. No. Patience is a by-product of tribulation, it is not granted but learned.

I asked God to give me Happiness. God said. No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said. No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said. No. You must grow on your own! But I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said. No.

I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things. I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said... Ahhhh, finally you are getting the idea.



SEASIDE ROCK

The sun was shining, and excitement was building, as the doors opened for the start of Holiday Club 2003, SEASIDE ROCK.

66 children, ranging in age from 5 to 12 years, flooded in, eager to join their friends for a week of fun and games down at the beach.

By the wonders of time travel we were able to meet Jesus' friend and disciple, Peter, who paid us a visit each day and told us what life was really like with Jesus. We followed the highs and lows of Peter's friendship with Jesus, and we discovered how we too can follow Jesus, just like Peter did two thousand years ago.

We also had a daily visit from Heather on the Weather, who let us know what the weather would be like each day at the beach.

We sang lots of songs, and danced on the beach, we learned memory verses, and prayed for ourselves and others. We played games, and the older children got to design some lovely outfits for their leaders to wear at the beach! We had some very messy challenges. We made clay coasters and necklaces, and decorated picture frames with shells.

We enjoyed the Golden Palace drama, and followed the antics of Phil and Chris, a pair of incompetent builders, as they built a palace on sand instead of rock, with inevitable consequences and a few custard pies thrown in just for fun! We learned what it means to build our lives on Jesus, the Rock,

On the Thursday we had our usual family evening and barbecue, when everyone brought their mums and dads along to find out what we'd been up to, and some of them ended up being force-fed cream doughnuts!

The sun continued to shine and we all enjoyed a lovely evening until the midges drove us home!

We finished our week with a SEASIDE ROCK service on the Sunday morning, when we were able to tell the congregation about the fun that we had, and all the things that we had learned.

Thanks are due to the many people who worked hard to make SEASIDE ROCK such a success.

Judith Fleming

PRAISE ON THE PIER

On Sunday 7th Sept the On Fire service was a very special one as it took place on Limekilns Pier. From three o'clock until 8 o'clock members from both Limekilns and Cairneyhill Churches were busy setting up sound and light systems and at 6.30pm we started our service of praise.

It was a wonderful hour, with lots of singing and teaching as well as lots of hilarity. We had a visit from Rev. I M Jolly, a sketch, some readings from the Bible (both traditional and contemporary) and a thought provoking talk from David.

The praise band did an excellent job and despite the rain played very well. We certainly enjoyed our evening and were very pleased that the really heavy rain kept off until the end of the service! 11

The next On Fire will be indoors, on Sunday 5th October.

GELLET TEAROOM

It is now nearly 18 months since the Gellet Tearoom started. And Wednesdays have never been the same since... From our re-start in February this year - to meet popular demand, we are happy to say - we have raised nearly £4000 for church funds. A little of this has been used to upgrade and transform the kitchen in the Gellet Hall - take a bow Phil Davis, Tom Murdoch and Chic Reddie - so come and take a look at the changes if you haven't seen the kitchen recently. The alterations have been approved fully by the local environmental health officer and therefore enable the hall to be hired out for small parties for families or groups (not necessarily church-related).

We continue to be amazed by the level of support we are getting, both from customers and by donations of ingredients, plus offers of help. We are grateful for help of any kind and if you feel you can assist in any way, giving as much or as little of your time as you can spare, then do please make contact with us. Although we already have a group of regular helpers more volunteers are always welcome. With more helpers we can perhaps persuade some of the 'regulars' to take the odd Wednesday off, as one of the big worries of these commitments is that people become bored or feel they must be there every Wednesday. Of course to many of us a Wednesday has become a 'fix', an occasion which we simply don't want to miss as we get so much out of it. So please don't feel that because you know there is a regular 'core group' you might not be welcome to join in - you will be welcomed with open arms. And if time or commitment is a problem we are happy to have a spare bag of flour, some flowers for the tables, a jar of jam, a pound of sugar, or some eggs, all of which we can put to good use.

It's always good to chat and welcome visitors from near and far. The Gellet Hall on a Wednesday between two and four in the afternoon has become the meeting place for many people. It does get a bit noisy at the busiest periods but this means people are enjoying themselves, and so we all talk just a little bit louder.

As we did last year, we hope to continue until the first Wednesday in December. So there is still plenty of time in which to come along and try our wares if you haven't done so already, or spend an afternoon serving or washing up or looking after one of the many tasks which go to make up this buzzing meeting place.

Letters from young family heads and others

I believe I told you that I visited the Mzilikazi kids club in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. This club meets after school on Friday evenings. The smaller children play while the teenagers 15 years-20 years discuss problems concerning their responsibilities, and hopefully get help. Also present are the group of women (carers) who travel around to the children's homes to check that they are OK. When I visited the club I talked to the young family heads and one young man asked if I could arrange for them to have Pen-pals with young people in a similar situation in Scotland. I explained that there are few if any young teenagers caring without parents for their younger siblings. He said he would like to write anyway.

Last week an envelope arrived containing lots of letters from small children cared for by big brothers or sisters, from the young family heads, and from the children of the women who travel around checking on the young family heads. I am now looking for people who would like to write. The postal service in Zimbabwe has collapsed but a Zimbabwean I know is travelling to Zimbabwe soon and would take some of your letters, also Koleesiso, a young friend of mine, says that we can send messages to her E-mail address when her mum gets the computer repaired and provided the electricity is on, often there is no electricity for days in a city as big as Edinburgh.

The young people who head families I do not like to call children. Anyone who has nursed a terminally ill parent dying of AIDS and cared for young children at the same time becomes a very different person than a Scottish teenager.

Money collected for orphans

Thank you all very much. The orders of crafts, made by grans who care for their orphaned grandchildren, that we sold on Gala day raised £93. We still have crochet doilies, antimacassars, embroidered tablecloths etc. for sale. The money in the donation box on the face painting stall came to £70, thank you all very much, and also a big, big thank you to all the girls who did the face painting. A further £215 was raised at the Holiday Club barbecue held at Queen's Hall on Thursday 7th August, a huge thank you to everyone who helped with that. So a grand total of £378! It was so great that you thought of us. The money will be sent to Mrs Dube, who heads the organisation caring for carers of orphans. Mrs Dube's phone number is 002639 885764

Brenda Bumstead (01383 872258)

COMMUNITY FUND-RAISING EVENTS TO NOTE

McMILLAN COFFEE MORNING : Friday 26th Sept. in Limekilns School, from 10am.. Support both a good cause and the children's efforts whilst enjoying a cup of coffee!

NEARLY NEW SALE : Limekilns Church Toddlers and Playgroup are hosting this on Sat.4 October, 10am-noon in the Church hall. Entry fee is 50p.

COLLEGE CLUB COFFEE MORNING : In the Church Hall and Gellet Halls on Sat 11th October, 10-noon.

COFFEE MORNING and TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS on Sat 15th November, 10am-noon in the Church hall. This is organised by Limekilns Church Toddlers and Playgroup.

If you would like a photo of your family or child/ren this is your opportunity. To book your time please contact someone involved with Playgroup or Toddlers or see list in Church Hall nearer the time!

CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR : on Sat 29th Nov. in the Queen's Hall, Charlestown. From 1 lam to 3pm.
(More details elsewhere)

LIMEKILNS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE : To be held on Saturday 6th Dec. from 10am.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2003

This year's major church fundraiser will take place on Saturday November 29th from 1 lam to 3pm at the Queen's Hall, Charlestown. Contributions will be much appreciated and when you are next having a good clear out, please remember the Brie a Brae stall!

Stallholders, with their contact telephone numbers, are listed below and the Bazaar Conveners are Jennifer Lindsay (872570) and Joyce Carswell (872343)

Handicrafts:	Lady Martha Bruce	872953
Cake & Candy:	Christine Taylor	872252
Bric-a-Brae:	Kate Gilmour	872800
Books, videos etc:	Sue Hamilton	872947
Teas:	Jean MacKenzie	871598
Bottle Stall:	Jimmy Ballantyne Tom McCormack Ken Kirkpatrick	872298, 872584 872618
Toys:	Tracey Clark (Toys in good, clean condition, please)	872391
Bran Tub:	Linda Hutcheson	872208
Gifts & Toiletries:	Pat Gilmour	872281
Raffle:	Margaret Mills Sheila McMorrine	872057 872662

CHRISTMAS... ..Preparations and Presents...

This year how about doing something different?

In the church office you will find a copy of the FAIR TRADE catalogue...full of ideas from clothes to stationary, foodstuff, bags, jewellery and other hand crafts. Help others less fortunate than ourselves.

Most products in the catalogue come from established Traicraft overseas suppliers are sourced on a fair trade basis. If you would like more information than visit www.traidcraft.co.uk.or speak to Sue Hamilton.

Also pick up a leaflet on ALTERNATIVITY, ideas on how to have hassle free Christmas.

GOODBYE AND THANK-.YOU!

We are sad to say that at the end of the summer holidays Kate Somervail and her Family; Duncan, Jane and Phoebe, left Limekilns and are now staying in Crook Of Devon.

Kate has been our Magazine editor for the last three years and she has done an excellent job. She has made her mark and after putting this magazine together we can appreciate what she has done all the more.

Would you be interested in helping producing this publication, either working yourself or working in a team? If you would be interested then please speak to Sue Hamilton, David Blane or Karen Grant or contact Lindsay at the Church office, 873337.

Needless to say we say a huge thank you to Kate for all her work, both with the magazine and also all she did during the Forward IN Faith Programme. She did a whole lot of work quietly and conscientiously and many of us will miss both her and the family.

We wish them all much happiness in their new home and hope that in the coming months they find a church where they feel happy and secure.

Ps We had hoped to say a farewell to the Somervail family at the Church Lunch but they are unable to be with us. So we send them this Blessing and happy Birthday wishes to Jane for the 13th!!

May God's blessing surround you each day, As you trust Him and walk in His way. May His presence within guard and keep you from sin, go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

In Kate's absence we are aware that we may have not included some articles and we apologise if this is the case. We will endeavour to correct any errors for the next issue.

LIMEKILNS COMMUNITY PROJECT

HELP SAVE THE PLAY PARK PLEASE READ

GREAT NEWS Limekilns Community Project has succeeded in securing the funding required to build the new play park at Limekilns.

With hard work and determination we have managed to raise over £140,000 This total has come from a variety of sources. Fife Environment Trust, Lottery Fresh Futures, T.S.B, Shell Better Britain Campaign, Fife Council, Limekilns Welfare Committee, Sheena Reid Trust, but most importantly continue local support from everyone who has attended all our fundraising events and Bill and Ruth at Limekilns Shop. Over the past 4 years all the staff at the shop has supported us in many ways. The most recent being the Big Bottle. With all your kind donations we have raised another £404.16 towards the park. We would like to thank Iain Plummer from City Vending who kindly counted all the money for us and converted it into one big cheque.

Over the next few weeks the plans for the park will be displayed in the Limekilns shop window along with progress pictures so keep an eye out and watch the park develop. For further information call Helen Farquhar on 872795 or check the web on:-

www.limekilns2.freemove.co.uk/Limekilns/village.htm

*We wish HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To these children in Lighthouse.*

SEPTEMBER

Jane Somervail	13th
Mark Farquhar	14th
Roanna Hutcheson	30th

OCTOBER

Matthew Hutcheson	18th
Eleanor Trim	21st

NOVEMBER

Christopher Curry	12th
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We will wish Happy Birthday to all Pre-school and Primary age children in subsequent issues of the magazine. If you have any queries about this or any other lighthouse matter please contact Linda Hutcheson 872208

Diary

Morning Service every Sunday at 10.00am

Crombie Service on 2nd & 4th Sundays at 6.00pm

Charlestown Service on the 1st Sunday at 3.00pm

Sun	21 Sept	10.00am	Morning Service (Celebration of Holy Communion)
		6.30pm	Evening Service (Informal Communion Service)
Tue	23 Sept	7.30pm	Joint Meeting of Kirk Session & Congregational Board
Sun	28 Sept	10.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
		6.00pm	Crombie Service (Celebration of Holy Communion)
		7.00pm	Prayer Concert (a joint church event in St. Leonard's Church)
Sun	5 Oct	10.00am	Morning Service
		3.00pm	Charlestown Service (Celebration of Holy Communion)
		6.30pm	On Fire
Sun	12 Oct	10.00am	Morning Service
		6.00pm	Crombie Service
Thu	16 Oct	8.00pm	Journey of Tranquillity (in Cairneyhill Church)
Sun	19 Oct	10.00am	Morning Service
Sun	26 Oct	10.00am	Morning Service (Elder Led)
		6.00pm	Crombie Service
Sun	2 Nov	10.00am	Morning Service
		3.00pm	Charlestown Service
		6.30pm	On Fire
Tue	4 Nov	7.30pm	Kirk Session
Sat	8 Nov		'Church without Walls' Day Conference (in Cairneyhill Church/Manse)

Sun	9 Nov	10.00am	Remembrance Sunday Service
		11.00am	Service at War Memorial
		6.00pm	Crombie Service
Tue	11 Nov	8.00pm	Around the Lord's Table (in Cairneyhill Church)
Sun	16 Nov	10.00am	Morning Service (Elder Led)
Tue	18 Nov	7.30pm	Congregational Board
Thu	20 Nov	8.00pm	Journey of Tranquillity (in Cairneyhill Church)
Sun	23 Nov	10.00am	Morning Service
		6.00pm	Crombie Service
Sat	29 Nov	*** CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ***	
Sun	30 Nov	10.00am	Morning Service (1st in Advent)



Parish register

Weddings:



12 August **Stuart Robertson** to **Eileen Wilson**
25 Menzies Road 7 South Row,
Aberdeen Charleston

Funerals

19 May **Mrs. Dorothy Seaman**
19 Upper Wellheads
Limekilns

4 July **Mr. Alexander watt**
40 Upper Wellheads
Limekilns

5 July **Mr. Lionel Fotheringham**
Adelaide
Australia

28 Aug **Mrs. Jessie Balmain**
24 Calum McDonald Court
Rosyth

1 Sept **Mr. Robert Syme**
5 The Promenade
Limekilns

2 Sept **Mr. Charles Stark**
Ex Forth Cottage
Sandilands
Limekilns

Jesus taught us to think of God as a Father who loves each one of us

Use the clues to find the missing letters and read his words

A young goat is called a A L V

Whoever comes first in a race Δ L N N M *

The number of fingers on each hand → L ↓ M

A young dog is called a ... X X X ☆

A cat miaows and a dog ... ♯ ◇ * A *

The opposite of cold ☺ ☹ ≈

Rain falls from these ☂ ☉ ☽ ☿ ♁ ♃

' ◇ * A ◇ N V ☆ ☽ ☿ Δ L ☉ ☉

 ♯ M ◇ N * Δ M * M V

☉ ☽ ☿ A ◇ N V ☆ ☽ ☿ Δ L ☉ ☉

 → L N V

A N ☽ A ◇ N V ≈ ☽ M V ☽ ☽ *

 Δ L ☉ ☉ ☽ X M N

Luke 11:9-10

**WE WOULD APPRECIATE FEEDBACK ON THE
MAGAZINE OR OTHER COMMENTS. Please let us
know what you think!**

ALSOIf you would like to know more about our Church or if you think we can help you in some way, please fill in this contact form together with your questions/comments and hand it in to the Church Office.

We are a Parish Church, here to serve the people in our villages of Limekilns, Charlestown, Pattiesmuir and Crombie.

You are welcome to any of our services. On Sundays we have a service of Worship at 10am and then Norman takes the service at Cairneyhill at 11.30am. If you can't make the first one you would be most welcome at Cairneyhill.

On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, Norman leads Worship at Crombie Church, starting at 6pm.

There is a short service on the first Sunday of the month in the Queen's Hall, Charlestown at 3pm.

On-Fire Services are usually the first Sunday in the month, meeting at different venues!

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