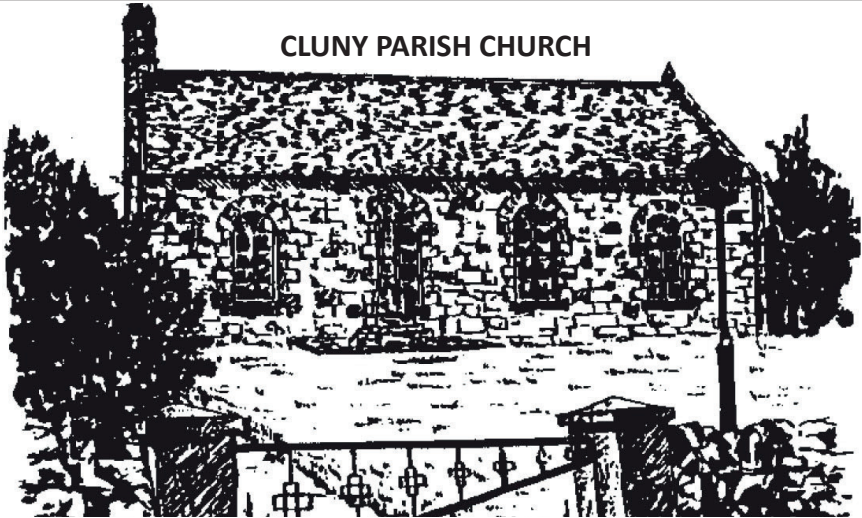


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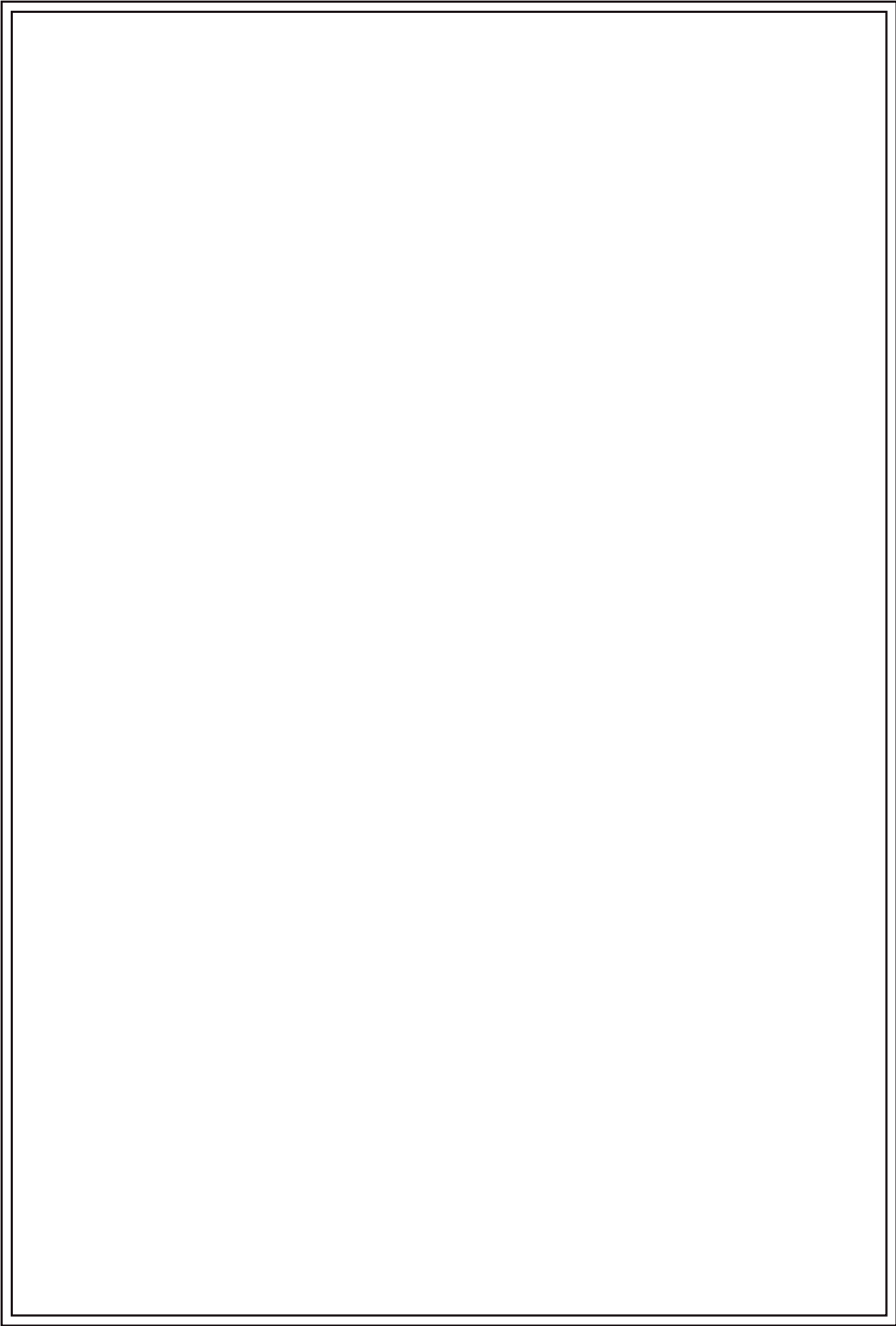
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### Times of Church Services

Sunday morning worship takes place at 11am in Cluny Church except for the joint services which are held at 10am on the first Sunday of the month and alternate between Monymusk (April) and Cluny (May) and so on for the rest of the year. Joint services at 10am will take place at Monymusk Church for all the Sundays in July and at Cluny Church for all the Sundays in August. Members of Cluny Church are reminded that the minister's day off is Monday. It would be appreciated that, unless there is an emergency, contact should be made at any other time during the week.

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## Letter from the Manse

What date was Easter this year? Every year in planning church events and special worship I have to look into my diary to find out when Easter falls as it can move around quite a bit. It often catches me out! I wonder why the date varies each year. To answer this you have to go back a long way to the establishment of the Christian church. It was agreed that Easter would follow the pattern of the Jewish Passover and that varies because of lunar cycles. The story of Easter happened at Passover and the early church wanted to keep this pattern. The church, using astronomers, worked out dates for Paschal Moons (the moon related to Passover) and from there established an ecclesiastical table of dates for Easter. Though modified slightly from its original form, by 1583 A.D. the table for determining the ecclesiastical Full Moon dates was permanently established and has been used ever since to determine the date of Easter.

Thus the Paschal Full Moon is the first Ecclesiastical Full Moon date after March 20th. So, in Western Christianity, Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday immediately following the Paschal Full Moon.

The Paschal Full Moon can vary as much as two days from the date of the actual full moon, with dates ranging from March 21st to April 18th. As a result, Easter dates can range from March 22nd through April 25th in Western Christianity.

It's quite confusing all this talk about full moons and dates but the wonder of Easter is not confusing at all. At Easter God showed his love for all of us in allowing Jesus, his Son, to die horribly on a cross for you and me. But he also showed his great power in raising Jesus from the dead and offering to all who believe in him a share of that resurrection.

Easter will be passed by the time you get this newsletter but I hope that you had an enjoyable Easter time. I am sure that the children going up the hill to roll eggs around the church will have had as much fun as usual.

Friends, my visiting is not structured to any area or district, so please let me know if you need a visit or if you think that someone else would like one. The best idea is to drop me an email or give me a call- speaking to me at church is not the best idea as my mind is full of other things and I may forget your request. I am always delighted to visit the folk of the parish and of the congregation of Cluny.

Your minister,

Euan Glen

## **Cluny Parish Register**

### **Deaths**

Mrs Agnes Birse 21st September 2015

Mr James Burr 17th February 2016

## Hymn for Spring

*The author of this hymn is unknown but it first appeared in the Swedish Piae Cantiones in 1582. It was translated from Latin to English and published in The Oxford Book of Carols in 1928.*

Spring has now unwrapped the flowers, day is fast reviving,  
Life in all her growing powers towards the light is striving:  
Gone the iron touch of cold, winter time and frost time,  
Seedlings, working through the mould, now make up for lost time.  
Herb and plant that, winter long, slumbered at their leisure,  
Now bestirring, green and strong, find in growth their pleasure;  
All the world with beauty fills, gold the green enhancing,  
Flowers make glee among the hills, set the meadows dancing.  
Through each wonder of fair days God Himself expresses;  
Beauty follows all His ways, as the world He blesses:  
So, as He renews the earth, Artist without rival,  
In His grace of glad new birth we must seek revival.  
Earth puts on her dress of glee; flowers and grasses hide her;  
We go forth in charity—brothers all beside her;  
For, as man this glory sees in th'awakening season,  
Reason learns the heart's decrees, hearts are led by reason.  
Praise the Maker, all ye saints; He with glory girt you,  
He Who skies and meadows paints fashioned all your virtue;  
Praise Him, seers, heroes, kings, heralds of perfection;  
Brothers, praise Him, for He brings all to resurrection!



## Cluny Kirkers

The Kirkers continues to be a healthy bunch of primary age schoolchildren. As the nights lengthen after our Easter School holiday we shall tend to do some outdoor work. There are only two of us who lead the group but we are grateful for the help we get from parents if one of us can't be there. Currently we have 13 on the roll with 5 boys and 8 girls. The children seem to enjoy the evenings and each other's company. If you would like to lend us a hand on a regular or occasional basis please get in touch with Euan as we could always do with additional helpers. For the safety of adults and children all people working with the children have to be PVG checked.



## Sound System

For many years the church has been dependent upon the Nicol family from Millbank for their technical knowledge in setting up their own equipment from the church to the hall in case of large funerals when the church is filled. The Board decided that it really should resolve the situation and have installed, using the cabling supplied by the Nicol family, a permanent speaker in the hall which is linked to the church amplifier. The sound in the hall is really clear. When we were doing this the amplifier was tweaked so that we can record services (Euan is thinking about putting them online and MP3 players will be bought so that people who don't get to church can still hear the services) and play music tracks over the church speakers. In addition the loop system was calibrated. Euan would like to express the thanks of the church and many families who have benefited from the Nicol family expertise over the years in helping with large funerals.

## Recent Social and Fundraising Events

The following paragraph is a summary of the most recent events supported by members of Cluny Church as recorded in the minute of the Board meeting held in February. Many thanks are due to those who organised the functions and also those who came along and supported them both financially and just by being there.

The Fashion Show held in September was a great success and raised £571 for Cluny Church. The ladies from Fashionista (clothes shop) wrote a very appreciative letter to the organising committee. The Carousel Supper was a most enjoyable event giving members of both congregations a chance to get to know each other a little better and raised £190 for the church. The Soup and Something Lunch after the Remembrance Service in November was another successful social event and raised £197.40 for the church. In addition £72.40 of Fairtrade Produce was sold. The Children's Choir took part in a concert at Castle Fraser in December and sang very well. Both the Children's Choir and the Senior Choir have been asked to take part in a concert at Castle Fraser on 9th December 2016. The Candlelight Carol Service was well attended and £350 was collected for the Friends of the Special Nursery.



## Dates for your Diary

### **Saturday 28th May**

Monymusk Boules Masters 2016 to be held in the Village Square from 9am. Please visit the website if you want to find out more <http://www.monymuskboules.com/>

### **Saturday 4th June**

Coffee Morning and Plants for sale in Millbank Hall 10am until 12noon in aid of church funds.



### **Saturday 18th June**

Vintage Afternoon Tea Party in Monymusk Village Hall with entertainment, a glass of fizz and delicious food! Tickets (£10) available from Diane Howie. This is a joint fund raising event with Monymusk Church.



### **Sunday 28th August**

Praise in the Park Service in Sauchen Park led by the Granite City Brass Band at 11am.

### **November Communion**

Please note that the November Communion Service will be held on Sunday 27th November at 11am in Cluny Church and not on the previous Sunday as indicated in the annual calendar of dates.



## **Light-hearted Corner**

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter because she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What excuse did Adam give his children as to why they no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan because the banks were always overflowing.

## **Newsletter**

For many years now the newsletter has been designed and printed by Jean Bell at the IT Centre at Alford Academy. With the move to the new Community Campus in October 2015 the IT Centre no longer exists and Jean has taken a well-deserved early retirement from work. She has been the most helpful and skilled person who has led the current editor by the hand through all the various technological intricacies of publishing a newsletter twice a year. In addition Jean's beautiful artwork has been appreciated by many in the posters and tickets she has designed for various church events. On behalf of all of you the editor wishes to put on record her appreciation for Jean's contribution over the years to the life of the church.

The editor is delighted to report that she has managed to source a new graphic designer and printer, Catriona Houston, who runs a design, print and web services company called Myriad Pro <http://www.myriadpro.co.uk/> and she is looking forward to working with her in the future.

Thanks are due to those who provide items for our twice yearly newsletter. We would be happy to receive further suggestions and items for inclusion in future letters. If you wish to add an item for the next newsletter e.g. advertising a local event or to tell people about a local organisation please contact either Euan or the editor.

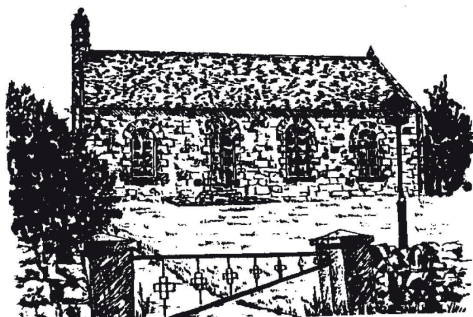
## **Church Flowers**

Mrs Betty Ross has been Flower Convener at Cluny Church for over three years now and thanks are due to her for organising the rota and also to everyone who puts flowers in the church for the weekly services. Betty would be delighted to hear from anyone else who would like to do so. You can contact her on 01330 833591



## **Church Website**

The minister has set up a website for Cluny Church and would appreciate any feedback. You can access it on [www.clunychurch.weebly.com](http://www.clunychurch.weebly.com). The site includes details of church life and a programme of events.



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