

# CHURCH

## Aberdeen West Parish Grouping



### LEGO CHURCH

We held our first Lego Church on the 28th of May at Mannofield. We heard the story of Pentecost and had great fun making lego models reflecting the story.

AND



### 5@5

Following on from Lego Church we gathered for a meal and Keith led us in a moving Communion service. It was great to see so many people from all the churches of the Parish Grouping gather together.

## NEWSLETTER



### NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH GROUPING

Welcome to the first of what we hope will be a regular newsletter from the Aberdeen West Parish Grouping. It contains news from each of the churches, reports from Parish Grouping events and updates that you may find interesting and helpful.

We continue to work together in new and exciting ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those in our area of Aberdeen.

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# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## CRAIGIEBUCKLER

Following the great success of the King's Coronation event in May, we are now looking forward to the Scarecrow and Harvest Festival on 1st October. There will be insect hotels; leafy coasters; and gingerbread scarecrows to make, before coming together for a sandwich tea, and time of worship.

Planning is also underway for the Festival of Light, on 3rd December. As well as the usual activities and mini market, there will be hot drinks and cake! We will finish with carol singing around the Christmas tree and lights switch on.

We are delighted to be hosting these events with our friends from Ruthrieston West.

## RUTHRIESTON WEST

This, inevitably, is an emotionally charged time at Ruthrieston West.

Our final Sunday morning service is planned for 19th November after which our building will no longer be used as a Worship Centre. Our congregation has worshiped in this building since 1901 and before that in what is now the large hall. In all the congregation has worshipped, worked, served the surrounding community and shared fellowship for well on 150 years.

But it is now, sadly, time to close this chapter and turn the next page.

In this we have been greatly blessed in our proposed union with Craigiebuckler. Tellingly, what has most obviously increased over the course of our discussions is the sense of constructive engagement and a shared hope for the future. The primary symptom of this is increasing amounts of laughter. Of greatest importance has been creating opportunities for members from congregations simply to come together and get to know each other. A recent example of this being a well-supported garden party, preceded by a short act of worship led by elders, which recently took place at Ruthrieston West.

We look to the future with faith, in hope and with a heightening sense of God's love surrounding us all.

## MANNOFIELD

Moving into Autumn, our 10am Sunday Worship continues the theme of Women in the Bible, including some less familiar characters. We have a Communion Service on 1st October and our Harvest Thanksgiving the week after on 8th October. Our Young Church (re-styled for the new session) continues to meet each Sunday.

The Wednesday 10.30am Services will explore what it means to be "The People of God" and how this may change at different stages of our life. There will be a "Harvest" Café Church on 11th October and a further Café Church on 1st November. Our Prayer Group continue to meet at 9.45am each week, prior to the Wednesday Service.

Various Life Groups exploring different topics take place on different days and more details can be found online or by contacting our office on 01224 310087.

## CULTS

Summer has seen our Saturday morning Strawberry teas draw people from far and near. Thirteen charities and fundraising groups have used the opportunity to take over our Hub Cafe for a morning to raise between them thousands of pounds for the work they support. They are assisted by members of our Outreach Core Group who are on hand to keep them right about how the kitchen functions and how best to make the most of their morning. It has been wonderful to see how popular this has been with the community.

Our recently appointed Cafe Manager has started exploring ways of getting more out of the cafe and has begun to do some in-house and outside catering. If you are looking for someone to cater for an event then it would be worth a chat with Jenny!

Our Youth Core Group has the planning for our popular Halloween Party well under way. All are welcome to come along, so you if you want to get dressed up and enjoy some old fashioned Halloween fun, you will find us at the Kirk Centre on Saturday 28th November from 4pm-6.30pm!



## PETERCULTER

Culter Kirk is in a transition phase just now, having been in Vacancy since the departure of Rev. Dr. John Ferguson in November last year. We have since been very well served by a combination of Pulpit Supply and Parish Grouping ministers and are now looking forward to a more dedicated support from Rev. Corné Randall as he takes up his new position as Assistant Minister within the Aberdeen West Parish Grouping on 1st September. A process of Union with Drumoak-Durris Church is now underway which will enable a full time minister to be called.

## DATES FOR DIARY

Aberdeen West Parish Grouping

JOIN US  
FOR



# LEGO CHURCH

Ruthrieston West  
Parish Church

Sunday 24th September  
at 4.00pm



*Bible Stories, lego challenges  
and fun for all ages*

Aberdeen West Parish Grouping

Join us for  
**5@5**

Fellowship, Food and Worship  
**@RUTHRIESTON  
WEST CHURCH**

## HARVEST

Sunday 24th September 2023  
@ 5.00pm

