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This is the 24 page edition of Spotlight which covers June, July and August—the summer months - which hopefully means days and weeks of good weather (plus enough rain to keep the gardeners and the farmers happy!). It is also one of the two editions in the year, which are delivered to all homes in Braehead as part of our outreach to the community.

At the time of writing, the Friends of the Open Air Pool were making the final preparations for the opening of the pool for the season and the following week the annual Feein' Market will take place in the Square. Schoolchildren are looking forward to the end of term, especially as this is one of the years they have seven weeks holiday instead of six. (It may be that parents and grandparents are a little less enthusiastic about the extra week!) All signs that summer is on its way.

Apart from the Friendship Coffee morning, which continues to run every Thursday morning, many of the activities are taking a break over the summer but they will be back in September. We on the Editorial Team are also taking a break and the next edition of the magazine will be produced for the end of August. One of our editorial group, Margaret Key, is taking a break from the team for the meantime and we thank her for her help in producing Spotlight each month and for delivering the Summer Spotlights to Braehead. We are pleased that she still plans to provide bits and pieces to include in the magazine.

We hope that you enjoy the summer—and this edition of Spotlight.

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LETTER FROM THE MANSE

LETTER FROM THE MANSE: OUR SHARED MISSION

*Love God and serve the world
Serve God and love the world*

These are the words I often use at the close of a worship service.

They may be understood as words of command: "Go and love God ..." or as mutual encouragement: "Let us go and love God ...". Either way they are words of will and of work; words of purpose and of power. Essentially, they tell us, "There is a job to be done. Get on with it".

Throughout the long history of God and humanity there have been words of divine command; words telling us to go and to do as people of God. During his time on earth Jesus sent his first followers to go out to teach and to heal. Furthermore, according to the Gospel of Matthew, his final words as he ascended back into heaven were:

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded
you. Matt. 28:19-20a*

The words of "The Great Commission" transformed the disciples – pupils learning at the feet of their master – into apostles. Apostles sent out to fulfil the purpose of the one who sent them. Apostles sent out with his power and his authority.

These words of "The Great Commission" were not only for the earliest disciples but also for all who have followed Jesus since including ourselves. We are called to learn at the feet of the master and then to be sent out to carry on his work ... his mission... in the world. We gather together in worship and are then sent out to love and to serve in our local community and beyond: in families; in schools and work places; in care homes and hospitals; on the streets.

We are entrusted with this incredible, even daunting, task but we are not alone. We are blessed with the power of the Holy Spirit to help us. We are also blessed through one another. Not only by our sisters and brothers within our linked congregations but also those at Fetteresso. Not only by Church of Scotland folk but also the faithful of other congregations and denominations in the town.

Working alone or in a multitude of small cliques can lead to duplication of effort, dilution of resources and blinkered even bitter division. We have a shared calling, a shared purpose and hopefully a shared vision. These past months the three Church of Scotland congregations have been discussing how we might love and serve God and love and serve this community together.

LETTER FROM THE MANSE *continued*

In the months ahead, we will be focusing on the pastoral needs of the town in two key areas: firstly, in our residential homes and, secondly, with people in times of bereavement and loss. I hope that many of you will get involved with this shared service to our community. I hope that all of you will support this work with your prayers.

My prayers for you and those you care for are that you have a safe and enjoyable summer and experience some rest and refreshment of body, mind and spirit.

Grace and peace to you all.

Rosslyn

THANK YOU to those who continue to support our work for the worldwide community.

On the evening of Saturday 6th May the Granite City Brass Band held a wonderful concert at Dunnottar. They gave of their time and their musical expertise without cost. As a result, approximately £600 was raised. This will be divided equally between Christian Aid and India Village Ministries [IVM].

The next day Suresh and Roja of IVM and their two children visited us for our morning service at the South. Suresh updated the congregation on the on-going work of IVM including the building of the new boys' dormitory. A retiring collection plus some other donations raised a further £200.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

BAPTISMS

"... baptising them in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit."

May 14th Seren Jane Ellis,
daughter of John and Jennifer, Macdonald Road

WEDDINGS

"love one another as I have loved you"

April 29th Jack Stephen and Mhairi Shanks, Newtonhill

FUNERALS OF MEMBERS OF DUNNOTTAR CHURCH

Jesus said, " I am the resurrection and the life"

May 5th Mrs Mary Kellas, Mearns Drive

May 8th Mrs Isabel Stepien, formerly Turners Court

THE MISSING YEARS

Last month we congratulated Adam and Eileen Reid on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Apologies from the Spotlight Team-as it was in fact their DIAMOND wedding! So congratulations again for the ten years we missed out last month!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE

Thu	1	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	4	Sunday Worship - South Church Kids Praise Celebration Service	10.30am
Thu	8	General Election: St Bridget's office closed No Friendship coffee	
Sun	11	Sunday Worship - Dunnottar Church with baptisms Edenholme	10.30am 2.30pm
Mon	12	Bible Appreciation Group - 17 William Mackie Crescent	2-3pm
Thu	15	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	18	Sunday Worship - South Church followed by South Congregational Meeting	10.30am
Thu	22	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	25	Sunday Worship - Dunnottar Church Sunday School Presentation Service	10.30am
Thu	29	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am

JULY

Sun	2	Sunday Worship - South Church with Communion Clashfarquhar	10.30am 2.30pm
Thu	6	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	9	Sunday Worship-Dunnottar Church	10.30am
Mon	10	Bible Appreciation Group - 17 William Mackie Crescent	2-3pm
Thu	13	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	16	Sunday Worship - South Church Edenholme	10.30am 2.30pm
Thu	20	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	23	Sunday Worship-Dunnottar Church Summer Songs of Praise [Minister at family wedding]	10.30am
Thu	27	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	30	All Age Service at St. Bridget's	10.30am

DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUGUST

Thu	3	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	6	Sunday Worship- South Church Clashfarquhar	10.30am 2.30pm
Thu	10	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	13	Sunday Worship -Dunnottar Church	10.30am
Mon	14	Bible Appreciation Group - 17 William Mackie Crescent	2-3pm
Thu	17	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's September Spotlight copy due	10-11.30am 6pm
Sat	19	Summer Sale and coffee morning St Bridget's- see the sale flyer insert	10am-12noon
Sun	20	Sunday Worship-South Church Edenholme	10.30am 2.30pm
Thu	24	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am
Sun	27	Sunday Worship - Dunnottar Church Sunday School restarts Spotlight distribution	10.30am
Thu	31	Friendship coffee - St. Bridget's	10-11.30am

The Minister is on holiday from Monday 7th to Wednesday 30th August inclusive (tbc)

Hall Booking – David Macdonald – Tel 764 750

Please note the information on page 15 about revised letting charges for 2017/18.

SONGS OF PRAISE

On Sunday 23rd July the Minister will be in Edinburgh for a family wedding. Morning worship will be a Summer Songs of Praise. Please send a note of your favourite hymns or choruses to the Minister or any member of the joint worship team by 13th July. You may wish to add a few words as to why it is special to you. Thank you.

WORSHIP THEMES FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

JUNE		
Sun 4 th	SOUTH CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP- PENTECOST Kids Praise celebration service <i>John 20:19-23 the giving of the Spirit</i> <i>John 7:37-39 living water</i>
Sun 11 th	DUNNOTTAR CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP- TRINITY SUNDAY Sacrament of baptism <i>Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission</i>
Sun 18 th	SOUTH CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP <i>Matthew 9:35 – 10:8</i> <i>challenges and opportunities</i> Minister at Mearns Coastal for Communion
Sun 25 th	DUNNOTTAR CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Sunday School presentation service <i>Matthew 10:24-39 taking up your cross</i>
JULY		
Sun 2 nd	SOUTH CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Sacrament of Communion <i>Matthew 10: 40-42 welcome</i>
Sun 9 th	DUNNOTTAR CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP - SEA SUNDAY <i>Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30</i> <i>the Father knows the Son</i> <i>and the Son knows the Father</i>
Sun 16 th	SOUTH CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP <i>Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 a farmer sows seeds</i>
Sun 23 rd	DUNNOTTAR CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP-Summer Songs of Praise <i>Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43 wheat and weeds</i>
Sun 30 th	St BRIDGET'S 10.30am	ALL-AGE SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE ☺ <i>Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52</i>
AUGUST		
Sun 6 th	SOUTH CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP <i>Matthew 14:13-21 feeding of the 5000</i>
Sun 13 th	DUNNOTTAR CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP <i>Matthew 14:22-33 walking on water</i> Service led by David Platt
Sun 20 th	SOUTH CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Service led by David Platt <i>Matthew 15: (10-20); 21-28</i> <i>a woman from Canaan</i>
Sun 27 th	DUNNOTTAR CHURCH 10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Service led by Robert Bell Sunday School resumes <i>Matthew 16: 13-20 Who do you say I am?</i>

DUTY ROTA

JUNE	4 th	10.30	SOUTH	Bus	L Vass
	11 th	10.30	DUNNOTTAR CHURCH		
			Bus	E Begg	
			Sound	R Marshall	
			Duty	E Sim, R Duncan, C Sang	
			Reader	H Paterson	
			Prayers for others	E Craig	
			Flowers	J Houghton	
			Coffee	S Melville, M Whittet	
	18 th	10.30	SOUTH	Bus	R Still
	25 th	10.30	DUNNOTTAR CHURCH		
			Bus	D Blacklaw	
			Sound	D Macdonald	
			Duty	D Duncan, J Adams, G Edgar	
			Reader	E Sim	
			Prayers for others	A Cairnduff	
			Flowers	B Walker	
			Coffee	R Marshall, D Dart	
JULY	2 nd	10.30	SOUTH	Bus	H Paterson
	9 th	10.30	DUNNOTTAR		
			Bus	A Cairnduff	
			Sound	D Hunter	
			Duty	G Lawrence, A MacCallum, A McLeod	
			Reader	L Greenwell	
			Prayers for others	D MacRae	
			Flowers	K Crabb	
			Coffee	H Paterson, R Duncan	
	16 th	10.30	SOUTH	Bus	M Marshall
	23 rd	10.30	DUNNOTTAR		
			Bus	G Coutts	
			Sound	B Sim	
			Duty	E Sim, I Allan, D Begg	
			Reader	J MacCallum	
			Prayers for others	M Key	
			Flowers	Coffee Group	
			Coffee	A & J MacCallum	
	30 th	10.30	St. BRIDGET'S		
			Bus	A Swan	
			Sound	R Marshall	
			Duty	D MacRae, C Sang, K Smith	
			Flowers	M Duncan	
			Coffee	J Houghton, E Sim	

DUTY ROTA and FLOWER ROTA

AUG	6 th	10.30	SOUTH	Bus	M MacRae
	13 th	10.30	DUNNOTTAR CHURCH		
			Bus	M Whittet	
			Sound	D Macdonald	
			Duty	J Houghton, J MacCallum, L Vass	
			Reader	A Cairnduff	
			Prayers for others	R Marshall	
			Flowers	D & J Macdonald	
			Coffee	M Cairnduff, K Mathers	
	20 th	10.30	SOUTH	Bus	J Macdonald
	27 th	10.30	DUNNOTTAR		
			Bus	M Duncan	
			Sound	D Hunter	
			Duty	E Begg, K Mathers, E Craig	
			Reader	R Marshall	
			Prayers for others	L Greenwell	
			Flowers	G & M Coutts	
			Coffee	D Dart, C Sang	

FLOWERS

Flower rota for June, July and August

June

Sunday 11th - Jean Houghton
 Sunday 25th - Betty Walker

July

Sunday 9th - Kath Crabb
 Sunday 23rd - Coffee Club
 Sunday 30th - Morag Duncan (St Bridget's)

August

Sunday 13th - David and Jennifer Macdonald
 Sunday 27th - George & Margaret Coutts

The flowers will be delivered during the summer by Ruby and Joy and if anyone would like to help just see Ruby after the service.

Contact: Ruby Still, 668 067

YOUR MONTHLY DIARY OF EVENTS

YOUNG PEOPLE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the time of writing this report, we were looking forward to our Picnic on Saturday, 27th May at Luthermuir Park, with the Village Hall available if the weather was awful. (*We on the editorial team hope it wasn't needed!*) The children and their parents have been reminded to bring their picnic lunch and to dress for the Scottish weather.

The last meeting of the Sunday school before the summer holidays is our Prize Giving, which will be on Sunday, 25th June during the Sunday Service.

Contact: Helen Sang, 764 611

SCRIPTURE UNION at DUNNOTTAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Support for the Homeless

The Dunnottar Primary School SU Group wanted to help the homeless. They spoke about this a few weeks ago so we suggested they have a stall at the Kilwhang Ringers coffee morning. They made posters, did some baking and then on Saturday held a treasure hunt stall making £61.50p for the Cyrenians.

SCRIPTURE UNION CO-ORDINATOR

Ros Marshall has been Scripture Union Co-ordinator at Dunnottar Primary School and she has now decided to 'retire' from this position. She hopes, however, to continue to have a link with the school and she has offered to do some assemblies next year, should the school wish and she has also offered to do a block of hand chime ringing during school time in the pre Christmas term, with a teacher.

There is therefore a vacancy for a Co-ordinator for Dunnottar Primary School SU..the search is on as you can read in the following article.

'LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER'

The Scripture Union Group at Dunnottar Primary School runs on Monday lunchtime during term time.

There is a vacancy for a Volunteer Leader to take on this group of Primary 6 and 7 boys and girls. It is a very worthwhile opportunity and the children are fun to be with. The group usually runs for about half an hour, from 12:45pm until 1:15pm in the gym hall, so there is plenty of space for both group discussion and games. It is overseen by Scripture Union and our local clergy.

Dunnottar Primary School enjoy the use of St. Bridget's Hall regularly for their end of year play and their Nativity Play at Christmas. They also hold some assemblies there, providing a strong link between the school and our churches.

Anyone wishing to find out more, please contact Ros Marshall.

Contact: Ros Marshall 762 813.

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THE LUNCH CLUB

Thank you to all those who came to the recent lunch on the first Friday in May. As you are aware, regrettably, that was the last lunch for this season....but don't worry, we will be back after the summer!

Although we are not meeting again until September, it was suggested that I would include a couple of recipes, which may or may not be of interest for you to try.

I would like, at this point, to say many thanks for the beautiful flowers that we all received.

I hope we will see you all again in September and hope you all have a happy and healthy summer.

Contact: Deb Blacklaw 07796 173864

You will find Deborah's recipes on page 19 and 20



FRIENDSHIP COFFEE GROUP

The Coffee Group, unlike other organisations, does not close down for the summer. Business continues as normal.

However, please note, due to yet another election, there will be no coffee on the 8th June, as St. Bridget's Hall will be in use as a Polling Station. One bright spark did suggest that we set up a large tent in the front garden at St. Bridget's on Election Day, and served coffee from there!

Normal service will resume on Thursday 15th June at the usual time of 10 -11.30am.

Contact: Margaret Coutts, contact through church office

Look out for a tasty recipe from the Friendship Coffee group on page 18.



Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort.

John Ruskin

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BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton sessions have ended for the summer holidays. We have enjoyed a pleasant season with lots of laughter and chatting.

Hopefully we will have a warm summer and we look forward to commencing play again at the beginning of October. See you all then.

Contact: Eileen Begg, 766 291

BOWLING

The season is now over and all the bowls and carpets tucked away until Tuesday 19th September, when our first afternoon session at 2pm and evening session at 7pm will commence.

We had a very enjoyable buffet on Tuesday evening, 2nd May when 25 of us sat down to a lovely meal. Thanks are due to Fiona Murray, Eileen Begg and Stella Melville, for all their organisation and hard work.

This was followed by presentation of the trophies by our Church Treasurer, Sandy Duncan. The trophies went to:

Championship winner – Allan Cairnduff

Runner-up - Alastair Campbell

Singles champion - Allan Cairnduff

Runner-up - Neil Murray

Pairs champions - Ally Ironside and Bill Masson

Runners-up - Brian Taylor and Allan Cairnduff

Can I extend a warm welcome to anyone who is interested in trying carpet bowls to come along on 19th September at 2pm to St Bridget's and give the game a try. It is an enjoyable couple of hours in very friendly company. No prior skill is required. We all started from scratch. We have plenty of club bowls for use. Contact me if you are interested.

Contact: Allan Cairnduff 763 387, Eileen Begg, 766 291
Allan's email amcairnduff777@gmail.com

RAINBOW WHIST

The last whist of this session was on the 10th May. It will resume again in September.

Contact: George Coutts, contact through church office

WORLD MISSION

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Christian Aid We are hoping to run another Walk and Prayer Breakfast at Dunnottar for Christian Aid but it will be in September since it proved impossible to get this going during Christian Aid Week. Details of date and venue will be in the September edition so keep an eye out and we want every Elder to participate in this one, please.

India Village Ministry - Suresh presented his annual video update on Sunday 7th May at the South and we saw how the boys' dormitory building is progressing. No ready mix concrete pump in sight – just loads of men with wheelbarrows running along narrow battens to pour the concrete for the floors!

Cyrenians We continue to collect for the Cyrenians so please drop off any items in the boxes at the various locations. They are particularly looking for toiletries at the moment so pop some in your shopping bag and hand them in to the Church, St Bridget's etc.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal 2017 Early warning to start collecting items for this worthwhile annual event. We have some empty shoe boxes looking for people to cover them with Christmas paper so if you spot any paper at sale prices just now, please offer to help cover these for us.

Contact: Eileen Sim, 762 038

KILWHANG RINGERS' COFFEE MORNING AND PERFORMANCE

On Saturday 13th May the Kilwhang Ringers held their Annual Coffee Morning and Performance in St. Bridget's Hall.

There were various stalls including the children from Dunnottar Primary School Scripture Union Group who held a treasure hunt, and raised £65 for the Cyrenians.

We performed a selection of music on the bells and were delighted to welcome visiting friends from 'The Silver City Chimes'.

We raised £500 and would like to thank members of our church family who helped throughout the morning, and all who supported us.

Ros Marshall

SESSION MATTERS

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The Kirk Session met for nearly three hours on 17th May with considerable discussion on the future of the Stonehaven Cluster and the number of resources we have now versus what may be needed to serve the community.

All three Church of Scotland congregations will submit a plea to Presbytery's MAV (Ministries, Appraisal and Vacancy) committee for help in securing additional resources for the Cluster. MAV meets in Fetteresso on 12th June and they will in turn report to the final meeting of Presbytery on 27th June. It may take some time for this to be realised, however, since Presbytery cannot exceed its current 16.8 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) personnel. Still, if you don't ask.....!!

There was also considerable debate about the Property team's report on the Church Roof and Wall Repairs cost estimates. For work to start in 2019, we would need to start fundraising this summer so that by 2018 we would have the funds in place – including the necessary grants etc. The estimated cost would mean that we need to raise £1,000 per day for 12 months to meet the target estimate of £365,000, excluding VAT (this is recoverable from the VAT people via Church of Scotland). Session decided that now is not the time to progress the full scope and instead concentrate only on any safety critical work.

Presbytery met in May when an interesting development in the vacancy at Portlethen was presented. A French minister is to be appointed for a three-year term commencing around July. Presbytery is really becoming a global entity with two South African ministers already in post at West Mearns and Maryculter Trinity and now a Frenchman in Portlethen.

Elders should remember that the Match the Numbers stall at the Summer Sale on 19th August started life as the "Elders Stall" and we still need your contributions. This year we need more than just bottles and cans – we are diversifying to meet customer demand! Let's have boxes of chocolates, toiletries, biscuits, perfume etc to make the display more attractive.

Session is not scheduled to meet until 20th September but we may have to meet before then, depending on the outcome of the MAV submission and any Presbytery decision. Meantime, enjoy the summer break and any holidays that you have planned.

Brian Sim, Session Clerk

SPOTLIGHT ON PROPERTY & LETS

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The work to up-grade the emergency lighting in St Bridget's, based on advice from the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, should be finished by the time that you are reading this.

We already have illuminated signs above the fire exits in the Hall, at the Dunnottar Avenue exit and the Bridgefield Terrace exit. Once completed, there will be two emergency lights in the Hall and also emergency lights outside the three exit doors.

The fire exit signs and the emergency lights all have battery back-up so that in a power blackout they will provide light until everyone has safely evacuated the building.

Contact: David Macdonald, Property Convener, 764 750
David's email- davidmacdonald153@gmail.com

ST BRIDGET'S LETS FOR 2017/2018

Letters have been sent to all current let holders and Church Hall users about the new letting year, which starts on 1st August 2017. It would be appreciated if completed booking forms could be returned by Friday 11th June 2017.

The charges have been increased to £15 per hour and the charge for a full morning, afternoon or evening is now £40. The timing requested on the booking form should include setting up at the start of the let and clearing away at the end. "One off" lets can be booked throughout the year for unused slots.

Contact: David Macdonald, Lets Convener, 764 750
David's email- davidmacdonald153@gmail.com

MEARNS AND COASTAL HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK GARDENERS WANTED

Mearns and Coastal Healthy Living Network is looking for part time self employed gardeners to assist with grass cutting and garden maintenance for their gardening service for older people. They are looking for people experienced in the following:

- * Grass Cutting
- * Light pruning
- * Weeding and digging
- * Garden tidy ups
- * Garden debris removal

If you have gardening experience and preferably access to a vehicle, and have a few hours to spare each week to help someone with their garden, then please get in contact with me using the details below to request an application form and further information about the role.

For more information, please contact: Bernie Dawks, Project Worker
Email: mchln.berniedawks@gmail.com Tel: 01561 378130

INDIA VILLAGE MINISTRIES

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Almost every month, we include information about India Village Ministries (IVM), which started in 2001 with Suresh and Roja Vemulapalli who organised IVM to minister to needy people in the villages. The information in this article is taken from three information leaflets produced by IVM. Dunnottar Church regularly supports the work of IVM through the "wee hooses", retiring offerings and sponsorship of two children by the Friendship Coffee group. We hope this article will give you a clear idea of the work they do.

Indian Law severely limits the work of foreign missions but puts no limitations on Indian citizens. The result of this is that the most effective way to reach India is through local Indians doing the work.

Native missionaries are equipped to do their work effectively as they understand the culture, speak the language and are accepted into local communities because of this. National worker support provides food, housing, clothing and some transportation money enabling the pastor and his family to work with people in the villages.

IVM equips local villagers to "plant" (i.e. start up) churches, provides educational opportunities and training programmes for pastors and future "church planters" and cares for orphans and widows. Many of the pastors travel by bicycle or on foot to remote villages, distributing Telegu Bibles and inviting villagers to attend regular weekly church services.

As you will know, Suresh and Roja and their two children visited Scotland in May 2017 and Suresh spoke about the work of IVM at the morning service on Sunday 7th May.

In a country where millions of children are unwanted and abandoned, IVM took it upon themselves to run an orphanage, which is dedicated to provide a loving family atmosphere for children who have lost their parents.

The IVM Children's home really is home for many children. Currently they have children aged 6-19, most of whom have lost both parents in accidents, suicides, disease and AIDS among other things. The children live in clean safe dormitories and are given the opportunity of a lifetime in India - education from Primary school to continuing through college.

Government legislation in India now requires them to have separate buildings to accommodate the boys and the girls which led to the need plan, to raise funds and construct the new buildings.

INDIA VILLAGE MINISTRIES contd.

Construction of the Boys' Dormitory is proceeding but at a slower pace than they would like. The structural work and construction of the overhead water tanks has been completed and work will begin soon on the walls. There is an on-going need for finance to complete the building project and to furnish the orphanage.

IVM also provides companionship, medical care and basic necessities for widows in the villages. In India, family is the only protection against severe poverty for the elderly. Some of the women they work with have no surviving children. Many of them have been abandoned by their children. These women often die in loneliness, poverty and despair.

Most of the widows they care for are Hindu women and some have turned to Christianity through the love they experience from the IVM staff as they befriend them and care for their basic needs. They hope in time to expand the ministry to care for more widows.

All the work that IVM does is supported by donations.

A "Church planter" may be supported for £50 a month. Sponsors receive a photo and biography of the Church planter they sponsor as well as yearly updates.

The basic needs of a child living in poverty can be met for £40 a month. For this, a child will receive education, nutritious meals, clothing and shelter and all medical needs. Potential sponsors can advise whether they would prefer to sponsor a boy or a girl. Once a sponsor is matched with a child, they receive a description and photo of the child and are provided with regular updates and photographs. Sponsors can also send letters, cards and small gifts to their sponsored child. It is also possible to part-sponsor a child for £25 a month.

Recently the children were asked to describe their home in the orphanage and what it means to them. Here are some of their replies.

Grace said: 'This place is real home: full of joy and many friends'

Swathi (one of the boys) said 'Place of fun and delicious meals every day'

Nikhil said: 'I enjoy going to school in our school bus'

And of course the expanding work with the widows also requires funding.

*You can check out the IVM website for further information:
<http://www.indiavillage.org>*

A RECIPE FROM THE FRIENDSHIP COFFEE GROUP

VANILLA CUPCAKES

Ingredients

Cupcakes:

125g (5oz) plain flour
250g (9oz) Carnation Condensed Milk
1 egg
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
85g (3oz) margarine
1½ tsp. baking powder

Frosting:

200g (7oz) icing sugar
55g (2oz) margarine or butter, softened
few drops vanilla extract
1 - 2 tbsp. Carnation Condensed Milk
Sugar sprinkles or cake decorations, to decorate

You will also need

12 hole muffin tin and muffin cases

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180 F, 350 F, gas mark 4
2. Place flour, condensed milk, egg, vanilla extract, margarine and baking powder in a bowl and beat with an electric hand mixer for 2-3 minutes until pale and fluffy.
3. Spoon into the muffin cases and bake for 15 - 18 minutes until springy to the touch and golden brown. Cool slightly then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely.
4. Beat the icing sugar, butter and vanilla with enough condensed milk to bring the mixture to a soft consistency. Spread or pipe onto cakes. Decorate as desired.

Margaret Coutts, who provided this recipe, says that it is a very easy recipe and can be used for summer, Easter or for Christmas, especially with all the cake decorations available nowadays in supermarkets!



A SWEET FROM THE LUNCH CLUB / LITTLE MARKS

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING WITH TOFFEE SAUCE

Ingredients

pudding:

- 3 oz. butter
- 5 oz. caster sugar
- 2 beaten eggs
- 6 oz. self-raising flour
- 6 oz. stoned dates (chopped)
- 6 fl oz. boiling water
- ½ tsp. vanilla essence
- 2 tsp. coffee essence
- ¾ tsp. bicarbonate of soda

Sauce:

- 6 oz. soft brown sugar
- 4 oz. butter
- 6 tbsp. double cream

Method

1. Pre heat oven to 180°C (gas mark 4)
2. Pour boiling water over the dates, add the coffee, vanilla and bicarbonate of soda and set aside.
3. Cream the butter and sugar until pale, light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs.
4. Carefully fold in the flour using a metal spoon. Fold in the date mixture. (it's ok that it looks sloppy!)
5. Pour into a dish and bake for 25 minutes.

To make the sauce:

Put all the ingredients in a pan and heat gently, stirring until they combine to a toffee sauce.

LITTLE MARKS OF KINDNESS

You might think you don't matter much in this world, but because of you, someone has a favourite mug that you bought them to drink their tea out of each morning. Someone hears a song on the radio and it reminds them of you. Someone has read a book you recommended to them and got lost in its pages. Someone's remembered a joke you told them and smiled to themselves on the bus. Someone has a memory that makes them grin because it involves you. Someone now likes themselves a bit more because you made a passing comment that made them feel good.

Never think you don't have an impact. Your fingerprints can't be wiped away from the little marks of kindness that you have left behind.

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A SOUP FROM THE LUNCH CLUB / QUIZZES

CARROT AND CORIANDER SOUP

Ingredients

500 g carrots
2 tblsp. olive oil
1 small onion
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 tsp. coriander seeds, crushed
1 tsp. ground coriander
940 ml vegetable stock
salt and pepper
1 tblsp. fresh coriander

Method

1. Cut the carrots into small dice.
2. Heat oil in saucepan, add onion, garlic and chopped carrots and cook for 10 mins.
3. Stir in crushed and ground coriander and cook for 1 minute.
4. Add 750 ml of the stock, cover and simmer for 15 minutes until carrots are tender.
5. Puree the soup and serve with the fresh coriander.



QUIZZES

QUIZ FOR MAY

Last month's quiz with all the answers ending in -ful proved to be a very challenging one for you all, but we do have a winning entry. Congratulations to Margaret Godzman...a prize is on its way.

The correct answers are:

1 Tearful, 2 Thoughtful, 3 Awful, 4 Bountiful, 5 Rightful, 6 Powerful, 7 Doubtful, 8 Colourful, 9 Unhelpful, 10 Playful, 11 Mournful, 12 Beautiful, 13 Lawful, 14 Useful, 15 Spoonful, 16 Cupful, 17 Plentiful, 18 Truthful, 19 Artful, 20 Fruitful, 21 Uneventful, 22 Helpful, 23 Peaceful, 24 Hateful, 25 Wonderful.

SUMMER QUIZ

The quiz in this edition of Spotlight has a gardening theme. All you have to do is solve the anagrams to find items connected with gardening. (Hint-there are no anagrams of flowers or plants.) Entries to one of the editorial team by Thursday 17th August, please.

NUMBER PLEASE!

NUMBERS

Numbers are an essential part of everyday life. We use them for such things as telling the time, the date, counting out money to pay for things.

We have birthdays- our own and those of friends and relatives- and, at different ages, we are legally allowed to do certain things or are entitled to things like a bus pass.

We need to memorise personal security codes to use credit or debit cards and often we use "favourite numbers" which mean something to us.

We associate certain numbers with well-known groups of objects.....how many of the following do you know?

1: In a 1968 song by Three Dog's Night, the number one is identified as "the loneliest number"

2: number of turtledoves on the second day of Christmas in the carol

3: number of years in the ministry of Jesus, number of times he was tempted by the devil, the number of times Saint Peter denied Jesus

4: number of Elements (earth, water, fire, and wind), The number of Gospels , seasons, cardinal directions and suits of playing cards

5: number of months in 2017 which have 5 Sundays, the number of Friday/Saturday/Sunday weekends in December 2017

6: number of sides on a cube and the highest number on dice

7: number of deadly sins, days in the week, colours in the rainbow, continents and wonders of the ancient world

8: number of beatitudes, legs on a spider, tentacles on an octopus and notes in an octave

9: number of lives of a cat, the highest cloud in the sky ("cloud nine")

10: number of years in a decade, commandments, plagues and lost tribes of Israel, provinces in Canada and the London address of the PM

11: number of the hour, day and month of the WW1 Armistice

12: number of signs of the zodiac, sons of Jacob, disciples, months of the year, knights at the Round Table and people who have walked on the moon

13: number considered unlucky in some countries, the number in a baker's dozen, ranks in a suit of cards, number of the Apollo moon mission which was a 'successful failure'

14: number of Stations of the Cross, days in a fortnight, pounds in a stone, lines in a sonnet

15: crystal wedding anniversary, the number of minutes in quarter of an hour, date of the ides of March.

A WEE (SUMMER HOLIDAY) SMILE

Mary went on holiday by plane for the first time. She was a nervous wreck. During take-off, the roar from the engines proved reassuring—it meant they were working, she reasoned. But when the plane levelled off, so did the engines. Grabbing the armrests, she asked aloud, "Did we stop?"

During a holiday on the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his boat. He could swim, but his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft. Spotting an old beachcomber standing on the shore, the tourist shouted, "Are there any alligators around here?!" "Noo," the man shouted back, "they ain't been around for years!" Feeling safe, the tourist started swimming leisurely toward the shore. About halfway there he asked the guy, "How'd you get rid of the alligators?" "We didn't do nothin'," the beachcomber said. "The sharks got 'em."

The Aberdeen to Penzance train was making its way across country. After a while the first engine broke down. The driver continued at half power but then the other engine failed and the train came to a standstill. Speaking over the intercom, the driver told the passengers: ' I have good news and bad news. The bad news is that both engines have failed and we will be stuck here for some time. The good news is that you all decided to take the train instead of a plane."

A holidaymaker phoned a seaside hotel to check on its precise location. The proprietor said: "It's only a stone's throw from the beach." "But how will I recognise it?" said the holidaymaker. "It's the one with all the broken windows" came the reply.

On his way to his holiday hotel, a taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the vehicle, nearly hit a bus, mounted the pavement and stopped just short of a shop window. As he came to his senses, the driver shouted at the passenger: "Don't ever do that to me again. You scared the living daylights out of me." The passenger apologised and said that he hadn't realised a little tap would scare him so much. "No, I'm sorry," said the driver calming down. "It's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a taxi driver. I've been driving hearses for the last 25 years!"

A husband and wife were on a safari holiday in Kenya.' Look, 'said the husband," lion tracks! You go and see where they go and I'll find out where they came from."

PRAYERS

A PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God, Creator of all times and places;
we thank you for the gift of summertime,
the days of light, warmth and leisure.
Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look:
the multi-coloured flowers,
the deep blue of the sky,
the tranquil surface of lakes,
the laughter of children at play,
people strolling in park,
families gathered around picnic tables and
the increased time to spend with family and friends.
As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people,
open our hearts to receive all as a gift.
Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist.
Help us to realize and appreciate that you are labouring
to keep all in existence.
And warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.
Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer
deepen our awareness of your love
so that we may share this with others and enjoy
a summertime of re-creation.
Amen

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CHRISTIAN AID PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Lord, I know what you require of me. So please strengthen me today
that I may act justly, love mercy and walk humbly before you, my God.
Lord Jesus, I want my faith to be so alive that I can follow you in all
things. Help me see people how you see them, and, in doing so, fill me
with love and compassion for the world.
Jesus Christ, Saviour, why do so many go thirsty in our world today?
Lord, may they not be forgotten by those who have water to give.
Lord Jesus Christ, help me to make room for strangers in need. In your
mercy, bring them the comfort of your spirit and love.
Lord Jesus, how can I be one who reaches out to those who have lost
everything? How can I clothe the naked? How can I bring hope?
Lord Jesus, you know what it is to suffer pain. As you call us to care for
the sick, come with us with your presence, compassion and love.
Lord, you are still to be found among the hungry, the thirsty and the
stranger. Help us to know how we can stand with them and, in so
doing, stand with you.
Amen

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