

Stonehaven Dunnottar and South Churches of Scotland (Linked)

The Week's News

Sunday Worship – 10th September 2017 – Dunnottar Church

Last Sunday, at morning worship in Dunnottar Church, Rev Rosslyn Duncan welcomed the parents, godparents, friends and older brother Aidan of Isaac Lewis Craddock who had been taken along to Church by his parents, James and Laura to be baptised. Rev Rosslyn Duncan said that she had looked up the meaning of the name Isaac and found that it meant laughter..and Isaac lived up to his name throughout the ceremony and the service as a happy little boy! After the baptism, as is the tradition in Dunnottar Church, the godparents were invited to light the baptismal candle which burns throughout the service and is given to the family at the end as a memento of the occasion. It is lit from the fifth candle from the advent ring, which is lit on Christmas Day.

In her sermon, Rev Rosslyn Duncan took as the theme "when things go wrong" She began by saying that in her position, it is a privilege to be with families in all the circumstances of life. Too often these are sad occasions such as funerals, but there are also the happy times at weddings and christenings. She said that at weddings, she doesn't promise the bride and groom that everything will be easy..'happy ever after'. Not that most people who get married are not happy ever after but she found it difficult to believe those who said they had never had a cross word! We are all human-the married couple, the congregation, the community, the Church. We have faults and frailties and no relationships are perfect all the time. What matters is how we cope when relationships go wrong. When we have issues with someone, we should not 'nurse our wrath' or talk about people behind their backs or make a mountain out of what may very well be a molehill. We should meet with the person and discuss things face to face –and listen to what the other person has to say. If this doesn't work, we can try to resolve things by involving others and if this does not have any effect, we should always remember to continue to treat the other person with humility and honesty and to pray for them as God is with us all in our relationships.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

The Guild starts up again after the summer on Tuesday evening of this week. The speaker is local expert Keith Stewart talking about Stonehaven of Old. All are welcome to go along to the Guild, which meets in St Bridget's at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Friendship Coffee Group meet in St Bridget's every Thursday between 10.00 and 11.30am. All are welcome to go along for a cup of coffee or tea, a fancy piece and a chat. Even if you are not a regular at the coffee morning, make a note to go along on Thursday 28th September when, once again, the Friendship Coffee Group is taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee morning. Help them to increase the amount they raised last year for this worthwhile cause.

Next Sunday's service is at South Church at 10.30 am

ALL WELCOME AT ANY OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS

Intimations for both Dunnottar & South Churches should be sent to St Bridget's office – secretary.dunnottarchurch@outlook.com by **9.00am on Thursday** & copied to the Minister rduncan@churchofscotland.org.uk who can be contacted by telephone on 01 569 762 166.

Please advise the minister or any elder of a patient who would welcome a visit either in hospital or residential care.