

Stonehaven Dunnottar and South Churches of Scotland (Linked)

The Week's News

Sunday Worship – 7th October 2017 – Dunnottar Church

Last Sunday, at morning worship in Dunnottar Church, Rev Rosslyn Duncan welcomed the parents, godparents, friends and older brother Murray of Eryn Ruth Adie who had been taken along to Church by her parents, Ross and Judith, to be baptised. 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. During the service, Gordon Edgar, Session Clerk of the South Church spoke about CrossReach as Sunday was identified as CrossReach Sunday. Gordon had worked with CrossReach until he retired and he explained that CrossReach was launched in June 2005 and was previously known as the Church of Scotland Board of Social Responsibility. Under the new name, CrossReach continues the Church of Scotland's long tradition of providing care and support. In fact, this work started back in 1869, so there is a long history in the field of social care. They employ more than 2,000 staff and they support some of the most vulnerable people in Scotland. CrossReach has an annual expenditure of £51 million. Most of their funding comes from local authorities, but they also rely on donations and legacies to help continue their vital work. The mission statement of CrossReach is Mission Statement is "to seek to support people to achieve the highest quality of life which they are capable of achieving at any given time in Christ's name" and they provide services to children and family, older people as well as in the areas of counselling & training, criminal justice, homelessness, learning disabilities, mental health, and substance misuse. There are 2 facilities in Stonehaven - Clashfarquhar for older people and the Bungalow for those with learning disabilities.

In her sermon, Rev Rosslyn Duncan spoke about the parable of the tenants of the vineyard. She said that the parable would have been very relevant to those who heard Jesus telling it. They would be able to place themselves in the parable and could see what Jesus was trying to say to them. Jesus was pointing the finger at those in authority for abusing the trust that had been placed in them as tenants of the vineyard. Instead they acted as if they were the landlords. The meaning of the parable for us is that we must care for what has been entrusted to us by God, whether it is looking after the land or in the way we care for other people. We are challenged to use our gifts to help those on the margins of society.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 9 th	2.00pm	BIBLE APPRECIATION GROUP
Tuesday 10 th	7.30pm	GUILD -St Bridget's
Wednesday 11 th	2-4pm	WHIST -St Bridget's
Thursday 12 th	10.00-11.30am	FRIENDSHIP COFFEE GROUP -St Bridget's

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ANY OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS