
CONNECT



You are warmly invited to join us in the
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 27th November 2022

All church services held at:

Gullane Parish Church **9.45a.m.**

Aberlady Parish Church **11.15a.m**

All are welcome





Christmas Services - Dates and times

24th December – Aberlady Parish Church – Christmas Eve Service 6.30pm

24th December – Gullane Parish Church – Christmas Eve Service 11.30pm

25th December – Aberlady Parish Church – Joint Christmas Day Service
10.30am

1st January 2023 – Services as usual – Gullane Parish Church 9.45am
– Aberlady Parish Church 11.15am

All are welcome



Aberlady Primary School Nativity Performance

The performances will be held at Aberlady Church on 14th December at 2pm and 6pm. The 2pm performance will be a dress rehearsal to which the whole school will attend, and the main performance for parents to attend will be held at 6pm.

For your information:

www.aberlady-gullaneparishchurches.org.uk

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INTERIM MODERATOR

BASIS OF PARISH GROUPING

The congregation of Aberlady and Gullane (SC005237) and the congregation of North Berwick: St Andrew Blackadder (SC006421) shall form a Parish Grouping on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Name:** The name of the Parish Grouping shall be *North Berwick Coastal Parish Grouping*.
2. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the Parish Grouping shall be the parishes of North Berwick: St Andrew Blackadder and Aberlady and Gullane or as the Presbytery may determine.
3. **Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall remain the property and funds of each congregation as at present.
4. **Kirk Sessions:** Each congregation shall retain its own Kirk Session, with the minister of the charge Moderator of the Kirk Session. *A joint co-ordinating group with the minister and five elders from each Kirk Session will meet twice a year, chaired by the minister from North Berwick: St Andrew Blackadder. The group will discuss areas for common work and witness and make recommendations on these to the individual Kirk Sessions. A joint Kirk Session conference will be held at least once every two years and joint Kirk Session meetings as may be agreed, with decisions made at those meetings/conferences only binding when ratified by individual Kirk Sessions.*
5. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of each congregation shall be administered as at present.
6. **Ministry Team:** *The Parish Grouping will be served by the minister of North Berwick: St Andrew Blackadder, serving on a full time basis, and the minister of Aberlady and Gullane, serving on a part-time basis (0.5 FTE.) Where desirable additional team members shall be appointed to serve across the Grouping as agreed by all Kirk Sessions in the Grouping.*

INTERIM MODERATOR - continued

1. **Ministry Team Support:** The stipend of the ministers shall be payable in terms of the National Stipend Scheme. *Where additional team members are appointed to serve across the grouping, the co-ordinating group shall set out how salaries and related expenses shall be met by the individual churches within the Parish Grouping, with agreement from both Kirk Sessions to these arrangements required before any appointment is made.*
2. **Manses:** The manses of both congregations shall be retained.
9. **Areas of Co-operation:** *Whilst not precluding individual congregations pursuing work on their own, the congregations within the grouping will explore developing work in the following areas:*
 - a) *Youth and children's work,*
 - b) *Community outreach,*
 - c) *Discipleship and Evangelism,*
 - d) *Other areas as may be agreed.*
3. **Power to Adjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Parish Grouping for the congregations now agreeing, the congregations shall be free, like any other congregation, to adjust arrangements under the authority of the Presbytery as need may arise.

Jock Stein (Interim Moderator)

INTERIM MODERATOR

For the first Issue of 'Connect' – November 2022

'Connect' is a grand title for a church magazine that seeks to serve its community. This is the first issue of a single magazine for Aberlady and Gullane congregations, now they are united as a single church, connected in a new way, so it will have material concerning both communities.

The two great commands, love God and love your neighbour, are about making connections, while the bedrock of Christian belief concerns the way God has connected with us in the person of Jesus, whose birth we will celebrate again next month. That's why I have written a poem for the magazine and called it 'Christmas Connections'.

A recent connection we are in process of making is with St Andrew Blackadder Church, in North Berwick. The Kirk Sessions have now agreed to form what is called a 'Parish Grouping', which doesn't affect things like worship, ministry and parish boundaries, but makes it easier for the two congregations to work together as and when it suits both parties, in areas such as community outreach, youth and children's work, discipleship and evangelism. Our own two congregations will be invited to approve this on November 20th, and Presbytery will be asked to approve it thereafter. (The whole Basis, to give you the opportunity to read it through, is set out elsewhere in the magazine.)

Going back to that command to love your neighbour 'as yourself', reminds me that to do so effectively we need to be 'well-connected with ourselves'. It so happens that I have been writing a review for a journal of a new Scots version of the old Irish tale *Buile Suibhne* – Seamus Heaney's English version was called *Sweeney Astray*, this new version is *Sweeney Agle*. I mention it because in Heaney's version we have 'God has exiled me from myself', which is the way Sweeney acknowledges his madness of soul.

"The knowledge of oneself," said Calvin, "is the other side of the coin of knowing God."

INTERIM MINISTER

Talking of coins, they still bear the head of our late Queen Elizabeth, for whom there has been such thanksgiving and lament at her passing. In time there will be a new issue with the head of Charles III, and this Christmas we will no doubt hear his first Christmas message. I leave you, however, with these extracts from the Queen's Christmas message of 2011:

For many, this Christmas will not be easy . . . finding hope in adversity is one of the themes of Christmas . . . Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed.

God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive. Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love . . .

May you connect – with God, with yourself, with others, in this coming season.

Jock Stein (Interim Moderator)



Christmas Connections

The tide fills Aberlady Bay,
 circles golfers’ winter play,
 washes over midget subs,
 sand and sanctuary – bobs
 and skitters up a Gullane beach,
 moves two neighbours into reach
 of one another, scatters salt
 of friendship, so we clear the silt
 off stranded hopes, build a bridge
 or two, join the dots and dredge
 our faith for hidden treasure. When
 the tide turns, heaven and earth sing on
 as one, their wild desire to chum
 a child once born in Bethlehem.

Sent from Jock Stein

LOCUM MINISTER

Time! I can remember the first time I heard the saying “How Time Flies”. It didn’t make sense then and whilst it still makes no sense now, I understand why the phrase is used.

Obviously, every second is the same length! Therefore, time neither goes faster or slower! It is just our perception that changes and that is a bit like our perception of God in some ways.

Take the apparently simple task of picking closing worship for the service on November 6th. A relatively simple task in itself. The other hymns were each easily picked. I then had to find organ or at a push piano music, lest the organist was to call in sick. Again, for the rest the hymns, the music was easily found but then the closing hymn: - well it was a real problem. The obvious choice based on the rest of the service would have been “Give thanks with a grateful heart” by Don Moen - a lovely song and although probably less well known than other hymns. It would have been perfect and easily picked up, if only there was a nice piece of music I could use. As it was not to be, of all the copies of music I could find online, none of them were of a tempo that the congregation could easily sing to! They were all too slow. Our Organist could simply speed it up a little so people could sing along but not if they were to have called in sick.

As a result, picking the last hymn turned into a mini marathon.

What should have been counted in perhaps 1 or 2 hundred seconds, turned into between 1 and 2 hundred minutes. My choice in the end was to pick an entirely different hymn altogether.

How can that compare with God you may be wondering! When we pray and expect an answer now, perhaps the prayer isn’t answered as we might want. Should we choose to believe God wasn’t listening or perhaps even worse that God didn’t care? Absolutely not! Our Bibles tell us in Ecclesiastes that there is a time for every season under Heaven and our understanding of time, sometimes dragging its feet or other times flying past far too quickly. can change how we see God’s timing.

Perhaps we might focus on the picture below and know that it is our perception of time, and not God’s reaction to our prayers that is a bit off.



I have often found this to be true but I still catch myself struggling with time. Perhaps we could all do with a bit more practice with our patience and our Faith so that we too can see that it is always worth the wait.

Whatever you are being challenged with at present, I pray you too can find that God's timing is always perfect and his solution, if not what we expected, is always perfect. To God's Glory!

May God protect you and keep you, now and always!

Fred

Revd Fred Harrison

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The Road to Union

It is often said that time stands still for no man – or woman. This is especially true of the church where, some say, it is even more challenging to introduce change. Over the past two years, Aberlady and Gullane congregations have witnessed significant change, arguably on a scale unknown in a generation or more.

Our journey of change started in November 2020 when our highly respected former minister, Brian Hilsley, decided to take well-earned retirement. The timing of Brian's retirement coincided with the publication of Lothian Presbytery's Mission Plan, which set out proposals for future ministry in the counties of East Lothian and Midlothian. The rationale underpinning the Mission Plan was compelling in support of change. It cited falling rolls, an absence of children's work, reductions in congregational income year on year, and a sharp drop in the number of full-time ministers. Alongside these challenges, comparatively few churches had closed and a declining membership was being spread more thinly than ever before. Presbytery's Mission Plan therefore represented an attempt at reset; a recognition that the Kirk had lost some 80% of parishioners since the 1950s and, nationally, that the number attending services continues to dwindle by approximately 4% a year. Under these circumstances, bold and ambitious plans required to be devised and implemented. Simply spreading the total resource available more thinly across existing churches was not a solution; a more radical plan of action was required.

Lothian Presbytery invited Kirk Sessions to respond to the planning framework it circulated, and to suggest alternative changes that might be considered in their area. Under the Plan, Aberlady and Gullane, a vacant charge, was allocated a 0.5 FTE minister. Although we could demonstrate success in all the planning principles set out by Presbytery, albeit not entirely escaping the trend of falling church membership, and despite robust argument advocating the appointment of a full-time minister, the allocation of a 0.5 minister remained. Like many other churches, Gullane and Aberlady decided to reconfigure their working relationship and agreed to develop and extend the existing linkage and consider union as the way ahead.

Union entails a much closer relationship than linkage and a Steering Group, with representation drawn from both churches, was set up to consider the implications and undertake all the essential preparation and planning prior to a decision by both congregations. The outcome, instead of two autonomous churches, we are now a single church - Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church - and the property and funds previously belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation are now held on behalf of the united congregation. The church buildings of Aberlady and Gullane will continue to be the places of worship of the united congregation, with worship each Sunday at times decided by the Minister and Kirk Session. One church requires only one Kirk Session, and the elders of both Kirk Sessions became the Kirk Session of the united congregation.

With Presbytery's blessing, a Service of Union for the two churches was held at Aberlady Church on 25th August 2022, and this heralded yet more change. New office-bearers – Session Clerk, Treasurer and Roll Keeper – were appointed and teams established for family and children, property, safeguarding and communications. Pastoral care continues as before with an elder looking after pastoral work at Aberlady, and Gullane having a team. The intention is to combine outreach with events in the New Year.

Presbytery has allowed us to set up a Nominating Committee, the role of which is to look for a part-time minister. However, before a Nominating Committee could be set up, another important task had to be completed – making up the Electoral Register of the single congregation, with names being arranged in alphabetical order and numbered consecutively throughout. With this exercise now behind us, we can authoritatively state that as of end-October 2022, Aberlady and Gullane Church has a total of 425 on its congregational register, all duly attested by the Presbytery Clerk!

A joint -service of the congregation was held to appoint a Nominating Committee and thirteen members – five from Aberlady and eight from Gullane – were elected to serve. At its first meeting the Committee appointed a Convenor, Vice-Convenor and Clerk. The main duty of the elected Committee is to look for and recommend one person deemed to be suitable as our future minister. Throughout the search process, the Committee will have advice and guidance from our Interim Moderator, the Revd Jock Stein and, as required, an Advisory Committee of three, comprising at least one elder and one minister, appointed by Presbytery's Vacancy Procedure Committee. The Interim Moderator will not be present at interviews conducted by the Committee, thereby avoiding any possible conflict of interest.

The Nominating Committee, which deliberates under a strict code of confidentiality, has a maximum of two years in which to bring the name of a nominee to the congregation.

At the time of writing, we will be able to call a half-time minister as agreed by Presbytery, but unfortunately because the Presbytery Mission Plan has recently been changed, we now must wait for fresh approval by the parent Church of Scotland committee and Presbytery before we can advertise the post. At that point, most probably mid-December, our Nominating Committee will get down to the real work.

The sale of our manse in 2021 requires the Kirk Session to find a suitable replacement. The Church of Scotland sets out the specification which requires to be met – number of public rooms, bedrooms etc. – and the search for a suitable house to be used as a manse is now well underway.

Both the Kirk Session and the congregation realise and accept that a part-time minister cannot fulfil all the traditional roles and expectations of a full-time minister. By way of preparation for our changed circumstances, we are currently:

- exploring ways in which members of Session and congregation can provide relief and assistance with pastoral and worship duties. For example, two elders have enrolled in the Church of Scotland Faith and Nurture Forum/New College training course which started in September; others have expressed a wish to do so when timing works for them
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- planning to have more joint services in Aberlady and Gullane and with neighbouring churches, building on the links developed over many years
- investing significant sums in better communication facilities, which would allow input from other sources for a Sunday service (as well as on-line streaming)
- liaising closely with St Andrew Blackadder, a very active church in North Berwick, with whom we are negotiating a parish grouping.

Over the past two years, a great deal of change has been introduced. Throughout our journey to union, we have been fortunate to receive wise counsel and advice from our Interim Moderator, the Revd Jock Stein. However, success will ultimately be measured on whether we manage to attract a new part-time minister and, for that reason, I am sure we will all want to convey our best wishes to members of the Nominating Committee as they prepare to take forward their search.

Jim Donaldson
Interim Joint Session Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Finances-Treasurer's update

From 1 November the united congregation will operate as one financial entity. I am grateful to everyone who has amended their donations to allow this to happen quite smoothly.

I am happy to report an improvement in our finances at both Aberlady and Gullane. I am very grateful to everyone for their generosity in continued donations. I am also grateful for your continued support in your giving through your offerings. The current balances in our accounts are reasonably healthy. I am not in a position to give any figures until the two accounts become one as there is quite a lot sort out. Please continue to support the church. You can do so by cheque or by Standing Order via the bank. All cheques should be payable to **Aberlady and Gullane Church General Account** to make it easy to pay them in.

At **Aberlady** you are still able to put your donations in the plate as you enter the church, preferably in your offering envelope, gift aid envelope or anonymously in cash.

Collections will resume in **Gullane Church** on 13th November for members who do not pay by standing order or online. The plate will be on the table in the entry vestibule. If you claim gift aid, please put your donation in an envelope with your name on it. It is hoped to issue joint Aberlady and Gullane envelopes in the future. Further details will be given in due course. Online donations can still be made using the new bank account details and cheques may still be given to Morag Black made payable to **Aberlady and Gullane Church General Account**. Many thanks for your continued support.

Kaye Macaskill - Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morag Black will be looking after Gift Aid for the joint congregation with immediate effect and she will communicate in future with all Gift Aid donors. Hazel Phisatory will be writing to all Aberlady Gift Aid donors about their donation from April to September 2022 in the near future. I should like to thank Hazel for her sterling work on this during the last twelve years.

There will be a retiring collection on **Remembrance Sunday** (13th Nov) for **Poppyscotland in both churches.**

Collections at the Christmas Services will be for **East Lothian Food Bank.**

Please be generous

Kaye Macaskill - Treasurer

Gullane Church Roll: Deaths

23 August 2022	Betty Beaton Fentoun Gait, Gullane
25 August 2022	Claire Walker, Kirklands, Gullane
14 September 2022	Alan Waddell, West Links Rd, Gullane
19 September 2022	Helen Hay, Muirfield Care Home, Gullane
7 October 2022	B Gilbert McClung, Waverley Court, Gullane
21 October 2022	Lydia Vanreenen, Muirfield Carehome, Gullane

Aberlady Church Roll: Deaths

20th August 2022	Gordon McVinnie, 3 The Finches, Gullane
26th August 2022	Hugh Heenan, Fidra Nursing Home (previously Rose Cottage, Aberlady)
16th September 2022	George Scott, 1 Golf Court, Aberlady

Children’s Church in Aberlady and Gullane

We are blessed to have so many families wishing to engage with our church at this time when their lives are so busy again with activities and sport. We realise we need to be inventive in what we offer to spread God’s Word. Sunday morning in **JAM (Jesus and Me) Club** is running during the services at 9.45am in Gullane. All ages are welcome, but it tends to attract the families with younger children. We enjoy stories and crafts and a creche is also available, both run by our rota of PVG’d volunteers.

On the first Sunday evening of each month **EJAM Club** meets. (That’s Evening JAM Club. Or Eating JAM as the children prefer). This is for children aged P4-7 and they meet in the Gullane Church Centre at 5.30pm. Great fun is had with bible study activities and discussion, but just as importantly pre-ordered pizza arrives later. These evenings have attracted sometimes more than 25 children. We must be doing something right!

For more information on Aberlady and Gullane’s Children’s activities please email Rachel or Hilary at agpcchildren@gmail.com

The numbers attending EJAM particularly boosted our nativity cast last year. Plans are afoot for a similar production this year – on December 18th. Wish us luck!

Craft Afternoon – It was lovely to get this event back up and running after COVID. In a change to the previous years the Kirk Stables in Aberlady was our venue and it turned out to be perfect for our afternoon on October 9th. Lots of families attended, including some new faces from Aberlady, all of whom enjoyed the imaginative crafts laid on by our willing crafty helpers. Fred then led a short time of bible teaching before we all sat down to share some spooky food together. We plan another craft afternoon, this time with a Christmas theme, on Sunday November 27th





We have also enjoyed another of our church walks. At the end of September on a lovely Sunday afternoon we headed down to Saltcoats woods. These walks are open to all ages and are a great chance to get into the great outdoors and meet others from our church. Next one is planned for 15th January 2023.

Please keep in touch with the children by checking our website for updates as well as www.aberlady-gullaneparishchurches.org.uk facebook@aberladyandgullaneparishchurch.

Rachel Wallace

For other information on local activities please google:

Gullane Village Association

<https://www.gullanevillageassoc.com/local-groups>

Aberlady Community Association

Contact: Samantha Robertson - 07920779750 ahbookings@hotmail.com

Also look at: Aberlady Community Association-Facebook

Gullane Area Community Council

www.gaddabout.org.uk/meeting/minutes

<http://www.gaddabout.org.uk> - Next meeting: 24th November at 7pm Aberlady Kirk Stables

- All welcome



Both Aberlady and Gullane Churches have long supported East Lothian Foodbank with the giving of donations on a weekly basis and in person, volunteers from our churches giving time and money most generously. The foodbank is at its busiest ever, demand increasing month on month as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. In East Lothian clients are referred to the Foodbank for a 3 day emergency food parcel. This parcel is then tailored to the individual's needs and delivered to their door by a volunteer. In the warehouse in Tranent, volunteers receive and sort donations as well as packing parcels. Since COVID, generous monetary donations have been given by individuals and organisations, allowing us to start purchasing food stuffs and toiletries when stock levels are low.

Here's a list of regular items needed for parcels

Tinned soup, tomatoes, meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, baked beans, rice pudding and custard. Pasta, rice, cuppa soups, long life milk and juice, cereals, biscuits, snacks, tea, coffee. Toiletries. Household cleaning products.

At this time of year the Foodbank runs a **Jingle Bag** appeal asking folk to donate foodstuffs for a parcel of items suitable for a special meal on Christmas day. These are given out alongside all standard food parcels throughout December. Please give generously this Christmas.

Local donation points, as well as Tesco in North Berwick, Musselburgh and Haddington are – Gullane Church foyer, Gullane Coop and Library during opening hours.

Aberlady Church Vestry on Sundays, and there is also an orange box that sits in the main hall in Aberlady, which most people access when the Post Office is open on Tuesday 1-3pm and Fridays 9.45 - 11.45. Otherwise, the hall is open when classes are on, or the hall door will be locked.

For more information on the Foodbank and how to donate go to:

www.eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk

Rachel Wallace

We run a coffee morning on a Wednesday between 10.30am until the last cup is drunk (which is usually just before mid-day) at the Church Centre. This is open to everyone and we would love to welcome you for delicious coffee and top chat! We are charging £1.50 for delicious coffee and biscuits. Tea or de-caff coffee drinkers are catered for too. Any profits benefit the Church.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who do a great job which is very much appreciated.

Nicky Black

October 2022

Also "Opera East Lothian" are performing 'The Armed Man' (A Mass for Peace) by Karl Jenkins on 19th November at St Andrew Blackadder 7.30pm - tickets £16. There will be a twenty one piece orchestra, and our Musical Director is Bruce Davies. Poppy Scotland and MICAH, a medical charity involved in Ukraine, will have a presence on the night.





Situated on the fringes of the Bay which takes its name, Aberlady is a small and picturesque coastal community in East Lothian. Aberlady in Bloom was established in 2018 as a means for the community to take steps to make the village all it can be in relation to natural beauty, biodiversity and care for the local environment.

www.facebook.com/climatefriendlyaberlady

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Aberlady in Bloom

Entrant Category: Coastal Village

Category: Judged

2022 Certificate

Silver Gilt winner

Congratulations to the ladies and gents who took part this year and many thanks for all their hard work and dedication.

Gullane Parish Church garden update

The raised flower bed in the garden at the church entrance has now been cleared and topped up with compost. The low wall has been repaired and a couple of new pavers will be laid next week. The east wall has been wired for climbers. The bed has been planted with shrubs and herbaceous perennials and will be underplanted with spring flowering bulbs to extend the season of interest. The Jubilee Tree arrived but unfortunately was not of adequate quality and had to be returned! A replacement will be with us at the beginning of December. We hope that the Jam Club children will help to plant it after one of our morning services.

In the meantime it is the time of year when we do battle with relentless leaves! We have a rota of helpers for this and would welcome any extra help with leaves, weeding and the garden generally. Please contact Joy Grey (842866) if you can help – even in the smallest way. Thank you to those who have kindly given their time recently.

Gullane Parish Church – welcome to a new pianist

After quite a search for someone to help us with music on the third Sunday of each month we were very fortunate and grateful to find Allan Ramsay in the summer. Allan provides piano music for services and chooses and plays beautiful pieces at the beginning and end of our services. He is currently learning to play the organ with a view to playing for us in time.

Our most sincere thanks go to Anne Trail, Fergus Malcolm, Irene Hogg and Allan for all their hard work in practising and preparing music which enhances our Sunday worship.

With best wishes

Joy

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GULLANE GUILD

To all members of the former Gullane Guild. After our very enjoyable lunch in March this year, several people thought it would be a good idea to organise another get together, so, I now have a date and hope that we can get as many people to attend, as we had on March 14th.

The date and time are: 21 November at 12.30pm

The place: Craigiellaw Golf Club, Aberlady. The cost £20.

When I made the booking, the menu was not available yet. This will be decided on the 1st November.

If anyone would like to join us, please let me know either by phone or by email. Once I receive the menu, I will pass it on to those who want to attend. As with last time, the restaurant finds it much easier if they know in advance what people want to order. As before, the lunch will consist of a main meal and a dessert.

My phone number is: 07947629995

My email is: angienetblack@btinternet.com

I hope we have an enjoyable time together.

Yours

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GULLANE AND DIRLETON HISTORY SOCIETY

Lecture programme for the rest of the season

Thursday meetings in Dirleton Kirk Hall and Wednesday meetings in Gullane Village Hall. All at 7.30pm.

NB some lectures may be on ZOOM

Thurs 1 December 2022 East Lothian's Papple Steading
George Mackintosh

Wed 11 January 2023 Mary Wyndham, countess of Wemyss
Ailsa Fortune

Thurs 2 February 2023 East Lothian, "The Crucible of the Scottish Glass Industry in the 17th and 18th centuries". Helen Spencer

Wed 22 February 2023 The history of Amisfield Gardens in Haddington - Kate Rycroft

Thurs 16 March 2023 Norman churches in East Lothian
Bryan Hickman

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GARLETON SINGERS CHOIR

Christmas Concert 2022

Please come and join us for our annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday 4th December, 6.30pm** at St Mary's Parish Church, Haddington.

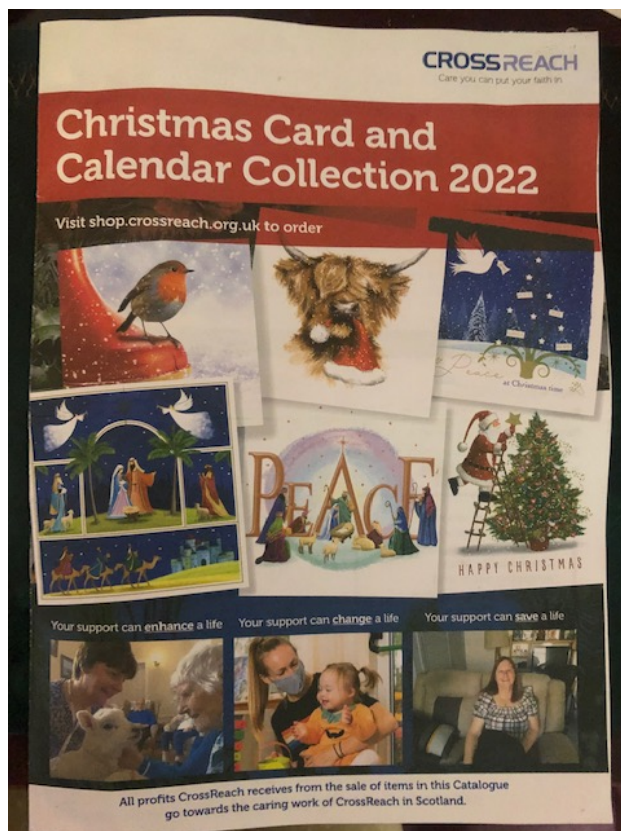
This is a festive concert for Choir, Brass and Organ with carols for all to sing.

Tickets will go online very soon.

The Choir **rehearses on Monday evenings** during the singing season – September to June, at the fabulous venue of St Mary's Church in Haddington, Sidegate EH41 4BZ. Rehearsals run from 7.30 to 9.30pm with a short tea and coffee break where you can chat to other members and enjoy a well deserved break!

To watch and listen to the singers,

please go to: www.garletonsingers.co.uk SC002500



CROSSREACH

We think a Christmas card is a perfect way to keep in touch, possibly with people you haven't seen face to face for a while. It's a lovely way to let them know you are thinking of them, and also to remind us of the baby born in the manger, who gives us hope.

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OUR QUEEN

Philip came to me today,
and said it was time to go.
I looked at him and smiled,
as I whispered that, "I know"
I then turned and looked behind me,
and saw that I was asleep.
All my Family were around me,
and I could hear them weep.
I gently touched each shoulder,
with Philip by my side.
Then I turned away and walked,
with My Angel guide.
Philip held my hand,
as he led the way,
to a world where Kings and Queens,
are Monarchs every day.
I was given a crown to wear
or a Halo known by some.
The difference is up here,
they are worn by everyone.
I felt a sense of peace,
my reign had seen its end.
Seventy years I had served my Country,
as the people's friend.
Thank you for the years,
for all your time and love.
Now I am one of two again,
in our Palace up above.

OUTREACH - Thank you so very much

Editor: Our grateful thanks go to the following people and companies who have supported the Aberlady Church magazine 'Outreach' in the past, by putting in an advert. Many, many thanks.

Val Barrie



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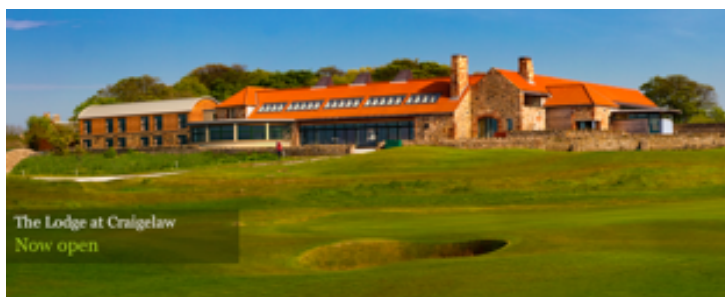


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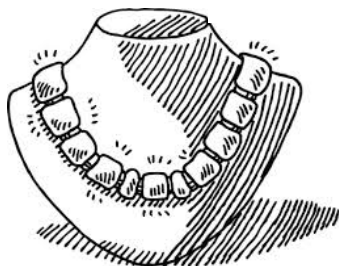


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