



# Meldrum & Bourtie

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## Kirk News

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Dear friends,

It is so hard to believe this year is coming to a close! At the same time, we usher in a new liturgical year with the start of Advent. It is one of my favourite seasons: the blue hues, the hymns of longing set in minor keys, the lights of candles. At Meldrum and Bourtie Church this year I am very excited to be partnering with A Sanctified Art for their Advent series *Close to Home*.

## CLOSE to HOME

When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. During the Advent and Christmas season, we journey through scriptures and rituals that are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We carry memories and truths of this season close to our

hearts. The Christmas story is rich with metaphors and imagery of home. John the Baptist prepares the way for the one to come yet reminds us how far from that home we are. His message hits close to home, especially for those experiencing inequality and oppression. After receiving the angel's news, Mary retreats to Elizabeth's home, seeking refuge and safety. Christ is born in the midst of a journey home. The Magi travel far from home to pay homage to Christ and are warned in a dream to travel home by another way. The Christmas story shows us that home is both physical and metaphorical, something we seek and something we are called to build. Ultimately, God is our home and resting place. God draws near and makes a home on earth - sacred ground is all around us.

This year, 'Home for Christmas' is still not the same as years past. We are still living in the new normal of a covid world. Yet, this is the time of year even more than any other that we cling to hope, collectively we hold tight to hope. We hang hope from every mantle and doorframe. We decorate our gardens and homes and hearts with the lights and tinsel of hope. I want to invite and welcome you to all our Advent and Christmas events. As we *carefully* come together to celebrate that hope, to rejoice in that hope. Whoever you are, wherever you are in life's journey we truly hope you feel most welcome at Meldrum and Bourtie Church. And for those still staying 'close to home' our weekly services are uploaded to our webpage, Facebook and YouTube channel weekly. I look forward to worshipping with you this season either in person or online as we welcome the Christ child into our hearts and homes.

Merry Christmas to everyone,  
Rev. Alisa McDonald

## **COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Sunday 28 November:**

First Sunday in Advent – Morning service in Meldrum Parish Church - starts @ 11 am

### **Tuesday 30 November:**

Advent Bible Study (1) – Online via Zoom – starts 7 pm – for the Zoom link please email request to [info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com](mailto:info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com)

### **Sunday 5 December:**

Second Sunday in Advent – Morning service in Meldrum Parish Church – starts @ 11 am

### **Tuesday 7 December:**

Advent Bible Study (2) – Online via Zoom – starts 7 pm – for the Zoom link please email request to [info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com](mailto:info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com)

### **Saturday 11 December:**

Church open day – come along to view and vote on the Christmas trees on display – refreshments will be served – church & hall open from 10 am to 2 pm - ALL WELCOME  
Advent activity & crafts day – Meldrum Church Hall - from 2 – 4 pm - All WELCOME

### **Sunday 12 December:**

Third Sunday in Advent – Morning service in Meldrum Parish Church - starts @ 11 am

### **Tuesday 14 December:**

Advent Bible Study (3) – Online via Zoom – starts 7 pm – for the Zoom link please email request to [info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com](mailto:info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com)

### **Sunday 19 December:**

Fourth Sunday in Advent – Morning service in Meldrum Parish Church - starts @ 11 am  
Bourtie Carol service - Bourtie Kirk – service starts at 2 pm – ALL WELCOME.  
Meldrum Parish Church - Special '*Blue Christmas service*' a quiet time to reflect on those we miss – Service starts at 7 pm

### **Monday 20 December:**

Carol singing around the town – meeting at the church hall at 6:30 pm – Mince pies and mulled wine served on return.

### **Tuesday 21 December:**

Advent Bible Study (4) – Online via Zoom – starts 7 pm – for the Zoom link please email request to [info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com](mailto:info@meldrumandbourtiechurch.com)

### **Friday 24 December:**

#### **Christmas Eve @ Meldrum Parish Church:**

Family service @ 5 pm (carol singing after the service).

Carol singing in church @ 11 pm

Watchnight service starts @ 11:30 pm

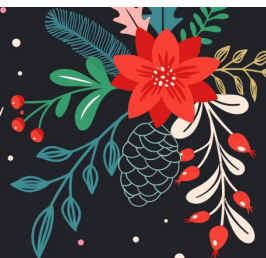
### **Saturday 25 December:**

**Christmas Day – Merry Christmas everyone - NO SERVICE TODAY:**

### **Sunday 26 December:**

Lessons & Carol service in Meldrum Parish Church - starts @ 11 am

# Christmas at Meldrum Kirk



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 28 November

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
MORNING SERVICE AT MELDRUM  
@ 11.00 AM

Sunday 12 December

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
MORNING SERVICE AT MELDRUM  
@ 11.00AM

Tuesday 30 November

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**  
VIA ZOOM @ 7 PM  
FOR 4 WEEKS (30TH, 7TH, 14TH, 21ST)  
COME WHEN ABLE OR EVERY WEEK

Sunday 19 December

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
MORNING SERVICE AT MELDRUM  
@ 11.00AM

Sunday 5 December

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
MORNING SERVICE AT MELDRUM  
@ 11.00AM

**BOURTIE KIRK CAROL SERVICE**  
ALL WELCOME  
@ 2.00PM

Saturday 11 December

**CHURCH OPEN DAY**  
COME ALONG TO VIEW & VOTE ON THE  
CHRISTMAS TREES CREATED BY  
VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS  
REFRESHMENTS SERVED  
CHURCH AND HALL OPEN  
10.00-2.00PM

**NATIVITY N' CRAFTS**  
ALL WELCOME TO A FAMILY EVENT  
OF CRAFTS AND NATIVITY FUN  
AT MELDRUM HALL  
2.00P.-4.00PM

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**  
(BLUE CHRISTMAS)  
A QUIET SERVICE OF TO REFLECT ON  
THOSE WE MISS AT MELDRUM  
@ 7.00PM

Monday 20 December

**CAROL SINGING AROUND MELDRUM**  
VILLAGE  
MEETING AT THE CHURCH HALL AT  
6.30PM  
MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE AT END  
ALL WELCOME





# Christmas at Meldrum Kirk



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Friday 24 December

### CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE

COME IN COSTUME IF YOU WANT  
CAROL SINGING AFTER SERVICE  
MELDRUM AT 5.00PM

### CHRISTMAS EVE WATCHNIGHT

CAROL SINGING  
MELDRUM AT 11.00PM

### CHRISTMAS EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

MELDRUM AT 11.30PM

Saturday 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY  
NO SERVICE

WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday 26 December

### LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

MELDRUM CHURCH  
@ 11.00AM





## Christmas Kirk Community Open Day and Nativity N' Crafts

Come along on **Saturday 11 December** to view and vote on all the various Christmas trees created by local community groups and companies. Meldrum Church and Meldrum Hall will be open from 10.00am – 2.00pm with free refreshments for all. Following the Open Day will be a **FREE Nativity N' Crafts** Family event in Meldrum Hall from 2.00pm – 4.00pm with fun

Christmas crafts and an interactive retelling of the Christmas Story. Nativity Costumes encouraged but don't worry if you don't have anything, as we will provide and make some. Any special (stuffed) barnyard animals also more than welcome. Donations welcome at both events.



## Longest Night Service (Blue Christmas)

On Sunday 19 December at 7.00pm we will hold a Longest Night Service at Meldrum Church. The holidays can be a particularly painful time, especially for those who have experienced loss, often stirring up grief in painfully acute ways. As a result, churches around the world have adopted the practice of having a "Blue Christmas" or a "Longest Night" service during the Advent season. In the Northern hemisphere, this service is often observed as close as possible to December 21st, the Winter Solstice,

the longest night of the year.

This service is designed to provide space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance amidst the holiday hustle and bustle. The empty seats at home are felt more than ever at this time of year. And in this extended pandemic season of life, grief and loss will be magnified and nearly universal. Wherever you are in grief and loss, mourning the death of a loved one or a broken relationship, the distance too far or the pain buried deep, come, and let this service be a space of calm, quiet and healing for you.

## **Food Bank Appeal**

As you know the last year or so has been very hard for many families and the Food Bank has experienced greatly increased demand. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to bring non-perishable foods and/or toiletries along to the Meldrum Church or to our church hall when they are open for our Christmas Tree Display and Craft Event. On Saturday 11th December the church hall will be open from 10am till 4pm and the church will be open from 10am till 2pm. Alternatively, goods can be brought to the church service on Sunday the 12th. These goods will not be in time to be distributed before Christmas but they will replenish stocks for January which is often a 'lean month'.

## **Carol Singing Round the Village**

We hope to sing carols around the village again this year. The date will be Monday, 20th December and we will meet outside the Church Hall at 6.30pm. Song sheets will be provided and very warm clothing is recommended. Tinsel, Christmas hats and fairy lights are encouraged. For further information about joining us please phone Sheila on 01651 871957 or Elizabeth on 01651 872131 or you can simply turn up. Also, please let us know if you would like us to sing outside your house or know someone who would appreciate it.

Thank you.

## **\*Special Offerings\***

Donations received from all retiring & special collections at our special Christmas services will be donated equally between :

- COTAG 4x4 Response Team.
- TEARFUND.

## **CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH – Keeping safe:**

Covid-19 is still with us and as our Church will be much busier over the Christmas period, we all still need to be very much aware of this.

Over the Christmas period the church will be a lot busier with the many different events and services being held. As people will arrive from different communities when visiting relatives, and with a higher proportion of visitors than normal we have been asked to ensure that there is some form of distancing between people of different households (for the avoidance of doubt a household will also mean two households who are staying together for the Christmas period would form one household and be able to sit together at worship). We ask that you co-operate with our welcoming teams who will help guide you safely to your seat.

### **Mandatory restrictions:**

**Face coverings:** It is still a **legal requirement** that people wear a face covering when attending a church for worship. Unless people are medically exempt or under the age of 12, everyone needs to wear a face covering when entering and leaving our churches, when they are seated in our pews and when they stand to sing.

**NHS Test & Protect:** Participation in the NHS Test & Protect strategy is important, both for our Church and for those attending Church but it is not compulsory for individuals to give their details, ***however it is legally required of all congregations to participate whenever they engage in hospitality.***

**Offering collections:** It is still not permissible to pass an offering plate around the congregation during worship. Offerings will be collected as people enter the church building, We encourage you to give your offering electronically if possible, please visit our DONATE page on our website at <https://www.meldrumandbourtiechurch.com/donate-online>

### **Non-mandatory actions:**

**Physical Distancing:** The legal requirement of distance within churches has been removed by the Scottish Government; however, it is important to remember that mixing in the community without maintaining physical distancing measures helps the virus to spread widely. It is therefore important that people remain vigilant and follow the guidance from the Scottish Government to keep a physical distance from those in other households.

**NHS Test & Protect:** In taking part we are joining the national effort to suppress COVID-19 and we will be acting in the best interests of our congregations. However, if people don't want to register their attendance, we cannot force them or deny entry. For those who wish to participate in this strategy whilst attending church we will have on prominent display the '**CHECK in SCOTLAND**' QR codes. We will also have registration cards on each pew for you to complete with name and contact details, if completed please drop into the box provided as you leave the church.

### **Please also note the following:**

If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 or have been in contact with anyone experiencing these symptoms, please do not come to church

Please arrive in good time as there may be queuing both inside and outside the building

There are hands free sanitiser stations located at the front entrance and at the rear exit door. Please use the hand sanitiser before entering and the sanctuary

Bible readings will be on the screen. You are welcome to bring your own Bible

In the event of a fire, please follow the instructions of the Church officer.

William Dalzell<sup>9</sup>, Session Clerk.



Our December prayers are linked to the Advent Candles that help to prepare our hearts for Jesus birth, which is God's special gift to us all now and for ever.

**Our first Candle: HOPE (Prophecy)**

Heavenly Father, you sent your messengers to tell of the birth of your Son, that people may believe in him. Open our ears to hear your call to repent of our sins and make the right choices. May we proclaim and witness the Good News of Christ Jesus our Redeemer until we stand by His grace before you in our glory.

**Our second Candle: LOVE (Bethlehem)**

Lord come into and fill the manger of my heart as Jesus was laid in the manger in Bethlehem. Fill me with your presence. As I prepare gifts to be given to others remind me of that first Christmas gift, Jesus your Son born a vulnerable baby sent to reveal your love for us all. Thank you Lord for the gift of love and may you help us to feel your love in our lives and to share this gift with all around us this Advent and beyond.

**Our third Candle: JOY (Shepherds)**

Gracious Father, make me like the Shepherds in the fields obedient to your call as they travelled full of joy to see the new born Jesus. Help me to set all distractions and worries aside. Lead me to travel joyfully through Advent to find the wonder of the Christ child who came to save us all. Help me to grow my faith and bring joy to those I meet.

**Our fourth Candle: PEACE (Angels)**

Thank you, Father for the angels whose message of "Fear Not" is often just what I need to hear. Lord, you are the Prince of Peace hear us when we pray for all those experiencing loss during Advent. We remember those saddened by relational, financial, spiritual or physical loss and those in chronic pain, sick or challenged by addictions. May I and all those in need know your healing peace and the love that casts out fear.

Father God, As we light the Christ Candle we ask you to grant us peace in our homes, churches and hearts. Thank you for loving the whole world enough to send the greatest gift of your Son so that we might truly celebrate Christmas. Amen.





Jeremiah - Chapter 29: Verse 11.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

### **A New Year Prayer**

May God make the New Year a happy one!

Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it as it comes;

Not by making our path easy, but by making us strong to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from us, but by taking fear from our hearts;

Not by granting unbroken sunshine, but by travelling along with us even in the shadows;

Lord, be with us and those who need you most now and throughout this New Year. Grant us the gift of hope as we face the challenges in our lives.

Amen.

### **Praying for others in January.**

We pray for those helping the vulnerable in our country and throughout the world.

- Remember all those involved in charity work and food banks helping others to survive.
- Remember all those working with the homeless and those needing a safe place to live.
- Remember all those working to help those with health problems both mental and physical.
- Remember all those providing advice and help for those dealing with addiction.
- Remember all carers supporting people in their own homes or elsewhere whether they are members of their family or other people needing help.
- Remember all those working in emergency services assisting those in danger and in disaster areas.

We ask that they may all be given the energy and compassion needed to continue with their essential work of helping and caring.

May they know that they are valued and appreciated. Help us to do what we can to help others. We ask this in Jesus name who asked us to love our neighbours.

Amen

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## Kirk News Articles

All items for the February / March 2022 issue of Kirk News should be in the hands of the Editors, Brian Reid, or Simon Hill by Sunday, 23rd January 2022.

If you know of anyone who does not normally receive Kirk News and would like to, please contact the Editor. (see Contacts table)  
This special Christmas issue is being delivered to all the Community and on behalf of the Kirk Session may we wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

You can also catch up with our latest news, events and videos on our website @ <https://www.meldrumandbourtiechurch.com/> or on our Facebook page.



(Artist's Statement on the Artwork at the Front of this Kirk News)

## **ORDINARY GLORY**

By Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman  
(Inspired by Luke 2:1-20)

In this familiar narrative, what stuck out for me in this reading was the juxtaposition of human and divine, the mundane and extraordinary, the humbleness of a manger and the glory of a multitude of heavenly hosts. I wanted to image this dichotomy with the everyday, intimate, tender scene of new parents and their yawning baby, enveloped by the glittering, awe striking magnificence of God. The holy family is framed by an almond shape called a mandorla. Mandorlas have been used in Christian art to signify the glory of God, and can also represent the intersection and fullness of two things, like heaven and earth or spirit and body. Likely, the most familiar instance of this concept is the shape made between the overlapping circles in a Venn diagram. I wanted to use this shape because this is the moment when human and divine intersect in the person of Jesus, and when the glory of God is birthed into the world. The golden field surrounding the mandorla is filled with my interpretation of the six-winged seraphim from early Christian art, representing the heavenly hosts filling the air with tidings of peace (imaged by olive branches). A seven pointed star hangs over the heads of the family, surrounded by seven other stars, a number that represents completeness.

Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

## Cycling Without Age – Oldmeldrum

You might have seen Oldmeldrum's Cycling Without Age (CWA) electric trishaw out and about in the town over the past few months and wondered what it was all about.

CWA is a simple but effective scheme where trained volunteers, provide free outings on the trishaw to people who are elderly, or have limited mobility and who would enjoy getting out into the fresh air. It's more than that, because the trishaws only go at walking speed it's also a social outing as passengers chat to the volunteers and people they see as they pass by. For many it's been shown to really help improve their mental wellbeing.

All outings have two volunteers one to ride the trishaw, the pilot, and one to co-pilot either on their own bike or walking alongside. The co-pilot's role is to assist looking after the passengers safety, navigating past obstacles and generally enhancing the whole social experience.

Since coming to Scotland in 2017 more than 55 groups called Chapters have been set up or are in the process of being set up. The Scottish Charity CWA Scotland website [cyclingwithoutage.scot](http://cyclingwithoutage.scot) has lots of information for anyone interested in its history or how it's managed nationally.

Here in Oldmeldrum we are a small team of volunteers who give what time we can to fit round family and work commitments. Since we launched our trishaw in June this year we have been able to offer at least one, sometimes two outings a week to residents of Westbank Park Care Home, Wyverie Court and people living in their own homes.

For some of our passengers it's been a chance to see people and areas of Oldmeldrum they haven't seen for a while. The Community Garden at the top of South Road has been a popular destination as has seeing the lovely flower displays in The Square. One passenger wanted to see where they used to live and one trip, albeit without passengers saw the trishaw taken to the top of the viewpoint.

Once a week, teaching staff from Meldrum Academy, along with a small group of pupils riding on their own bikes, have been using trishaw outings as a means of learning about road safety and basic bike maintenance. The pupils chat with the passengers about their lives and stories, learning first hand about social history as they go.

We hope to continue taking the trishaw out when we can over the colder months obviously depending on weather and road conditions. If you know anyone, of any age with limited mobility who you think might enjoy an outing, or if you would like to hear more about how you might become involved please get in touch [sheenacc@icloud.com](mailto:sheenacc@icloud.com)

## Baptisms

Arabel Corinne McDonald	Benview Gardens	7th November 2021
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## Deaths

Mrs Ada Semple	Baker Street	1st October 2021
Mr Gordon Emslie	Bridge of Don (Formerly Oldmeldrum)	7th October 2021
Mrs Margaret Beveridge	Milnathort (Formerly Bourtie)	10th October 2021
Mr Andrew Cumming	Cowgate	18th October 2021
Mr Kevin Petrie	Elgin (Formerly Oldmeldrum)	20th October 2021

## **Thank you.**

It has been another interesting year with many ups and downs, kicking off in January with another lockdown which seemed to go on for ever and then slowly re-opening as the restrictions eased off. Once again, throughout the year, we all worked together to ensure regular worship continued either online, in person or both.

2022 looks also to be an interesting year, but in an exciting way with Alisa back full time in January, a new era, a new ministry for Meldrum & Bourtie Kirk.

A special thank you to Rev Mary Cranfield and Alicia Forsyth who led us in worship while Alisa was on maternity leave, to the Church Beadles, welcoming teams, IT team and Isobel without which we could not operate. We have managed to maintain our strict cleaning routine since the church re-opened in August 2020 only by the willingness of these teams and Isobel who clean before and after each service held in the church giving up their time to get the job done, thank you all.

I look forward to seeing you at our services leading up to Christmas, details can be found in this issue, and to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a successful New Year.

**William Dalzell, Session Clerk**







Hello to all, hope you all had a nice break with the Tattie Holidays, the boys have returned with a bang anyway.

We started back with a Halloween Disco / Party where we had the boys in Fancy Dress and pumpkins to be judged by our chaplain and church minister Carl Irvine for which we thank him very much for coming along and picking the winners. The choice was hard with some cracking costumes but there had to be a couple of winners, one from Anchors & one from Juniors and the winners were Alfie Gordon from Juniors & Ruariadh Morris from **Anchor Boys**. Massive congrats to them but sadly we have lack of pictures, they were worth seeing!

The Pumpkin winners went with Cameron Lorimer from Juniors & Bobby Jordan from Anchors - they both got £5 Vouchers to spend in Strachan's toy dept so hopefully they spent them wisely.

We sent the boys all home with a Halloween goody bag which had a few sweets and some glow sticks and a wee light up toy each.

The boys all returned to normal activities this week with Company section starting to practice drill and started to then make the Airfix model spitfires we bought them to make.

Anchor boys last night finished making their hand print aliens before moving on to their WW2 programme and they had a shot of the Evacuation game with an assault course of tunnels, benches and the big parachute to manoeuvre through, with much hilarity.

**Juniors** - They started on their WW2 themed programme, where they were colouring in a spitfire and then they too had a game of Evacuation.

All in all another fantastic and fun packed couple of weeks.

Anchor boys next Monday will be getting a talk from one of the Aberdeen Airport Firemen and hopefully after Christmas we can get the boys in to visit the station. We also presented some boys with their medals and certificates for the go wild challenge.

**Company and Juniors** attended Armistice parade on Sunday. Where we had 14 boys on parade,( the young Anchor boys were not allowed to parade).

## **SCOUTPOST 2021**

Following a break last year, 1<sup>st</sup> Daviot-Oldmeldrum Scouts will be delivering Christmas cards and letters **to local addresses within Daviot and Oldmeldrum villages**. Please support our ScoutPost.

Posting boxes will be placed in the Paper Shoppe, Meldrum Pharmacy and the Co-op **from Sat 27<sup>th</sup> November**. Cards will be collected weekly and delivered each Saturday to addresses within Oldmeldrum and Daviot. The last collection will be 5pm on Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Place your Christmas post and suggested donation of **25p per card/letter** in the ScoutPost box. Please include the **ScoutPost destination address code** (see below) on each envelope.

**SCOUTPOST** represents excellent value and helps us to fund equipment and activities for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Thank you for your support, it means a lot to our Group.

### **ScoutPost Destination Code (write this next to the address)**

<i>Street</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>Code</i>
<i>Albert Grove</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Kirkhill Drive</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Albert Place</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Le Roux Drive</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Albert Road</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Lower Cowgate</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Albert Terrace</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Macmillan Avenue</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Ardconnon Avenue</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Major Lane</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Back Wynd</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Manson Road</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Baker Street</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Market Square</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Balcairn Avenue</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Mary Slessor Place</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Barnett Court</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Meadowbank</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Barra View</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Meadowside</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Benview Gardens</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Meadows Drive</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Bruce Place</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Meadows Vale</i>	<i>12</i>

<i>Street</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>Code</i>
<i>Burgh Lane</i>	17	<i>Mill Road</i>	4
<i>Burnside Avenue</i>	9	<i>Morris Gardens</i>	13
<i>Colpy Road</i>	10	<i>Nathalan Court</i>	5
<i>Commercial Road</i>	10	<i>Newbarns</i>	15
<i>Coutens Drive</i>	17	<i>Oakbank Gardens</i>	13
<i>Coutens Park</i>	17	<i>Otter Avenue</i>	10
<i>Coutens Place</i>	17	<i>Parcock Place</i>	18
<i>Cowgate</i>	7	<i>Park Crescent</i>	2
<i>Cromlet Place</i>	4	<i>Park Lane</i>	2
<i>Distillery Road</i>	7	<i>Park Road</i>	2
<i>Donald Gordon Court</i>	9	<i>Provost Drive</i>	1
<i>Duff Drive</i>	12	<i>Provost Florence Drive</i>	9
<i>Duncan Avenue</i>	16	<i>Rosebank</i>	13
<i>Fingask Place</i>	16	<i>Saphock Place</i>	16
<i>Forsyth Drive</i>	16	<i>Seton Way</i>	9
<i>Eavern Place</i>	10	<i>Smiddy Court</i>	6
<i>Elmbank Gardens</i>	10	<i>South Road</i>	4
<i>Gas Street</i>	8	<i>Station Road</i>	10
<i>Green Way</i>	18	<i>The Glebe</i>	14
<i>Greczylo Gardens</i>	18	<i>Union Place</i>	7
<i>Greyhound Drive</i>	17	<i>Urquhart Road</i>	14
<i>Howe Place</i>	18	<i>Webster Court</i>	7
<i>Howe View</i>	18	<i>Webster Court Road</i>	7
<i>James Street</i>	6	<i>Westbank Home</i>	8
<i>Keil Brae</i>	2	<i>Westbank Park</i>	11
<i>King Street</i>	6	<i>Westend Gardens</i>	10
<i>Kirk Brae</i>	3	<i>Wyverie Court</i>	15
<i>Kirk Street</i>	3	<i>Daviot (Village only)</i>	19



At Meldrum and Bourtie we have an exciting adventure underway, a Community Connect Café! A café run jointly with the church and you the community. One Saturday a month the church will run the café out of Meldrum Church Hall. And on another Saturday of the month, we will invite local charities/groups/organisations to run the café as a fundraiser. Your charity will be able to 'run' the café (serve

tea/coffee, baked goods, etc.) and set up the space with fundraising stalls. Our goal is for this Café to serve as a fundraiser for both the church and our local groups/charities as well as serving up a nice cuppa, a smile and perhaps a yummy treat or two. Please get in touch if you would like to get your charity/organisation involved as we move forward with plans and dates!

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## The Guild



The Guild met at Morris's Hotel on Monday 11th October 2021. This was our first meeting since the outbreak of Covid and it was lovely as Guild members to meet again.

Our speaker was Isobel Gregory, who spoke about her Nostalgic Basket. She had lots of items from way back and showed them one by one and gave a little talk about them. She had items from Schooldays; Medicines; Games; Comics, from long ago. It was a very entertaining talk and brought back lots of happy memories.

On the 8th November 2021 we met once again in Morris's Hotel and the Speaker was Alan Petrie. He spoke and showed slides on Memories of Kemnay in comparison to Oldmeldrum.

He spoke of his childhood in Kemnay and family connections. He also mentioned that many buildings in Aberdeen are built with Kemnay Granite. We were shown lovely slides of Kemnay House; Meldrum House; War Memorials, and the Churches in both Kemnay and Oldmeldrum. It was a very interesting talk which was enjoyed by all.