# Bennochy Parish Church of Scotland Kirkcaldy

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#### From the 'Manse'

For the first time I can genuinely say I am writing this from the study of Bennochy manse. Apart from some work in the garden the renovations are now complete.

For Anne and me it is about living in a new "space", for although Kirkcaldy is not new to us, we are getting used to a new street, new neighbours and new noises! All houses and neighbourhoods have their own sounds and to begin with, they take you by surprise, you wonder what they are, you investigate, but eventually they become back ground noise and we hardly hear them.

I wonder how people coming to the church for the first time adapt to the new "space". There are people who are strangers to them; there is new language and the unfamiliar traditions and sounds of hymns and prayers. Very often new people are out of their comfort zone, because they know no anyone else and they do not know what is coming next.

To those of us used to the sounds of a familiar place, how do we stop them becoming background noise that we hardly ever hear. As we come to church, we must always be listening for the still small voice of God, not accepting things because that is the way they have always been done, and offering welcome and hospitality to new comers, helping them to see us, not as strangers but friends, and guiding them through unfamiliar language, traditions and sounds.

There are times when God might shout to us in "earthquake wind and fire", but I suspect that more often, he wants us to have an expectation that He might speak to us at any time in the quiet voice of the Spirit.

May we always be open to his Spirit's voice, pray without ceasing and seek God's vision, for our lives, our church and our nation.

Yours in Christ

Robin McAlpine



## **Bennochy Prayer Group**

We continue to meet in the Prayer Room on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. for an hour. We share in the leadership of the meeting, enjoying different approaches to prayer.

Sandra Marshall led us at our August meeting and began with a meditation on children as we read of them in the Bible. We remembered the needs of children today in our prayer time.

In June four of us attended the AGM of KART (Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust), which was held in Abbotshall Church with Rev Jim Reid of Kinghorn Church in the chair. We heard of Chris Beattie's work with our children and young folk in the Kirkcaldy area. As we reported in a recent Newsletter, he is working in schools, churches, holiday clubs, and has had a successful Away Weekend. He and his team have planned a Back to School with God service for the end of August in Whyte's Causeway Baptist Church. Chris has a team of volunteer helpers and is always happy to have more join him. There will be an opportunity for Bennochy congregation to give monetary support to KART at our communion service on 30<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a retiring offering then for the ongoing work of KART.

Our next meeting is on September 21<sup>st</sup> and will be led by Jim Marshall. All welcome – and remember there are prayer request boxes in the Church vestibule and in the Prayer Room.

Mary Sherrard

#### **World Mission Council**

The August/September edition of the newsletter of the World Mission Council focuses on Twinning – Families Together, Reaping the Benefits of Twinning.

Twinnings – or overseas partnerships – are a relatively new model of working, although many congregations have enjoyed overseas links for years. The newsletter gives accounts and snapshots of twinnings with congregations in Africa, in North India, in Trinidad, in the Czech Republic, discusses the preparation and commitment required to enter into a twinning, reflects upon the value of such relationships in the mission of the church today. The first National Twinning Conference is to be held in the Auchterarder Church Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

To mark World Aids Day on 1<sup>st</sup> December, the HIV programme has produced a thought-provoking Advent Calendar available for churches and individuals to use. The HIV programme expresses thanks for the many donations raised by churches holding Souper Sundays.

World Mission Council continues to invite us to Invest in Peace for Israel and Palestine. Pray for peace in the Middle East.

#### **Deaths**

4 6 11	Mrs Jean Pow, 73 Winifred Street, Kirkcaldy
	Mrs Agnes Forrester, 1 Denend Crescent, Kirkcaldy
	Mrs G Clunie, Abbeyfield House, 55 Meldrum Road, Kirkcaldy
29.6.11	Mrs Martha Imiela, 51 Percival Street, Kirkcaldy
10.7.11	James Honeyman, 35 William Street, Kirkcaldy

#### World Mission

Our Mission partner, Jenny Featherstone, continues teaching a Social Work Diploma course in the U.C.Z. college - United Churches of Zambia college. She is also engaged in many local projects, one in particular with the name DOWIZA- Domestic Widows in Zambia. The aim, essentially, is to develop a sense of independence and pride among the village women as they try to work out initiatives to generate funds (see Jenny's letter for August) - some projects meeting with a measure of success, others failing for various reasons, all aiming to move away from the "dependency syndrome" and build a sense of "own enterprise".

Jenny writes - In 20 years, Zambia fell from being one of the richest nations of Africa to being one of the poorest, and its people came to rely heavily on handouts. So much so, that this mentality has become ingrained in some people, particularly among the poorer communities, that we, in the developed world, are often seen not for whom we are, but what can be got from us.

We, in Bennochy Church, have taken on board one such project, namely the up-grading of their meeting place, the NSAKA, as seen in the photos. It is there where projects and work are based:-

- 1. a new grass roof is badly needed before the rainy season from October onwards. Grasses must be collected in September, then laid to dry out, otherwise all grasses are burnt in preparation for sowing crops.
- 2. the circular wall needs to be raised and plastering done.
- 3. the floor needs to be concreted.

We would also support the renting of some land "across the river" for growing vegetables. Negotiations are proving difficult at present. We await further news from Jenny. When agreement is reached, the women would need to invest in seeds and fertiliser, also some tools for the job.

We have no complete set of costings, always a slow business there. However, Jenny reckons that a sum of about £200 would cover everything: e.g.£75.00 approx. for concreting of floor, raising of the wall to sit on, and plastering. e.g. £3-£4 approx. for a hoe. The thatcher has still to quote. The acquisition of land will require cash in hand, then the size of ground will determine the number of bags of fertiliser, tools etc.

All this, not as a hand-out, but as an investment in a harvest-type project to start up a business. Our monies raised over our Harvest Thanksgiving weeks would be held secure in Jenny's account and designated for this two-fold project. Monies could be used immediately and/or held in reserve as deemed necessary. Jenny will report on progress. We keep Jenny and all such initiatives in our prayers.

## Margaret Simpson.



This picture was taken at the end of last year's rainy season (2010)



# Hi Margaret,

I have just met with Agnes and Joyce and they have found someone to improve the Nsaka before the rain sets in. Unfortunately they did not get a quote for the roof! But they say the concreting of the floor, raising of the wall to sit on and plastering will cost around k600,000 (£75.00 approx.) including labour. I have asked them to go back and get quotes for the roof. It is essential they do it now as the grass used is seasonal, and will not be available from the end of this month as they burn the fields in preparation for cultivating. – very different from our methods! Hoes and other implements for farming are usually around k25,000 each, but they have not yet been able to negotiate a price for a piece of land to rent across the river. As well as implements and seeds they also use fertiliser, how many bags depends on how big the land is.

I hope you like the pictures, sorry there are no videos but I am not very confident about uploading here as even pictures can take ages.

Please let me know if there is anything else you want. I am going to see the ladies again next Monday,

with very best wishes to you all,

Jenny



Here I am demonstrating how to make body lotion (I think!) 6 months without rain means your skin gets very dry.

#### Harvest

Our Harvest service this year will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of September which will give us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all of his creation and the good gifts of the earth, and to respond in a way that helps others. We wish to respond in two ways.

Our first response will be local. Once again we will ask for your donations of non-perishable goods to be given for the work of the Salvation Army in Kirkcaldy. By non-perishable goods we mean items such tinned foods, cereals, biscuits, tea, coffee etc. Items such as fresh fruit and vegetables are not suitable because the gifts may not be distributed immediately by the Salvation Army,

Our second response will help our Missionary partner, Jenny Featherstone, in Zambia. We are asking members of the congregation to raise £200 for an agricultural project to help firstly to repair the "Nsaka", their local community hut. (See pictures) The plan is to concrete the dirt floor and raise the wall by one level to make it easier to sit on, and plaster the brickwork to make it more comfortable. This will cost about £75. They still have to get a quote for the roof. The second part of the project is to buy garden tools. These tools will help with the cultivation of a piece of land to be rented by local people. Each tool costs about £3.

We have been given so much. As we worship God in thanksgiving for all his gifts to us, let us use this opportunity to help others, as a sign of God's mercy, love and grace. Please give as generously as you can.

Anyone wishing to help with the decoration of the Church for the Harvest service will be made very welcome. Please come along on Friday 16 September from 2 to 4 p.m.



## Doors Open Days, Fife 2011

Bennochy Church is once again participating in this event. The church will be open to the public from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, 11th September and, amongst other things, there will be a display of photos and memorabilia relating to the two former congregations. Refreshments will be available. The aim of Doors Open Day is to promote our local heritage by enabling locals and visitors to explore through doors not normally open to the public, for free. To maximise visitor benefit Fife Open Doors Days take place over three Sundays in September:-

St Andrews and East Fife - Sunday 4th September **Kirkcaldy and Central Fife - Sunday 11th September** Dunfermline and West Fife - Sunday 18th September

Doors Open Day brochures are available in the church vestibule for those who are interested.

## **News Flashes from Guild Annual Meeting**

Five of us from Bennochy Guild attended the Guild Annual Meeting in the Caird Hall, Dundee on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August. We were part of a huge gathering of women – and men – from all over Scotland and beyond. We greeted old friends, talked with strangers who became friends, worshipped joyfully, heard of the progress of our involvement in projects across the world, gave thanks for the work of our national team. A special standing ovation was awarded to mark the work of our retiring General Secretary, Alison Twaddle, and a warm welcome was given to her successor, Iain Whyte. We heard of Church of Scotland Guild involvement in gatherings in Ghana and in Canada.

Focus of the day was on the third strand of our three year theme from Micah, chapter 6, verse 8 – act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with our God. But first, the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rt Rev David Arnott, gave a fascinating address on this year's Guild discussion topic, 'Let's talk about thanking God for His creation'. He reflected on creation, on the rhythm of the changing seasons, reminded us of the relevance of Harvest Thanksgiving services in rural parishes, and much more. It was a thoughtful, personal talk, drawn from his experience of ministering in a country parish.

The Micah challenge was presented to us by the Rev Joel Edwards, International Director for Micah Challenge, a global Christian response to extreme poverty. He explored with us what it means to walk humbly with our God; one of the phrases he used was 'bending down to lift others up'. Guild branches will be continuing study of the Micah challenge over the coming session. It will be helpful to refer to Joel's thoughts when the full report of his address is prepared.

The overall title of the day was 'In His Footsteps' and this was amply portrayed both in the choice of songs of a talented mezzo-soprano singer, Fiona Milne, and in the talk given by Sandy Scrimgeour, Chairman of the Ascension Trust (Scotland), on the work of Street Pastors. We in Kirkcaldy know of their work here in our town; we know of its value. Bennochy Guild has a connection with our Kirkcaldy Street Pastors through hearing of their work at a Guild meeting and being part of their prayer support group. It was inspiring to hear from Sandy of the history of Street Pastors, of their work on our High Streets with those who are partying, visiting night clubs, drinking. Street Pastors listen, care, help.

And there was a surprise item just before lunch: the Olympic Torch was triumphantly carried on to the stage by one of the bearers, a taste of events to come. We were in Dundee on just the right day!

## **Sunday School**

The Sunday School starts on 4<sup>th</sup> September. All children are welcome. We are staring a Beginners Section this term. Mrs Isobel Neilson will be running this section aimed at preschool children from 3 years.

Mrs Ena Thomson and Mrs Anne Hugh organise the Sunday School, which caters for all school age children. We have a varied programme of stories, arts and crafts, and drama, providing a modern approach to early years Christian education.

If you know of any children who would like to join us, either on a weekly basis or occasionally, they would be made most welcome.

Ena Thomson Sunday School Superintendent

## Women's Group

The Group's new session begins on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September with a walk around Birnie Loch at 6.30 p.m. On 20<sup>th</sup> September we have a silent auction/taster night. We are having a special fundraising evening on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September with a Family Quiz Night with dessert supper, in the Methven Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets: adults £4, children £2 (teams of 4), available from Group members. Rhoda Ramsay is our guest speaker on 4<sup>th</sup> October, talking about her work as a missionary in Africa. On 18<sup>th</sup> October we have a reflexology demonstration by Myra Hughes. 1<sup>st</sup> November is the Group's craft night. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November is the Church Christmas Fayre and ladies of the Group will help run the Body Shop stall. Donations welcomed! On 15<sup>th</sup> November Bennochy Bell Ringers will be our guests. Members look forward to seeing 'Oliver' performed by KAOS at the Adam Smith Theatre on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. An Open Night on 29<sup>th</sup> November with Rosemary and Jim Storm demonstrating feather painting 'Feather Finesse' - £3 charge, and our Christmas Dinner is on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

The first meeting of 2012 is on 10<sup>th</sup> January – a games/quiz night.

New members are very welcome. There are 15 members in the Group. Please contact any Group member or myself. We meet in the Meldrum Room at 7.30 p.m. every two weeks.

Irene Wood (tel 267995) Church Liaison Member

#### Stained Glass Window

The design has now received official approval and arrangements are being made with Shona McInnes to construct and install the panels. It is hoped this will be finished before next Spring. The original design board is still available for viewing - please ask if you wish to see it - and will be on display at the Doors Open Day. With this Newsletter is a guide to the symbolism used in the design which we hope you will keep for reference. On the other side of this guide we have also listed for you the origins of all the war memorials now installed in the church.

#### R. Ingebrigtsen

## **Bennochy Parish Church of Scotland**

The Symbolism of the New Stained Glass Window



The theme of the new window is the unification of St Andrew's and St John's Churches to form Bennochy Church. In the design these churches are linked by a ribbon which encircles Bennochy. The union is symbolised through colour: the blues in the St Andrew's panel (lower left) combine with the yellows in The St John's panel (lower right) to give green in the Bennochy panel (centre) – the colour of resurrection and new life.

#### **Lower Left Diamond**

#### St Andrew's Church

The saltire cross and rope - symbols of St Andrew's martyrdom

The fish – St Andrews offered the two fish in the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes

The net – St Andrews the fisherman. The trinity knot within represents the three churches which formed St Andrews – Abbotsrood, Dunnikier and Victoria Road.

The woven strands also symbolise the town's history as a centre of linen weaving

#### **Upper Left Diamond**

The words from Ephesians 4, 4-6 continue the theme of unity: "There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all"

The Trinity symbol – "One God"

The dove, flames and 3 droplets of water – "One baptism" through the Holy Spirit

The seeds – baptism symbolises sowing the seeds of a Christian life. Here the seeds and the blue flower represent linseed oil, used in the production of linoleum.

The rays – the radiant light of fellowship reaching out to the community

## **Centre Diamond**

#### **Bennochy Church**

The green cross – symbol of resurrection, new life and spring

The unification took place in spring and the service featured a cross, made from daffodils

The tree- symbolising the growth of the new church, it's many branches reaching out into the community

The buildings of the Parish

The people of the Parish

The flag – symbol of Bennochy's missionary links with Zambia

#### **Upper Right Diamond**

Autumn Trees in the town's four main parks

The landscape in the much admired hymn written by the former minister Rev Jack Millar "When the golden light of the morning, sets the Lomond Hills aglow, and the light of heaven is adorning, the fields and trees below."

The rainbow – symbol of a covenant (of faith), of hope and future

### **Lower Right Diamond**

## St John's Church

St John's Cross

The soaring Eagle – symbol of the gospel of St John the evangelist

The chalice and snake – symbols of St John's martyrdom

The grapes and grain – Holy Communion

# Bennochy Parish Church of Scotland

## **War Memorials**



The War Memorials on the back wall of the Sanctuary come from the four churches which eventually, through various unifications, became Bennochy Church.

These unions were, in summary:

Bennochy Church: formed in 2010 as a union between St Andrew's and St John's Churches.

St Andrew's Church: formed in 1972 as a union between Dunnikier Church and Victoria Road Church.

Dunnikier Church: had five years earlier been involved in a merger with Abbotsrood Church.

The memorials from left to right of the above photo are as follows:

**St John's Church** - plaque commemorating the erection of a transept in the original church building in memory of those who fell in the Second World War.

**Victoria Road Church**. The upper memorial relates to the First World War ("The Great War") and the lower memorial relates to the Second World War. This building housed the St Andrew's congregation from 1972 until 2010.

**St John's Church** memorial which relates to the First World War. This memorial was originally made in marble, but this was destroyed along with the sanctuary in the fire in 1975. This new brass memorial was commissioned by the Kirk Session and Board of Bennochy Church.

**Dunnikier Church** – First World War ("European War") memorial . The Dunnikier Church building, on the corner of Dunnikier Road and Victoria Road, was sold to the Catholic Church and is now St Marie's R C Church.

**Abbotshall United Free Church**, which became Abbotsrood Church of Scotland in 1929. This memorial relates to the First World War, when this church was located at 32 High Street, having been there since 1875. The congregation moved to Hayfield Road in 1949 and then merged with Dunnikier Church in 1967, bringing this memorial with them. The High Street building was later converted for commercial use, and much of the fabric is still visible above the shops today.

#### **FABRIC**

#### Church and Halls

The Quinquennial Inspection Report by Chartered Surveyors has now been passed to us and will be copied to our Fabric Committee for their perusal and, together with the high level survey report, will be discussed in detail at the next Fabric Committee meeting (approx. mid September) and report to the Congregational Board with recommendations for subsequent action.

As many of you will already know, we have had thefts of lead from our Church and Halls roof areas on two separate occasions, which led to water ingress during the current monsoon season with, thankfully, relatively minor internal damage. Temporary repairs have been made to affected roof areas and final repairs will be carried out following the high level repair work which is expected to commence shortly. This high level work, when completed, will enable us to remove the currently roped-off area to the west gable of the Methven Hall.

However, it is some consolation that we have managed to recover some of the stolen lead, although not able to be re-used, and thereafter had to be sold for scrap, and that the two miscreants have been apprehended by the Police. We do not intend to replace our stolen lead with new and we have now been granted dispensation by the Church Authorities to use a lead-free replacement.

Our new plaque to replace the marble WW1 memorial plaque which was lost in the destruction of the old St. Johns Church has now been united with a mount to match the existing plaques and has been fitted centrally on the rear (Memorial) wall of our Sanctuary.

Finally, we still require more volunteers to adopt a small plot in our Church grounds and to litter pick on Saturdays. Names should be added to the list next to the plan of the grounds on the main notice board at the ramp entrance, or telephone myself (202340) or Graham Harrower (201689). Unless we have more volunteers, this work will have to be carried out by contractors, with a consequent drain on our finances.

#### Manse

Following inspection by the Architect, the Practical Completion Certificate of the Contract Works was issued on 3rd June. Subsequent to this, our Open Day was well supported, in spite of the weather, our Manse occupied and we wish Robin and Anne many happy years in their new home. The Quinquennial Inspection Report has commented favourably on our refurbishment and the required inspections have been carried out by Council and Presbytery, both to their satisfaction.

Some landscaping work to the rear garden has still to be carried out to reduce future maintenance and this is expected to be completed shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers who have assisted in many ways during the works at our Manse and hope that there have been no lasting aches or pains.

Thanking you for your continuing support.

Roddy Sellars, Fabric Convener

#### Taekwondo Club

The Taekwondo Club is now back after our summer break.

A few of us (6) went to the European camp held in Rotterdam, Holland this year for a week long training session, meeting some old friends & new. We all hired bikes for the day, doing our own thing, some sightseeing, others for fun.

Miss Frail was also there. She only came for 1 night as she had other commitments, but we all had a great time.

As this session gets underway we hope to have a 5th Degree Black Belt Instructor joining us from Sweden. He is studying in Edinburgh, so we hope everyone will give him a warm welcome.

The Tiny Tigers class is from age 4-7 years, Beginners class is 7-Adult, and we also have an advanced class. The times are below:

Friday: Tiny Tigers 6.15 - 7.00 p.m.

Beginners 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. Advanced 8.00 - 9.00 p.m.

Sunday: Black belts/Instructors 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

Sparring class (Green Belt and above) 7.30 – 8.15 p.m.

New members are most welcome.

## **Bowling Club**

Our 2011 indoor season continues at The Gunners Club at Gallatown (next to the Ice Arena, entrance from School Lane) on Monday afternoons between 2 and 4 p.m. with a mid-session break for tea, biscuits and a chat.

Newcomers are always welcome as our Club is open to all, with no formal dress code, all equipment is supplied, except for a pair of flat soled shoes, and no joining or membership fees other than a modest charge of £2 per session, which includes tea and biscuits.

Our outdoor season also continues at Gallatown Bowling Club (next to Sheach's) on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m., weather permitting, as we are fair weather bowlers only.

The 2011 outdoor season is very likely to be the last at this venue, due to Local Authority cutbacks, but we hope to play outdoors at a different venue in Kirkcaldy in 2012, subject to a satisfactory outcome from current negotiations.

Why not come along and try your hand, forehand or backhand, bring a friend or friends (and yourself) and enjoy a little gentle exercise and a chat with us.

Roddy Sellars, Treasurer

## **Bennochy Walkers**

"Where are you walking today?" Our congregation seems to have become used to seeing us attending church in casual attire and carrying rucksacks and we are regularly greeted with this question. People appear to be interested in our group even although they may not be able to participate. That's encouraging. There are 12 - 14 friendly regulars but plenty room for more. We like to walk about 5 miles mainly on level ground as 'we don't do hills.' And we always have coffee and a scone at the end of our walks as a prize for expending energy. You can tell we have a relaxed attitude so if you have a hankering to join us on any of the walks you will be made most welcome. Also, if you'd like to bring a friend who prefers to meet in Elgin Street at 12.45 rather than attend church, that is perfectly fine. On 11<sup>th</sup> September we'll walk around Birnie and Gadden Lochs and the wee village of Collessie where no doubt we will visit the beautiful church. Refreshments will be at the Fife Animal Park.

See the new look blogsite at <a href="www.bennochywalkersblogspot.com">www.bennochywalkersblogspot.com</a> or access through the church website to see all the places in Fife we've visited over the last couple of years.

As always, all are welcome.







#### KIRKCALDY AREA REACHOUT TRUST

# LOCH LEVEN HERITAGE TRAIL SPONSORED WALK/CYCLE

Come and support KART by either taking part in a sponsored walk or sponsored cycle on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2011.

<u>Aim:</u> To continue to raise funds to support Chris Beattie SU Associate Worker for the Kirkcaldy area.

## Details:

- Route of walk Starting from Findatie Car Park at Loch Leven and finishing at Kinross Pier. Distance=7.5 miles
- Route of cycle Cycling from Findatie car park to Kinross Pier and back again. Distance = 15 miles
- Start Time 1.30pm with registration from 1.15pm at Findatie car park.
- Please bring sponsor sheet on the day to have it stamped and verified.
- Please provide your own refreshments for the route and cyclists must use a road worthy bicycle
- Walkers will be transported back to Findatie Car Park from Kinross Pier at the end of the walk

Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust (KART, K.A.R.T.) is a charitable body, registered in Scotland with registration number SC037866

For more details, see Ragnar.

### **Baptisms**

- 28.8.11 Jennifer-Mae Beaton, daughter of Thomas and Francis, Kirkcaldy
- 4.9.11 Kirstie and Stewart, daughter and son of Angela and Alasdair Kay, Dunfermline.

# **Strawberry Teas**

This year we were fortunate to hold the teas in the garden of the Church. The sun shone most Fridays. Our Strawberry Fayre Day saw more than 150 people thoroughly enjoying an afternoon of fellowship on a glorious day. The Team would like to thank everyone who supported them. After deducting expenses, the sum of £1,539 has been donated to the Church.

The Strawberry Tea Team



## **Edinburgh Moonwalk**

Margaret Evans and her daughter, Lorraine, took part in the Edinburgh Moonwalk on 11th June, starting at midnight and completing the 26 miles in and around the city centre in 8 hours. They raised a total of £437.50 for Breast Cancer Charities and Projects, and would like to thank everyone who sponsored them.

# Gift Day

The 2011 Gift Day will be held on Saturday 22 October from 10 till 12 pm when you are invited to come along to the Church and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments. All members will receive further details in a letter delivered with their Invitation to the October Communion Service.

#### **Christmas Fayre**

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2 p.m. with all the usual stalls. Santa and his helper will once again be paying us a visit. Please keep this date free for a great afternoon. There will be further details nearer the time.

## KARTS - The Kirkcaldy Arts Festival

The Kirkcaldy Arts Festival is coming to Bennochy Church. The festival, last presented in 2009 in St Andrews Church, promises to be an intriguing mixture of Song and Dance, Drama, Music and Comedy. Starting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011, and running for selected evening and afternoon performances up until 19<sup>th</sup> November, groups, both local and not so local, are giving of their time and talents to help raise funds for the Charity 'Kingdom Kids' as well as Bennochy Church. Look out for intimations in the Church for further information.

Diane White



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 SEPTEMBER Doors Open Day

18 SEPTEMBER Harvest Thanksgiving Service

24 SEPTEMBER Family Quiz Night
25 SEPTEMBER Informal Communion

22 OCTOBER Gift Day 30 OCTOBER Communion

12 NOVEMBER Christmas Fayre 11-19 NOVEMBER KARTS Arts Festival



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