

# Aberdalgie & Forteviot

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## Climate Change !

A major issue over the last 18 months has been the pandemic. Over coming decades Climate Change will have an increasing influence. A foretaste of this will be the UN Climate Change conference in Glasgow on 31 October.



**Many equate green issues and ecology with the green party in politics. But the Christian faith is directly involved at two points :**

God created the universe using the laws of science and nature, and has entrusted care for creation to us as His stewards. Ecology is the - belated - application of the biblical picture of stewardship to technology and development.

Underlying the issues is the attitude of "what suits me?" and "as long as I am OK..."

Underlying that attitude is the endemic disease of selfishness which the bible diagnoses as sin. People who object to the church using theological words may remember that the essence of **s I n** is the big **I** controlling our thinking and living.

Central to the Christian faith is God's plan to change the world by changing people so that we can echo "the love of Christ controls me" .

Traditionally in Scotland Harvest Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to reflect on stewardship. It is not just a case of decoration of a building, but more about allowing God to make a difference in and through our lives in practical ways. This year it is planned to have **Harvest Thanksgiving on 24 October**, the week before COP26. **Please pass on details of the art competition (overleaf) to any young folk you know.**

If anyone would like to think through any aspect of the Christian faith, or I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Unless someone lets me know it is very difficult to know whether someone would like a face to face chat or for e.g. medical conditions is hesitant about face to face contacts!

Prayerful good wishes **Sandy** (Rev Sandy Gunn)

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## Ordination of a new Elder

At the service in Aberdalgie on 15th August Mrs. Carol Miller was ordained as an elder in the congregation. One change from the tradition was that in line with Covid procedures, before extending the traditional right hand of fellowship, hands were sanitised! Sandy thought that it illustrated that our contacts with other people—local and global, in and out of church—should all be purified from all that is unkind, untrue or selfish.



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## Harvest ART COMPETITION

Can you draw ? Can you paint?

**Climate change** In Scotland harvest thanksgiving has been a traditional time to give thanks for what we have, and consider our responsibility as stewards of the earth's resources.



Draw / paint a poster on the theme of harvest and/or climate change and send it to either Aberdalgie or Forteviot churches with your name, class (if under 16) and contact details by 10 October.



will be awarded for the most interesting posters in age groups P1-3, P4-7, S1-4, and 16+. Winning posters will be displayed on Harvest Thanksgiving in Aberdalgie on 24 October

**Life & Work Magazine :** On Sunday, August 29th Life & Work, the monthly magazine of the Church of Scotland, celebrates 140 years of publication . . . and is hoping for new subscribers! They have special rates available until 30th September: £30 for 12 issues or just £13.99 on line from [www.pktmags.com/lwspromo](http://www.pktmags.com/lwspromo).

### Parish News:

**YOU NO LONGER HAVE TO BOOK IN FOR WORSHIP  
which is now every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.!**

*This is wonderful news, and a step in the right direction. HOWEVER, in the knowledge that many of us are in the vulnerable category we still recommend that you wear a mask when sitting, try and maintain 1m social distancing, and use the sanitisers provided when appropriate. Many of you will have stayed at home, very sensibly, but if you feel like re-joining us then we will see that you are safe. Before long we hope to bring out our hymn books, pew bibles, and pew cushions but for the moment we are moving slowly. We hope to see you soon!"*

### Dates for your diary:

**Sunday 3rd October** will be our parish's contribution to the Church of Scotland's 'National Giving Day'; more information nearer the time.

**Remembrance Sunday 14th November; Christmas Eve 6.30 pm Friday 24th December.**

The sale of the manse is now in the hands of the Church of Scotland legal department. If you know of anybody who might be interested, please contact Roger Ward or the Church of Scotland legal department.