

Snapshots from 2016

St Ternan's Scottish Episcopal Church, Banchory

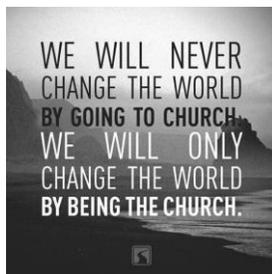


Caring for God, the World, and Each Other

Care in Worship, Prayer, Fellowship and Study: With four or five services per week in a variety of styles, and regular meetings in each other's homes to pray, study, and grow in our faith, St Ternan's continues to live its faith in community and in praise of God. Thank you all who sing, read, garden, pray, teach, serve coffee, stack chairs, lead worship, arrange flowers, polish the brasses, climb ladders, and serve on Vestry, Finance, Fabric and other ministry teams to keep things working so we can work together in God's plan.

Care of the Wider Community: All your various community activities enrich life on Deeside and beyond, whether it's volunteering at the Foodbank, in the schools, scouts, guides, etc. This year, as a congregation, we sent £1,450 to support the work of the Aberdeen Cyrenians from a single collection Harvest Sunday. And over Christmas we raised £2,214 for the Nadaikkavoo School in South India through all of your efforts in the following areas: December stalls and donations £553.40; Alternative Christmas Card £114.50; Andy's Christmas Cakes £300.00; Christmas Card deliveries £246.70; Friday Coffees money £1000.00. And the 2015 fundraising for the Scout trip to Canada (£500 from soup lunch plus much other giving) was returned with joy via a wonderful presentation of their life-changing experience from the young folks who made the trip in Summer 2016.

Care of Each Other: Our pastoral visiting team regularly connects with our homebound friends. This allows all of us, including the Rector, to be involved in the changes and chances of each of our ongoing lives. Communion is regularly shared in hospital rooms, sheltered housing and private homes. Prayer and supportive pastoral conversation is available to any and all who ask.



Offering Sacred Space: The church is open daily for quiet and reflection, valued by many as evidenced in our visitor book. From Advent 2015 to the eve of Advent Sunday 2016, St Ternan's public acts of worship included 3 baptisms, 3 weddings, 6 funerals, and 264 celebrations of communion. The average weekly attendance at worship in 2016 was 101.

We Are the Wider Church



Children of St Ternan's Sent Their Own Special Fish to Create the Diocesan Synod Altar Cloth - March



Congregations, Choirs and Canons take part in the Farewell to Bishop Bob St Andrew's Cathedral - October



All of us contribute to the life of the Diocese and beyond, whether through serving on boards and committees, attending and leading worship and teaching events or the offering of our prayers.

We benefit from rich Ecumenical relationships here in Banchory, serving together in schools and other public venues.

And this year the Deeside Episcopal churches have renewed our commitment to sharing in vision and mission for our common future.

We are the Future Church

During term time, our Youth Group, for Academy-aged young people, meets twice per month: A morning of conversation next door at Tease Coffee Shop, and an evening of varied activities and fun. Sunday School is ably led by a team of faithful volunteers for whatever number and age of young people show up. The All Age and Family Communion services on the third and fifth Sundays respectively assure that we regularly worship together. And people of all ages are always welcome in whatever act of worship we offer.

**Christmas Panto Delights
and Thrills (oh yes it did!!!)**



SOME OF THE PRAYERS ON OUR 2016 CHRISTMAS TREE

Gratitude and love for all St Ternan's gives.

Pray for peace.

We are thankful.

I liked the show about Jesus!

*Heartfelt thanks for the real welcome
you gave a stranger.*