



## **SCOTLAND FOR THE LORD**

**SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER, 2017.**

Greetings from (not so) 'Bonnie Scotland' – after a short, but glorious, display of autumn's colours the nights and mornings are closing in. Our peculiar 'British Summer Time' is now over and most of our days are now haarie, dunk and dreich (cold, damp and miserable). Polly loves it but Maurice is more of a 'hot house plant.'



*A frosty Scottish morning*



We have moved house and are now living in central Perth. We have lost a bedroom as we needed to down size. After the move we 'found' the floor after only three days - as the boxes were emptied and their contents stored away.

*New home entrance*

Before leaving our house in Stanley, Maurice defused an ugly incident involving our downstairs neighbours and a man who was battering on the windows and doors and demanding entrance. Abbie, Ava (5yrs) and their Mum were really frightened – with Ava screaming with fright. The net result was that, after Maurice's intervention, the man left but was later arrested by one crew of four or five police patrol cars that responded to a 999 call. Maurice has to appear in court in early December, as a witness.

Our Wednesday, midday, Bible Study has also moved location and is now held at to the "Blend Coffee Shop" - but still in Perth. Our 40 minute of study with young people, (followed by games) at the Wednesday night youth club, has been described by some of the children's parents as, "the lull before the storm." Wow, but these youngsters have some energy to burn off.

Our Tuesday Bible Study continues with Annette, in Perth, and also with Norma out at Newtyle. Norma has just returned from a holiday with her son who lives in Lanzarote - the most easterly island of the Canary Islands, situated in the Atlantic – off the southern coast of Morocco. It has been so good for her as she had been worried about some health issues. Big smiles and a sun-tan were on display when she greeted us.



In late August our young people went on a youth weekend held by the Aberdeen congregation. As they made the return journey they were already making their plans for the several youth camps that are scheduled for 2018. Oh! To have their energy.

On Saturday, 23 September was the adult 'Social' held by the Peterhead congregation, which is about 30 miles north of Aberdeen. We filled our 17 seater bus by 'sweeping up' several adults who wanted to go but had no transport. Shortly afterwards we followed up by attending the Newtongrange social. Three congregations, with their numbers dwindling, have joined together and revived their annual social. The singing, lesson, fellowship and meals at these socials are a tremendous fillip for all.

Polly attended a ladies retreat in – would you believe it – the Scottish Police Training Barracks. Well, someone had to keep an eye on them while away from their menfolk.



Ladies from the different congregations in the UK gathering for the yearly retreat

Maurice dressed up as a 'ghoul' for the Wednesday youth club's 'Halloween Party.' He believes some of the boys were more-scary than he was – with the majority of the girls dressing as elves or fairies.

We have done quite a lot of visitation to people who have had, and some that are still suffering, illnesses. Today, Polly is with a Christian sister whom we took into hospital yesterday. We have had the great news that many prayers have been answered and that Angie came through the major operation well.



Our travel plans for December are still on track – despite Maurice's passport being lost in the move. The panic is now over as the Passport Office issued a new one. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Thanks again for all your prayers and support for the work in Scotland.

God bless you all

Maurice and Polly