

"THE LIGHTHOUSE"

Bookshop, Coffee Shop and Christian Resource Centre

Newsletter - March 2002

Dear Friend

Again I have the privilege of bringing you up to date with the activities in and around The Lighthouse. Some of the information in this newsletter may already be known to you but also included are some of the topics covered at the Trustees' meeting held on Monday 11th March.

Easter Opening/Easter Cards

In the light of the experience gained at Easter in previous years the Trustees have agreed that The Lighthouse should open as usual on the Friday and the Saturday but should close on Easter Monday. You are reminded that a variety of Easter cards are now on sale.

Farewells

Rev John Hegarty, who was due to be the chairman of the trustees until December, has moved north to Buckie while Rev Dr Derek Browning, who was the first chairman of The Lighthouse, has moved south to Edinburgh. Our best wishes as well as our thanks go with John and Linda as well as Derek for the work and effort they put into The Lighthouse. While Derek has no problems concerning the language spoken in his new charge it is understood that John may have to attend language classes in order to understand some of his new parishioners. Maureen Edgar has also left in order to take up a post with the education authorities. We wish Maureen well in her new job.

Welcome

Jane has been delighted to welcome a few new volunteers and would be even more delighted to welcome a few more. The newcomers are fitting in well and we trust they will enjoy the experience of being part of The Lighthouse team. If there is anyone else you know of who would like to become a volunteer and join this team then please have a word with Jane.

Finance

The Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 January 2002 show a surplus for the year of £3,072 compared with a surplus for the previous year of £3,448. The Trustees are delighted to see the gross income for the year rise to £71,320 and the finances continue "in the black". The shop front was finally painted and is looking good. Likewise, the partial refurbishment in the kitchen was much needed. Plans are in hand to replace the till and, in the longer term, add a bar code reader which, when linked to the computer, will make stock control very much easier.

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Sunday school evenings

These are being planned but no dates have, as yet, been fixed. As soon as these dates are known they will be publicised throughout the churches in the area. There will be a lot of extra stock and special offers available for prizegivings as well as there being a vast range of teaching resources for inspection - in other words, something of interest for all involved in teaching our young people.

Dates for your diaries

The Trustees have agreed the following dates:-

7.00pm on Tuesday 14th May - Trustees' Meeting in The Lighthouse

7.30pm on Friday 7th June - Volunteers' Thank You Night

If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to make regarding the format of the Thank You Night then please have a word with Jane

The continued success of The Lighthouse is largely because of the welcoming and relaxing atmosphere that is experienced when you go in the door. This atmosphere has been created because of the people found there - both paid and volunteer staff. The fact that Cupar seems to have settled down has also helped. The road works are gone, the traffic lights are no longer as much of a problem and the introduction of a 10p parking charge in the Bonnygate car park have all helped. By the way, not everyone is aware of this 10p charge so why not do your bit and make it even more widely known - even if you don't drive a car yourself?

Finally, why is Dave Spowart writing this newsletter? Well, with John Hegarty's term of office not being up until December, the Trustees considered that, rather than rush ahead and appoint a new chairman immediately, they would "recycle" a previous chairman and this person would take over the role until a new chairman is duly appointed this year. So now you know!

With the sincere thanks of the Trustees for your continuing support of The Lighthouse.

Warmest Christian greetings



David Spowart
Chairman