



## Cove (New) Church of Scotland

### Leading Minister

Rev David Swan 899 933

### Associate Minister.

Rev Mark Johnston 874 269

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[www.covechurch.org.uk](http://www.covechurch.org.uk)

## Leadership Team News

Our big news is that Mark is finally to leave us at the end of this 08 year. After five and a half years serving in Cove, Mark and family are returning to New Zealand. Mark is taking up a national post with the Presbyterian Church involving him in the training and development of future ministers and leaders for existing and emerging churches.

It will be hard to replace Mark and his contribution as Associate Minister and we are not attempting to. Instead we have been granted a new post for Cove Church and will be advertising before Xmas for a Children and Families Worker to develop our work in this area. Blue Horizon is looking to appoint a new director to run its operations and lead its staff. At the same time Kincorth Parish are advertising for an Associate Minister to work with a new emerging youth initiative. All of these changes are being coordinated together so we can best move forward together in mission in both Cove and Kincorth.

## Pastoral Care

From our very own bard, Frances Penny, Pastoral Care Coordinator

Id like tae say a word or two, jist tae let ye know,  
Fits been happenin on the Pastoral side, ower the last year or so!  
Alice Shipleys welcomed on the Team, shes an asset tae the Church,  
Shes been tae see a lot o folk, that dinna get here much!

Weve visited folks noo intae care, an keep in touch wi them,  
Theyve still connections wi Cove Church, an ayewis glad we came!  
Weve thocht about the alder anes, nae auld, but more mature ,  
We need tae provide a something, that yed like for maybe an hoor!

An so, a month or twa ago, the Seniors Group began,  
Bill Anderson is runnin it, along wi his wife, caed Ann!  
Bill works jointly wi Cove an Kincorth, yell hae seen him here afore,  
He took the services here last Summer, fan Mark an David were On Tour!!

Well, the feedback diz seem afa good, an its eence a month ye meet,  
For a chat about the Good Old Days, a cuppy tea an a bite tae eat!  
An the Ladies Nichts are back again, by popular demand,  
Theyre every 6 -8 weeks, an so far, theyve a been grand!

Ann Laird is welcomed on oor Team, as Events Co-Ordinator,  
So if yeve ony ideas o events tae run, Ann will help ye tae create it!  
Thats the jist o fits been happenin - ony comments, let me ken,  
An if ye feel yere drawn tae pastoral stuff, Ill gladly tak yer name!

An jist a quick reminder, : : ;dinna fret yer leen!  
If yere ivver needing onything, ask a member of the Team!  
Were ayewis here tae help ye, tae chat, tae pray : : : ;whitiver!  
Were building up relationships, by supportin ane anither!

Gods geen us some big challenges, ower this past year,  
Bit were a stronger Church because o it, an oor Values : ;mair sincere!  
Were quite a friendly, little Church, an I thank ye for yer part,  
May God Bless ye as ye walk wi Him, an gie ye peace within yer heart!

## Cove Parish Church NCD 07 Financial Summary

- Significant contribution from National Church
- A long way to go before we are financially supporting even one minister
- Our local finances allow us to support a range of activities which are right for the local community
- We added slightly to our reserves and have a "development" pot of £40,000 as well as working funds equal to 8 months expenditure
- In the short to medium term we can financially support activities IF WE HAVE THE VOLUNTEERS
- Longer term we need both volunteers and to improve our giving
- 2008 giving is down on 2007
- Where it is applicable gift aid your offerings
- Anyone who wishes for a full set of the accounts can request them from David Bostock. davidbostock49@yahoo.co.uk

**REGULAR SUNDAYS** Worship gatherings include communion 1st Sunday of the month, Junior Jzone for ages 4-10, Senior Jzone for ages 11 upwards, preschoolers playmat, refreshments, and prayer available after the service in the designated prayer room. Our format is relaxed but worshipful.