



# ***Kincarrathie House***

## ***Winter 2022 Newsletter***

This Christmas we are encouraged in the church to think about Matthew's account of the events. It is interesting that one word keeps re-occurring in the account and that word is worship. First it is on the lips of the wise men when addressing Herod. Second, it is spoken by Herod as he tells the men to search for the baby so that he might worship him too and finally it is used to describe the reaction of the wise men to actually finding Jesus.

Among the gospel writers, Matthew took a special interest in the importance and meaning of worship as he nurtured the early Christian community, developing it into maturity. He uses the word 13 times in his gospel compared to 9 times in John, 3 times in Luke and just twice in Mark. In fact the only book in the New Testament that uses the word more is Revelation where it is used 24 times.

For Matthew the word is important because there was a danger then, as indeed there is now, that people would take the good news about God being with us in Jesus Christ and make a private religion out of it. But that will never work because we cannot have God as a private possession. God does not intend that we be loved and forgiven in isolation from one another. The God who forgives each of us also wills that we forgive each other. Worship integrates both our vertical relationship with God and our horizontal relationship with one another into one reality. The wall between public and private is broken down by worship. It is only in worship that individuals come together as a body and where we can be most whole and healthy.

So this Christmas among all the tinsel and feasting and time with family take time also to reflect on God with us and take time to worship. You will find your Christmas takes on a whole new meaning and dimension as it all comes together in one glorious moment in prayer and praise.

***Rev. Graham Crawford***



# Some Highlights of 2022







**Best Team Dress Go4Gold: Winners!**

**Nicola, George Anderson and John Markland, Kincarrathie Trust chairman**

**Garden Party—September**







Although the earlier part of this year presented some continuing challenges following the coronavirus pandemic, fewer restrictions soon allowed us to rebuild our ways of living and working together within the Home, as well as renewing our connections outwith Kincarrathie. We were able to enjoy many Spring and Summer activities, including celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, riding the all-ability bikes at the North Inch, Joan Gibson's 100th birthday, our Kincarrathie Fun Sports Day, and the Inter Care Home Go4Gold Sports event, followed by our Garden Party in September to mark the opening of our newly landscaped Jubilee Garden. It has been encouraging to be able to live life 'normally' again and we look forward optimistically to 2023. Thank you to all staff, residents, families and friends for all of your hard work, support and help throughout the past year.

We hope you enjoy the festive season and a very Happy New Year!!

*Nicola MacCallum, Home Manager*