



Magnificent Effort For Malawi

As everyone knows, a nine-strong group from St. Andrew's, led by our Youth Worker, Sheila Dunphy and her husband, Fraser, spent almost a month in Malawi this summer...volunteering at Namisu Village. The village, which caters primarily for orphans and at-risk children, is run by Aquaid Lifeline, an organisation that traces its roots right here to Arbroath! Aquaid supports literally thousands of children and, in a country where 1 in 5 children will die in their early years, Aquaid's record is unbelievably good. Of the thousands of children they have worked with over the years, only two have died...and that from diseases that they had before they came. So, in a nutshell, Aquaid is about saving lives and opening up opportunities in life that the children and young people would never otherwise have. And it is that work that our group was sharing in.



Jonathan, Amy-Louise, Sheila, Fraser, Becky, Elise, Leonie, Naomi, and Charis



In a special **Malawi Supplement** you can read about the experiences that the young people had, and how it affected them personally. But of equal importance, you should know this: the money that the congregation gifted, and that all of the youth group raised to support the trip, has been used to make a real difference. Of course, there was enough money to fund the flights etc., but beyond that, there was

enough to fund two projects of lasting significance. There is going to be a new day-care centre built, so that the life-saving work can be extended, and it is going to be called the '**St. Andrew's Day Care Centre**'. And, a new 24-bed residence is going to be built so that more children can be accommodated. Both of these possibilities are going to become realities because of the commitment and generosity of St. Andrew's Church. That is what £24,000 can achieve and that is what a committed congregation can achieve; that is the way in which we can make a difference to the world in which we live!

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH - REGISTER

July/August 2007

Baptisms - None

Weddings - Carol Haughey & Sandy Burns,
Leona Jarret & David Cargill,
Eve Anderson & Gavin Burton

Funerals - James Cargill, Fred Irvine,
Jean Thornton

DEADLINE DATES FOR DIARIES

OCTOBER EDITION

Please note that **DEADLINE** dates **must** mean exactly that, with all articles and pictures submitted beforehand, or on those dates.

Friday 21st September (Un-typed)
Tuesday 25th September (Word Processed)

Getting The Message World-Wide

If you would like to hear Martin's message

again each week then you can now easily get it on our website. It takes less than one minute to download the sound file (with Broadband running at 1 Mbps).

BB RESTART

7th Arbroath B.B. re-start on Thursday 6th of September.

Anchor boys & Junior Section at 6pm-7.30pm
Company Section at 7.45pm - 9.30pm.
We look forward to welcoming all boys old and new .

GUILD

Guild commences Monday 24th September with a dedication and communion service in St. Ninian's Chapel. A varied programme will follow on two Monday evenings per month. Everyone welcome.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

SUNDAY

10.30 am – Gathering for prayer in crèche room.

10.30 am – Choir practice in new hall.

11.00 am – Morning service (with short communion on the third Sunday of each month. Tea/coffee after.

Creche – up to age 3

Infants – ages 3 to 5

Juniors – ages 8 and 9

Seniors – ages 10 and 11

Sunday Club – Elaine Fair (873238)

Teen Scene – S1 to S2

6.30 to 8.00 pm – Sunday evening ICE-BREAKERS – up to age 16

8.00 pm – Sunday evening Youth Group – age 16 plus

MONDAY

11.00 am – Havilah – Drop-in Centre – Church Office (431135)

2.00 pm – Dorothy Dobson Over 50s Exercise Class

6.00 pm – Rainbow Guides – L Hadden (875379)

7.30 pm – St Andrew's Guild : Fortnightly – Jean Tasker (874664)

7.30 pm – Flower Club : Fortnightly – R Spink (874690)

WEDNESDAY

10.30 am – Midweek Meeting Point – M Fair (873238)

11.00 am – Havilah – Drop-in Centre – Church Office (431135)

5.45 pm – Brownies – Morag Scorgie (01674 820721)

7.30 pm – Wednesday@Seven30

7.15 pm – Guides

7.30 pm – Women's Group – first Wednesdays – Elaine Fair (873238)

THURSDAY

10.00 am – Parent and Toddler Group – Joan Archer (876522)

2.00 pm – Friend's Club : first Thursdays – L Smith – B Gerrard, secretary (434821)

6.00 pm – Anchor Boys – J Tasker (874664)

6.00 pm – BB Junior Section – W Ewart (876114)

7.30 pm – BB Company Section – M Clark (437758)

FRIDAY

9.30 am – Coffee morning, main hall

11.00 am – Havilah – Drop-in Centre – Church Office (431135)

Intimations, changes of address, hall bookings etc., please contact Alison Davie at the Church office, Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and for 15 minutes after Sunday Service, telephone 431135.

Printing, tickets, syllabi, etc – W Marshall (873376).

Please call 878594 in the event of corrections or omissions, and an updated sheet will be produced.

Martin Fair



Letter From The Manse

September 2007

Dear friends,

Speaking in Church this morning (19th August,) I announced for the first time the plans that are in the making for a full-scale refurbishment of our sanctuary. Naturally, you will hear much more about this in the weeks and months ahead but I am delighted, through QUEST, to offer you a sneak preview.



It was quite some time ago that a small group from the Kirk Session began to travel around the country (even to Northern Ireland) to see what a number of churches had done to revitalise their buildings. These trips gave us enough encouragement to take our thinking a stage further. The next step was the formation of a Feasibility Group which was charged with bringing forward initial proposals. These were formed and then, through the services of an architect, plans and drawings were prepared.

That is where we are at now...working with the architect to finalise plans. At least in the first instance, the thinking relates to the sanctuary itself, but we have been bold

enough to give consideration to the whole of our premises, recognising that our halls suite is far from ideal.

Why a remodelled Church? Our building is essentially sound and, through the years, we have all developed a strong attachment to it...but there are aspects of it that are due for a make-over. In saying this, everyone should be assured that everything is being done to maintain the essential character of the church. However, as we look towards 2009, the 50th anniversary of St. Andrew's Church being founded, we recognise that our world is a very different one to the one of the late 1800s when our church was built. In these days, church-going was more or less the done thing. Nowadays, that is hardly the case. We have to work much harder, therefore, to draw people into the life of the congregation...and the look and feel of our buildings is part of that.

And that is the heart of it – we are making these plans as part of the overall plan to further the mission of the congregation. We are talking about a new, efficient heating system. We are talking about flexible, comfortable seating. We are talking about a greatly enhanced platform area (chancel). We are talking about an open, welcoming approach to the church, with access for all. We are talking about a building 'fit for purpose' for the next fifty years...a centre for worship and mission that will be as useful to those who come after us as our present building has been to us.

There is still a long way to go. The Presbytery of Angus will need to give approval, as will the Church of Scotland nationally, through its agencies. A financial plan needs to be established. Yes, much more remains to be done. But as of now, I can report to you that the Kirk Session is firm in its resolve to press forward and sure in its sense that our vision is God-given.

As I said earlier, you will be hearing much more about all of this in the days to come. But for now, I trust that you are as excited as I am about these possibilities. In the meantime, we will continue to plan and pray and, with God's blessing, will present final plans to you before too long. This really is a case of *watch this space!!*

God bless,
Martin, Elaine, Callum, Andrew, Fraser and Flossie!

MartinFair@aol.com

New Session Clerks

Following her appointment to the shared post of Children & Families Worker, it was decided that Audrey Brown should step down from her role as Session Clerk. Audrey has been wonderful in that position and we were loathe to let her go! However, to allow her to concentrate on her new work, and to avoid any possible conflicts of interest, the decision was made.

Audrey took over from Bill Shaw and has served for a little over five years. In that time she has been a fantastic support to our Minister and has been an inspiration to the Kirk Session and congregation. We are grateful for her ministry throughout that time. When she first came to the congregation, over fifteen years ago, she resolved to sit in the back row and not get involved. But God had other ideas! And, wow, how He has used her in that time! And He is not done with her yet. We look forward to all that Audrey will continue to bring to us in the days ahead, as she continues to serve her Lord. The good news is that the Kirk



Audrey was presented with a bouquet of flowers at the Sunday Service

Session has moved quickly to fill the gap and is delighted to announce that Jane Miller and Joan Hainsworth have agreed to serve as Clerk, and Depute Clerk, respectively. The **two Js**, as perhaps they'll become known, bring with them wisdom and experience and a range of other gifts and abilities that make them ideal for the positions. Most important, they are respected, trusted and much-loved by us, the congregation.

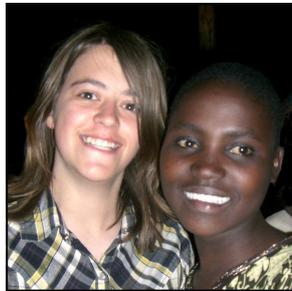


Joan Hainsworth and Jane Miller our new Depute Clerk and Clerk to the Kirk Session

Once more, we are grateful that they were so willing to accept this responsibility and ask you to give them your full support as they ease into their new positions.

Malawi Mix

- Leonie
- Elise
- Charis
- Naomi
- Dancers



- Day Care Centre
- Football Team
- Jonathan
- With the teachers



DVD.....DVD.....DVD.....DVD.....DVD.....DVD.....DVD.....DVD.....DVD

Good news! Our DVD film is now complete and ready for use. Filmed over Easter Sunday and the Thursday after, the fifteen-minute film encapsulates the life of the congregation and successfully captures what St. Andrew's is all about.

Why a film? Well, it's about much more than us looking at ourselves! Rather, it's that we might share who we are with the wider community. In

other words, this film has been produced – at a cost of several thousand pounds – as an outreach tool. Our hope is that we can offer copies to those with whom we have occasional contact and that you, our members, will find opportunities to offer copies to your contacts – those who are not presently involved in church but who might be open none-the-less.

Contrary to usual perceptions,

research suggests that many people will respond positively to invitations from friends, colleagues etc. and that some people are just waiting to be asked. They are interested but aren't sure about how to get involved in church. That's where you come in... and that's where the film comes in. Let's pray together that we can use it prayerfully and positively in the months ahead.

Planning Ahead

For those of you who like to plan ahead...

Sorry to tell you but 2008 isn't that far away! Here are a couple of notes for you...

Hope 2008

In what will probably be the biggest concerted outreach ever seen in the UK, churches and all sorts of Christian organisations are planning a massive programme of outreach, mission and service. The good news is that we have registered to be a part of it and, even now, thinking is being done about how we might use the opportunity to make an impact in our community in 2008. For much more information, see www.hope08.com

Church Without Walls Weekend

In what will be the Church of Scotland's biggest ever one-off gathering, Inglestone Showground on the outskirts of Edinburgh has been booked for the first weekend in May, 2008.

Churches from across the country will gather for the weekend to worship and to celebrate. We're planning to have our own tent (one of over 500) which will be our meeting point and the stage from which we'll highlight our work and witness.

For further information, see www.cwwresources.org.uk

Clerk's Corner

Greetings and welcome to the first appearance of Clerk's Corner in Quest. I hope to be able to bring you news of aspects of the Kirk Session's work on a regular basis.

This month I would like to thank a group who are working very hard on our behalf. You will see from Martin's letter that a Feasibility Group is working with our architect, Crawford Mackenzie, on the plans for refurbishment of our buildings. This means a considerable commitment of time to meetings, perusing plans, considering various options, and envisaging the sanctuary in a changed format.

Who are these dedicated people? They are Martin, Audrey Brown, Ian Drever, Blair Fletcher, Ken Lownie, Ken Miller, Derek Scott, and Jocelyn Slater. Thank you all.

Jane Miller

Fundraising, Charities Etc.

At its most recent meeting (14th August) the Kirk Session adopted a policy on fund-raising within the Church. We had been asked to consider this in the light of what seemed like a spate of good causes and sponsorship efforts that were being pursued in the weeks and months leading up to the summer. All of the projects in question were extremely worthwhile, and the kind of endeavours that we are delighted to be involved with, but when several come at the same time it can seem a bit overpowering.

So, the Kirk Session has resolved that the following will guide our practice in the future.

> Any group, organisation or individ-

ual wanting to conduct fund-raising within the congregation MUST seek approval from the Kirk Session (applications to be made to the Session Clerk. A simple form of application can be obtained from the Church Office. This covers sponsored events for groups within the congregation and for anyone wanting to raise money for a charitable outside body. This planning system will allow us to make sure that fund-raising efforts are sufficiently spread out.

> From now on, there will be a Fund-raising table established in the main hall which will be open during coffee time after Sunday services. Having obtained permission to fund-raise, groups or individuals will be based at this table...as opposed to moving throughout the hall and church seek-

ing support. The project will be advertised in the bulletin and the onus will be on individuals to go to the fund-raising table, should they wish to offer support. This, we feel, will mean less pressure and will allow folks to come through for coffee without feeling that they are going to be asked for money from, quite possibly, several people at once. As said, the onus will be on individuals who want to offer support to make their way to the fund-raising table.

The Kirk Session has no desire to dampen the drive to supporting excellent work in church and beyond. However, this system will mean better management of such appeals and fund-raising and will mean that the emphasis at coffee-time will be on the fellowship that we all cherish.

Food Parcel's Update

On **Sunday 23rd September** we will be holding another bumper collection in aid of the Food Parcel Project.

The project helps people who are struggling for a variety of reasons, and provides them with a parcel of food to help in the short term.

From June 2006 to June 2007, 148 referrals were received from the Citizen's Advice Bureau, 31 from the Social Work Department, 30 from Gowrie Care and 6 from Women's Aid. Many of these referrals have been for more than one person.

As you can see we have helped a large number of people over the past year, far more than we originally anticipated. **We can only continue to do so with your help and generosity.**

Jesus helped the poor, marginalised and struggling. Now is your chance to continue to emulate him and continue to live our Christian faith, so please give all you can of the goods listed below:

Boxes of cereals, tea bags, sugar, tins of beef dishes (e.g. beef casserole, beef curry, chille etc), tins of tuna, packets or tins of potatoes, tins of sweet corn, tins of fruit shower gel and washing powder.

Oyster Trust Needs You!

We are a local Trust who run both Oyster Crafts & OB's.

Oyster Crafts
21 West port

Your local Fairtrade shop. We stock a wide range of gifts and food which all come from fair-trade suppliers. Fairtrade guarantees a fair price for the producer as well as a quality gift for you. Next time you are needing a gift why not pop in and see what we have on sale and help some of the poorest people around the world work their way out of poverty.

OB's
19 Westport

A non-alcoholic café/ bar selling quality food at a reasonable price. We are open throughout the day and up until 7pm for all ages. Please pop in for a coffee, lunch or tea. There are toys available for children and also a pool table, futsal and internet access. After 7pm we are a drop in for teenagers S4+. All the above is available as well as a PS2 playstation.

How Can You Help?

We desperately need volunteers to help in both places.

Oyster Crafts:

Volunteers needed to man the shop. Full training is given. Not heavy work. Slots available Monday to Saturday from either 10am-1pm or 1pm-4.30pm. If interested please contact Jean on 01241 879389 or pop into the shop.

OB's:

Volunteers needed to serve, clear tables and do general cleaning. Full training is given. Slots available Monday to Saturday 12-2pm ; 3-5pm ; 5-7pm; 7-11pm. If interested please contact Simon on 01241 434142 or pop into OB's.

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2
11 am - Worship Service including 'Malawi Memories!'
7pm - Malawi Evening, inc. some OFF the W.O.L. worship (with food available from 6.30pm...Malawi style!)

Sunday 9
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 16
11 am - Worship Service followed by short Communion

Sunday 23
11 am - Worship Service including guests, the Sea Cadets

Sunday 30
11 am - Worship Service

OCTOBER

Sunday 7
11 am - Worship Service
8 pm OFF the W.O.L.

Sunday 14
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 21
11 am - Service of Holy Communion
6.30 pm - Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 28
11 am - Worship Service

As well as our main Sunday morning services and OFF the W.O.L. outlined above, remember that, in addition, we have -

A 40 Min service every Wednesday at 10.30 am

Knitters Needed!

Could you spare an hour or two to knit a little teddy? Doctors who treat children in third world countries are asking for them as they have found that children who have their own teddy to cuddle in their cots get better quicker. Each child keeps his teddy and can take it home so the doctors need a continual supply. We plan to send the teddies in Blythswood shoeboxes.

Sample teddies and patterns are available at the office.

Thanks to Back Door Sale Helpers

(and a million thanks to Mary!)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lena, Iona, Ray, Jane and Gordon for all the hard work upfront and to Scott and Ally for storage. Thanks also to all who donated and helped on the day. The total sum raised was £4915 and £1200 of this came from the sponsored walk by Lena and Wilma (see picture).

Mary Nicol



David Searle

An Excellent Map Reader

It was with some trepidation that I set off on holiday on the 31 July along with Lorna. We had planned a week in a cottage in Wensleydale, Yorkshire followed by a second week during which we would visit relatives a good bit further south. My apprehension was not the journey to the picturesque village of Askrigg, the village where TV vet James Herriot had his home; I was to be following Andy, my brother-in-law, who knows the area well. He and Anita, Lorna's sister, would lead us straight to our rented cottage.

No, my fear was the second week when I would have to brave on my own the network of busy roads of the Midlands in the attempt to find my younger sister's new house and then go on through more totally unknown territory to the next unfortunate relation who, in an unguarded moment had agreed we could visit.

You may say, 'But with Lorna at your side and the road map on her knee, what worries could you possibly have about finding your way?' Let me explain. First, Lorna somehow cannot help falling asleep while travelling by car; she tries her very best to stay awake but invariably finds herself slipping into the deepest of slumbers. Second, although at the High School she was always first in D.A. Gardner's geography class - indeed, she was his prize pupil - map reading isn't her strongest point. So can you understand how someone well on the upper side of 65 years was not at all looking forward to negotiating the tangle of motorways and gridlocked one-way streets of Chesterfield and other foreign cities south of the Border?

But my brother-in-law, who lives

just north of Newcastle, came up with the ideal solution: why not take Wendy on holiday with us; she knows all these roads like the back of her hand; she would guide us to all our relatives.

Lorna was a little bit uncertain about this. Did she want Wendy in our car intruding into our holiday? She grumbled a bit, but ultimately reluctantly consented. For the first two days, we couldn't get a single word out of Wendy. She was the most reserved of ladies. At last, during the evening of our second day in Askrigg, she spoke one sentence. From then on, she never stopped. It seemed her shyness had suddenly evaporated. It wasn't that she butted into our conversation. We had brought her along for the ride so that she could guide us along unknown roads. She knew the Askrigg area well and she faultlessly helped us find our way each day we went out.

After the first week, we said goodbye to Anita and Andy and entrusted ourselves for the scary bit of our holiday to Wendy's tender mercies. She never let us down once. 'Turn right here and go on to the next roundabout when you'll take the third exit....' So it went on. Lorna became very attached to Wendy and became quite a fan. Several times she said quietly to me, 'However would we have managed without her? She's wonderful!'

Having said that, I should explain that it did take a few minutes each time we started a new journey for Wendy to link up with the satellites orbiting planet earth. Because, as you've probably already guessed, Wendy is a 'satellite navigation' system. We just typed in the postcode of

my sister's address, and once Wendy made contact with the 'spy in the sky', she flawlessly led us to our destination. Moreover—and I'm not sure if this is legal—she warned us of every speed camera about 400 yards before we reached it. (Needless to say, such warnings were quite unnecessary.)

Wouldn't it be wonderful if someone invented a 'life navigation' system, which could link up with some satellite in outer space and tell us exactly what to do. The horoscopes claim to do that, but you'll have a hard job persuading me that they aren't sheer baloney.

Now there's a thought! Just say we did have such a navigator, a kind of spiritual 'Wendy', would we actually pay any attention to its instructions? If it warned of danger ahead, would we think we know better and choose our own route? If, like Wendy, its message persisted, 'Do a U-turn as soon as possible!' would we obey and do an about-turn?

Of course we do have a Navigator. He speaks through God's special Book. He warns, he instructs, he guides—for those who bother to 'switch on' and read and listen. Obeying his instructions can be very hard, because he often tells us to take a route we don't want to take. About 3000 years ago, a wise man wrote:

'There is a way that seems right to a man, but it ends in disaster' (Proverbs 14:12). The Book also says, 'When you turn to the right or the left, you will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it"' (Isa. 30:21).

GREEN TIPS!

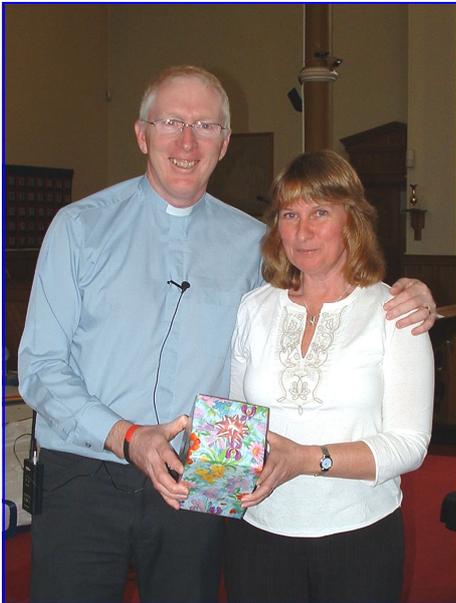
Unplug your mobile charger from the socket when you're not using it - they

suck 100kw in a whole day from the socket, even when not being used. All power adaptors remain warm if not switched off at the wall switch and so, for example, even if your

computer printer is switched off, you are still consuming power if the current is left flowing up to where the adaptor is plugged. The same thing applies to speaker adaptors etc.

Sunday Club Presentations All Messed Up!

What a day we had at the end of June, with our Sunday Club Prize-giving! In a service that was more colourful than usual, all of our children played their part in the painting of a giant rainbow. This proved to be the perfect culmination of our 'year through Genesis 1-7' with Noah and the end of the flood, and the rainbow, summing things up perfectly. With each class taking their turn, groups of children progressed with the different colours of the rainbow *WHILE* the service was in progress! A recipe for disaster? Not a bit of it. The children did marvellously well and got on with the job in hand with hardly a sound being made. Thank you to David Searle and Robert Matthew for putting together the painting board and to Lawrie Harris for outlining the rainbow... and the dove!



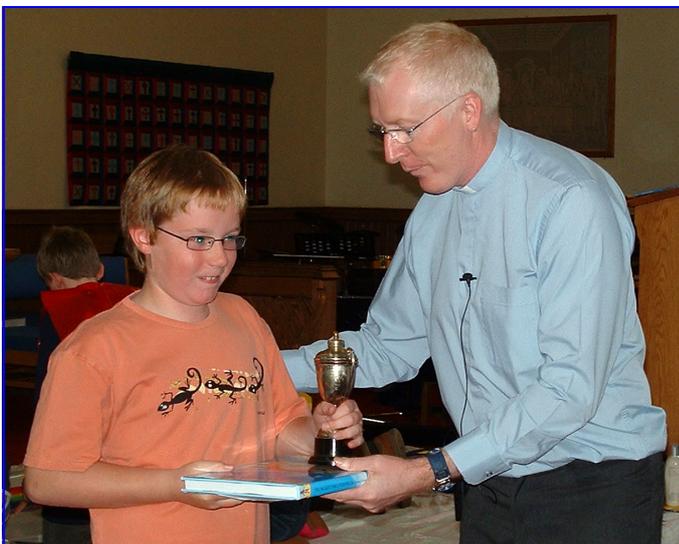
Martin thanks Karen Gammie

In among all of the smiles, the day included some tears as well with Karen Gammie retiring from her role as crèche leader after some ten years of extremely faithful service. Karen loved the children and they loved her... what more needs to be said? We are grateful to Karen and are pleased that her position has been taken by Susan Crompton and that Mandy Tasker is continuing.

Needless to say, the children loved doing the painting... almost as much as getting their prizes!... all of which bodes well for our new venture, *MESSY CHURCH* which is being launched on the last Sunday of October.



'Rainbow' singers
Amy-Louise, Jennifer and Carol-Ann



Cameron Spink receiving the BB Crichton Cup
for Church Attendance

'Messy Church' is a brand new concept which combines games and play, craft and mess, worship and eating together. It will run on a monthly basis, from 4 - 6pm, and is the brainchild of Audrey and Elaine, our Children & Families Workers. So often, we divide into age groups - there is something for the children, something else for the youth and something completely different for adults (men apart from women) and senior adults. All well and good. But sometimes it is good for everyone to be together. 'Messy Church' is for everyone to be together, to give space for parents (and grandparents) and children to play together, to make things together, to eat together and to worship together. It will be open to anyone but we are very hopeful that we will be able to engage with families who find Sunday morning, or traditional church patterns, difficult.

More in next month's QUEST.