



May 2008

# Holiday Club Exceeds All Expectations

Letter From The Manse

May 2008

Dear friends,

On the morning of the first day of our Easter Holiday Club, *Champions Challenge*, a number of us met to pray for the club - praying, of course, that it would be a great success. But what would success look like? How would the success, or otherwise, of a Holiday Club be measured. Well, consider this -

- ◆ Ninety-seven children in total attended the club, most of them being there every day.
- ◆ Of those ninety-seven, 66% were children with no church connections whatsoever.
- ◆ Nearly thirty adults and teenagers volunteered as team members thereby making the club possible. Many others helped financially or in kind by supplying materials, foodstuffs etc.
- ◆ Every day, we had fantastic fun while at the same time sharing truths about who Jesus is and why he matters.
- ◆ On the fourth day of the club, following a presentation covering the death of Jesus, a Primary 3 boy asked his group leader, 'So did Jesus really die for me?'
- ◆ Last Sunday, we launched a brand new programme for our children called *Target Challenge*, a direct six-week follow-up to the Holiday Club. We wrote to all the children who had come to the club inviting them to come and share. Almost twenty children, previously unattached to any church, came along, many of them with their parents, many of them coming into a church for the first time.



Well, for me that adds up to what we might call *success*! For that, we need to thank Audrey and Elaine, our Children and Families Workers, for the work they did in relation to the club and to the follow-up.

Of course these are early days but there is much to encourage us as we continue to strive to make St. Andrew's evermore a place where God is alive and well and where whole families can be nurtured together in faith.

I am sure that you will enjoy looking at some of the *Champions Challenge* photos on the back page.



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



## Flower

Our Flower Club ladies decorated the church so beautifully during Easter time.



## Club

These are just a few of the arrangements depicting the Crucifixion and Resurrection.



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March 2008

**Baptisms** - Tabitha Richardson; daughter of Louisa & Barry

**Weddings** - None

**Funerals** - Jan Carrie

**DEADLINE DATES FOR DIARIES****JUNE EDITION**

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

Friday 23rd May (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 27th May (Word-Processed file)

## BACK DOOR SALE

### Saturday 19th July 2008

Items are now being collected for the stalls at this year's **BACK DOOR SALE**.

Baking, produce, books, good-as-new, bric-a-brac, furniture, lucky dip, BBQ, tea and coffee. In fact, anything, how-

ever big or unusual.

Please consider having a 'clear-out' and donating any unwanted items. All proceeds go towards the Fabric Fund.

**Contact Mary Nicol (877601)**

for more information

or if you would like any items uplifted.

# 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 – Joyce Lownie (430053)

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)

7.15 pm – Guides

7.30 pm – Wednesday@Seven30

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 875235 in the event of corrections or omissions, and an updated sheet will be produced.

## Golden Week

**For those who qualify for a bus pass!**

**Monday 25 – Friday 29 August 2008**

Calling all senior citizens! A fun-packed holiday week, except that you do not have to pack a suitcase, make a long journey, or sleep in a strange bed far from home. Here is a brief outline of the programme (some details still to be finalized):

**Monday 25 August 10am to 1.30pm**

Cooking Demonstration from South America  
PLUS entertainment and lunch

**Tuesday 26 August 2pm to 5.30pm**

Scotland by Sight and Sound  
plus entertainment and High Tea

**Wednesday 27 August 9.30am to 6pm**

DAY OUTING TO CRIEFF

## Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Christian Aid Coffee Morning (Saturday 17th)  
Town Mission Centre, Arbroath  
10am to 12 Noon

St Andrew's Church responsible for Grocery Stall

Donations welcome

Lunch at Crieff Hydro and Tea at Atholl Palace Hotel  
(Pitlochry)

**Thursday 28 August 2pm to 5.30pm**

Tea-dance with dancing demonstration  
Plus entertainment and High Tea

**Friday 29 August 10am to 1.30pm**

Days-gone-by Sing-along

Total cost is not more than £20 for the whole week. Leaflets with a booking form are available in the Vestibule.

## Home Groups And SucCEss

With over one hundred and twenty people having been involved in CE courses and Home Groups in recent months, we seem to be getting near to the point of establishing the principle that being in such groups is a key aspect of the life of St. Andrew's Church! Of course, such courses and groups are not our invention, nor are they new. But what is clear is that in virtually every case of an alive, growing congregation – throughout the U.K. and around the world – belonging to a small group is a vital part of the mix. This is especially the case when such groups are holistic; that is, when they combine fellowship, study and worship. When those elements come together, groups become an indispensable part of life together and a crucial part of the process whereby individuals grow.

Between now and the summer break, our Home Groups are going to be considering two themes. To begin with, they will be looking at relationships – the way in which we engage with other people, all the while reflecting on how our faith influences our relating to those around us. Thereafter, the groups will move on to an excellent course entitled *Stop Looking For God's Will*. Now, if that title does not grab your interest, what will!!!

It cannot be stressed enough how valuable groups can be. Given the material that we are going to be using, this is especially the case. If you are not presently in a Home Group and would like to be, you should speak to Lawrence Davie, who can be contacted through the Church Office. Lawrence will explain the process of becoming a group member and will be able to point you to the right place or explain to you the first steps.

(Home groups meet weekly with the exception of the third Wednesday of the month when all the groups come together for an evening of worship, learning and fellowship in the church building itself.)

## 25 years... and going strong!

On Easter Day this year, after the morning service, the congregation took a few moments to recognise Jane Miller, our organist, who has served in that capacity for twenty-five years. Jane had no idea that her term as organist would be such a long one when her appointment was made all those years ago having initially agreed to do it for one year only! And yet she has served faithfully and fruitfully throughout those years, leading us in our praise skilfully and with equal measures of drive and passion. Jane was presented with a gift from choir and band members and with flowers.





## Home and Away - OUTREACH - Home and Away

### GUILD UPDATE

The Guild has had a very successful year with their fundraising. This has come to over £1600. A Concert, Guild Boxes and a Coffee Morning achieved this. The Guild Boxes alone raised £745 and this money was given to the Fabric Fund. This is a valuable source of income for the church and anyone wishing to have one of these collection boxes can request one from Roberta Brand. We have been able to give £300 to the Refurbishment Fund, £250 to the Lydia Fund and £100 to the Café Project. Also smaller sums of £50 to various Church Organisations.

We have had a variety of speakers including Sheriff Norrie Stein who took us from laughing out loud to tearful moments

as he recounted some of the things he encounters in his job. We had a cookery demonstration with Rev Linda Broadley, a trip to the Holy Land with Bill Marshall, as well as Independent Advocacy and Gideons International.

We rounded off our session with the A.G.M. a My Favourite Things and a Taste and Try. All in all a very busy programme.



**The Guild coffee morning which raised £401**

### Friends Club

Liz Smith, President, welcomed everyone to the April meeting. After our opening service and business she introduced our guest for the afternoon, Mrs Daphne Barbieri who took us on a journey with her films.

We started off with Starry Rock about the making of Kirriemuir Humbugs and Horehounds. We then saw the lost gardens of Heligan in Cornwall which, after 75 years of neglect, have been restored along with the Vinery and the original sundial. We were taken back to the happy days of yesteryear with *The Country Life of My Childhood* when horses did most of the ploughing on the farm. We then went to the Little Acorns - Cairn O'Mohr and Autumn Oak Leaf Wine and saw how it is made, then back to Cornwall for the Eden Project which opened to the public in 2001. The temperature there is kept between 18-35°C and uses insects and birds, etc to keep plant disease under control. We then came nearer home with *The Road Ahead* which showed the work of the Guide Dogs for the Blind in Forfar as they chose dogs, trained puppy walkers and worked with blind people as they learned how to work with the dog. Daphne finished with a return trip from Rosyth to Bruge and it was lovely to see the difference in buildings and streets. It had us thinking about fond memories of things and places we had seen.

Jean Low gave the vote of thanks to Mrs Barbieri and helper, Granville Chambers for a lovely afternoon after which refreshments were served.

### Drug Proof Your Kids

St. Andrew's Church is committed to being in the world and to addressing real issues. To that end, as a service to families, we are launching *Drug Proofing Your Kids*, a six-week course for parents who know that the world *out there* can very easily arrive on any doorstep.

The course, produced and promoted by the organisation *Care for the Family*, has been warmly received across the U.K. and beyond, with parents groups, schools, police forces and others quick to commend it. While the course offers important information about drugs, it puts the focus on homes, families and relationships, understanding that prevention is better than cure and that a positive growing-up environment is the most important thing that we can offer to young people. Of course we cannot guarantee *anything* but we can do everything within our power to ensure that our children and young people make healthy choices.

*Drug Proofing Your Kids* (DPYK) begins with a launch and information evening on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, to be held in the Old and Abbey Church halls, with a morning course and an evening course beginning on the following Tuesday.

Full details can be had from the Church Office or from our Youth Worker, Sheila Dunphy.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Arbroath B.B.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make our Coffee Morning a great success. We were still disappointed that so few of our parents and boys attended on the day.

We had great fun in our games room with a Nintendo Wii. We have £457 in our funds towards our Annual Fees due at the start of the next session.

We are almost at the end of another busy year and we are looking forward to our Parents' Night on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at 7pm - all welcome. Our trip is to be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of May when we will be going to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.

Captain E.J. Matthew M.B.E.

## Havilah

At its March meeting, the Leadership Group of the congregation took some time to recognise the wonderful work that Havilah is engaged in, opening the doors of the church to the many in our community who find themselves in need, for one reason or another. Furthermore, it was acknowledged that the work has grown markedly since its launch. With all of that in mind, the Leadership Group decided that it was time for recognised leadership within Havilah and, accordingly, the decision was taken to appoint Jim McLeod to the position of Leader. Jim's passion and know-how make him the ideal choice. In the days ahead, let us keep Jim in our prayers and offer to him and to the whole volunteer group our fullest, ongoing support.



## Church Family Trip

### A date for your dairy.

The trip will take place this year on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June** and, as in recent years, will be to Crombie Park. A bus will leave the church at 1.30pm and will leave the park to return at 5pm. Tickets will go on sale in mid-May. Don't miss out on this great day for the whole church family!



## Malawi Update

Hi Folks,

Just a quick update on my very recent visit to Malawi. It was certainly hotter than in July. Unfortunately the rains came and then stopped and it was heart breaking to see so much ruined maize as we travelled around. There were late rains so those who planted late had a better chance.

The death of Terrence was a big shock to everyone. I chose to visit him in Malange hospital near his home village. We took his second born son Philip with us. He had been in hospital for just over a week though he had been ill since November. I was able to thank him for all that he had done to help the children at Namisu school get to secondary school and six over the last two years to be selected for government places at boarding schools. I reminded him of how he had helped me over all the rough places on our trip to Mcheeree reservation and now it was my turn to hold his hand in a rough place. He said that he would be back at school as soon as he was better. It was so hard leaving him. I just cried. The following morning John Kangombe tapped on the guest house door at 7:00am. to tell me that he had died but I already knew. The Lord had filled me with a great peace as I prayed for him that morning.

I had not attended a Malawian funeral before. The coffin was taken to his village which was as poor as Kambilonjo, if not poorer, and my heart went out to his widow and children. The girls are five and six and the baby boy 6 months old.

At the funeral, I spoke on behalf of Aquaid Lifeline and gave a good account of our most hard working and dedi-

cated teacher. The boys grabbed me afterwards and begged me to take them back to school. They were distraught. But our dear friends from Arbroath had sent out a container of useful things and I had made up a bag of things for each of the boys. Trousers (cut offs) that they could wear at weekends, exercise books, atlases, geography books, a dictionary and pens pencils etc. They were absolutely delighted. It was a great help to them to have some of the basics.

The trip to Kambilonjo was good and all was going according to plan. The residence is well on the way and should be up and running when we return in July. We have hired a tailor (with no legs) to make clothes - school uniforms for the day care children and hope to hire another one soon. We had to send the tailor to be measured for a hand driven bicycle so that he could get to work - that will take 3 weeks to make. I have bought all the materials needed to set him up so he can begin ASAP. I am looking forward to seeing an improvement in July.

The day care centre at Tcholo is second to none! The view is superb and the colours are a lovely cream and turquoise. The pastor Duncan from the church has asked to run it and his wife at present is doing teacher training so I am hoping that she will teach at that centre. I promise you she will love it.

All the folk at Namisu send their greetings and when I took new exercise books round the classes they clapped hands for you.

Wasn't it brilliant that I was there to unpack the boxes. The Lord's timing is perfect and I continue to be amazed by it. I hope you enjoy the photos that John took. Foster sends his love.

Fondest regards.

**Auntie Priscilla**

## The Joys of Children (Ha Ha)

Whenever your children are out of control, take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children. After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing he said was, "Don't".

"Don't what?" replied Adam.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit", God said.

"Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey, Eve, we have forbidden fruit"

"Do not eat the fruit" said God.

A few minutes later God saw his children

having an apple snack and he was cross.

"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked.

"U-huh" replied Adam.

"Then why did you" asked the Father.

"She started it" said Adam.

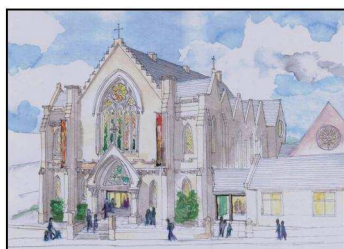
His patience at an end, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.

But there is reassurance in this story. If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they have not taken it, do not be too hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you!

## Buildings Refurbishment Appeal

By now, you will certainly have had time to consider the Appeal leaflet that was mailed to all members of the congregation in mid-April. Following that, all being well, you would have had a visit from your elder or from a member of the team. Now we are looking forward with great anticipation to the Gift weekend (10 – 11<sup>th</sup> May) during which you will have opportunity to present your gift and make your pledge by way of supporting the wholesale refurbishment work that is soon to begin.

Those of us who are involved in the process of making all of this happen



are tremendously excited about what lies ahead. We believe wholeheartedly that the developments planned will ensure that St. Andrew's remains a vital, relevant centre of worship and mission for generations to come. And how appropriate that all of this is happening as we look forward to celebrating our fiftieth anniversary! It is the ideal opportunity for us to give thanks for what has been and to invest in what is to come... just as our predecessors did for us.

If you have not already done so, we would encourage you to complete your Appeal reply postcard and bring it to the Gift Weekend or return it to the Church Office by any other means. As you do so, think carefully and prayerfully about the level of support that you are able to offer and, having done so, make your gift eagerly and joyfully, recognising the privilege that is ours to be involved in such an exciting aspect of what God is doing in our lives at this time.

### LOOKING AHEAD

In addition to those detailed below, we have -

**A 40 Min service every Wednesday at 10.30 am**

**MESSY Church, 4-6pm, last Sunday of every month, for all the family, with games, craft, worship, & all-together meal**

### MAY

**Sunday 4**  
**11 am - Worship Service**  
**8 pm OFF the W.O.L.**

**Sunday 11**  
**11 am - Worship Service**

**Sunday 18**  
**11 am - Service of Holy Communion**  
**6.30pm - Service of Holy Communion**

**Sunday 25**  
**11 am - Worship Service including baptism**  
**4pm - MESSY Church!**

### JUNE

**Sunday 1**  
**11 am - Worship Service**  
**8 pm OFF the W.O.L.**

**Sunday 8**  
**11 am - Worship Service including special Boys Brigade presentations**

**Sunday 15**  
**11 am - Worship Service including Sunday Club Prize-giving!**

**Sunday 22**  
**11 am - Worship Service**

**Sunday 29**  
**11 am - Worship Service**  
**4pm - MESSY Church!**

## Clerk's Corner

The Superintendence group of the Presbytery has the responsibility of overseeing the work of all congregations. We recently received the following encouraging extract from Presbytery minutes:

**Arbroath St Andrew's:** The Superintendence Group Leader moved the following deliverance:

### Presbytery

- i. thanks the minister and office-bearers for their hospitality and willingness to share in the course of these visits;
- ii. commends the congregation for its vision and willingness to develop its work and witness on so many fronts;
- iii. encourages the congregation in its outreach to the considerable unchurched population of the parish through the Havilah Pro-

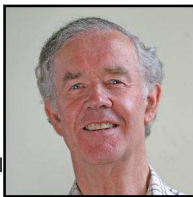
ject, and also in their major input to the Oyster Bar and the Angus Credit Union;

- iv. encourages the congregation in its visionary buildings development;
- v. welcomes the support and encouragement given to other congregations in Angus, through the sharing of personnel, ideas and resources.

**Jane Miller**



# David Searle



## The Deafening Sound of Silent Tears

**Many of the greatest (and often forgotten) needs of our modern society rarely hit the headlines.** But at St Andrew's Church, reminders of such needs have come to us over the past few years through the unique work in Glasgow, established by May Nicolson, and also through the organization known as 'Caring for Life' founded by Peter Parkinson, Pastor of Leeds Reformed Baptist Church. Perhaps our encounters with both May and Peter have contributed to the inspiration which has led our minister and Kirk Session to launch our own 'Havilah'.

Juliet Barker, best-selling writer of a number of excellent, internationally acclaimed books, has written *The Deafening Sound of Silent Tears*, the story of 'Caring for Life'. It is a most remarkable book about an even more remarkable work. There is in our towns and cities an increasing number of vulnerable homeless men and women of all ages. Some of them have learning difficulties; others have been cruelly and persistently abused from childhood; yet others have fallen victim to tragic circumstances which have left them with nowhere to turn.

Twenty-one years ago, Peter Parkinson set out on a course of action to show Christ's love to a handful of these people, little realizing that his actions would change the whole course of his life and - even more

important - would change the lives of hundreds of others. To say the story is quite amazing is by no means an understatement. Juliet Barker writes with total honesty, empathy and understanding. I was moved to tears as I read this book.

Talk about battles of faith! The word 'battle' is by no means too strong. On countless occasions, Peter's loyal band of workers has had to wrestle in prayer in the struggle against the apathy, even the opposition, of the statutory authorities. The account seems to move from one crisis to another and tells of times when it seemed that all was lost and the whole work must inevitably collapse. But they have proved God's faithfulness again and again, as the work has grown and flourished against apparently insurmountable odds.

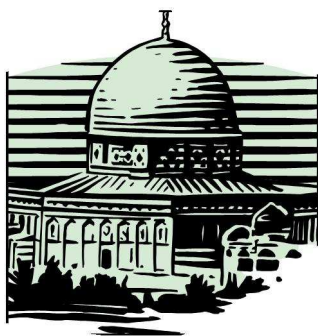
However, quite apart from such problems, the main heart of the book is about changed lives - people who were without hope and were sliding deeper and helplessly into addictions, suicide and crime, but who have been snatched like 'brands from the burning' and slowly transformed through the love of Jesus Christ demonstrated in the lives of those serving God through 'Caring for Life'.

There are certain truths all Christians know in theory. For example, Christian service is not easy and demands sacrifice; or again, fervent,

believing prayer is a powerful weapon against the dark powers of evil; or again, the victory that overcomes is our faith in the grace and power of God. We have all heard these things repeatedly spelt out in church. But perhaps not many of us have actually had first-hand experience of them. Read this book and you will have laid out before you the most telling and incontrovertible evidence of these spiritual truths being put to the test and proven to be genuine, factual and a reality in this 21st century.

Pat Clegg will gladly order for you a copy of the book, or alternatively, the local library will take into stock one or two copies if the book is asked for. All they need is the writer's name, the title and the publisher: Juliet Barker, *The Deafening Sound of Tears*, Canterbury Press Norwich. (ISBN: 978-1-85311-850-0). It was published last year to mark the twentieth anniversary of the founding of 'Caring for Life'.

Finally, the book opens with quotation from the great 19th century preacher, C. H. Spurgeon, which catches exactly the mood and theme of this moving story: 'Never a valley so deep, never a place so dark, but when we look down, we see there the footsteps of the Saviour who has gone before us.'

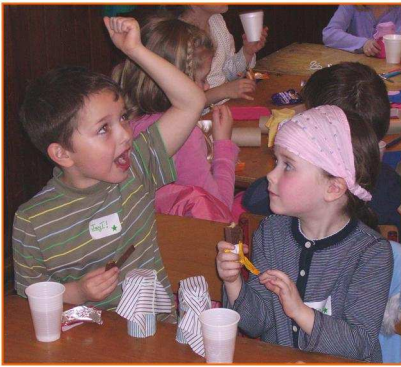


## Travel Opportunities

There is still time for those of you who are thinking about joining either of the trips that we have planned for 2009 and 2010. A group is definitely going to the Holy Land in May 2009 and, almost definitely, a group will be going to Oberammergau in 2010. Brochures are available from the Church Office or from the minister; these include full details of travel, accommodation, costs etc. Please feel free to talk to the minister if you would like to discuss going on either trip.







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