

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, ARBROATH



May 2009

Rejoice - The Lord Has Arisen!



The Easter morning service in the Abbey - An atmospheric photo from Candace Laing - Our young people serving



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April 2009

Baptisms - Brendan; son of Maggie and Ash

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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 22nd May (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 26th May (Word-Processed file)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10th – 16th May 2009

St Andrew's Church is responsible for arranging House to House collection within our Parish during Christian Aid Week. Approx 30 volunteers are required for this act of Service. Why not team up with a friend ?

To further promote Christian Aid Week we are joining with other Churches in Arbroath

to take part in Bag Packing at Morrisons Supermarket on Saturday 16th May. Volunteers of all ages are required.

The Christian Aid Coffee Morning will be held in the Town Mission Centre on Saturday 9th May 2009 – 10am to 12 noon. The stall allocated to St Andrew's Church this year is Craft and Jewellery. Donations for this stall can be delivered to the Town Mission Centre on Friday 8th May from 7.30pm or on Saturday 9th May.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

New Venues are shown below**SUNDAY**

10.15 am – Gathering for prayer.

10.30 am – Choir practice.

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 (Guild Hall, Ogilvy Place)

MONDAY

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

2.00 pm – Dorothy Dobson Over 50s Exercise Class (West Kirk)

6.00 pm – Rainbow Guides – L Hadden (875379) (Guide Hall)

7.30 pm – St Andrew's Guild : Fortnightly – Joyce Lownie (430053) (OBs)

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

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) (United Free Church)

7.15 pm – Guides (New Life Centre)

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

THURSDAY

10.00 am – Parent and Toddler Group – Joan Archer (876522) (Old & Abbey Church)

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

6.00 pm – Anchor Boys – S Jamieson (431942)

6.00 pm – BB Junior Section – W Ewart (876114) (Sea Cadet Hall)

7.30 pm – BB Company Section – M Clark (437758) (Sea Cadet Hall)

FRIDAY

9.30 am – Coffee morning (Old and Abbey Church)

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

During the refurbishment please contact the church office for information on alternative venues. 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.

Martin



Fair

May 2009

Dear Friends,

My last four worship experiences have been as follows:

Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, within the grounds of the Abbey. In all my eighteen such services during my time in Arbroath, there has never been such a beautiful morning! Almost exactly 100 people gathered to rejoice in Jesus being alive. Together, we sang, prayed and shared again the story of what happened on that first morning at the garden tomb, and then it was off to the Old & Abbey halls where our young people served us breakfast

Easter Family Celebration in Knox's Church. Again, what a beautiful morning to come out to church! After the service, we gathered outside the church and halls to share news and sip coffee. Inside, the sanctuary had been packed as we gave thanks for the truth that Jesus came back as he had promised he would. Led by the choir, we sang festive praise and rejoiced in our splendid daffodil cross (which afterwards was taken over to Tesco where it sat on the entrance throughout the rest of Easter Day!) The climax of the service was, as always, the sharing in communion, with all ages of the church family partaking of the bread and wine.

Resurrection Day, Caird Hall, Dundee. Around fifty from St. Andrew's – including a good number from the Youth Group – travelled to this Easter celebration in Dundee. We joined a thousand-strong gathering of Christians from Dundee and beyond to sing and to listen to a message. Though the speaker was very erudite, few of us were convinced that his choice of subject, and the level on which he pitched his talk, were wholly appropriate to the occasion. Even so, it was good to be part of the occasion!

Sunday morning worship, Gorbals, Glasgow. With our friend, Catherine, now being Associate Minister with Gorbals Parish Church, we took the opportunity to worship with that particular church family during our week-long Easter break. Like us, they have no building at the moment and so are using a skills training centre. The room that becomes their *church* is the woodwork room from Monday to Friday; what an appropriate place to worship the God who made himself known in the carpenter from Nazareth! The congregation is a small one, with around forty being present at worship, so somewhat different from our own. It was, though, a real pleasure to worship with them and to share in their fellowship.

And so as I look back, it strikes me that I worshipped in four different places (only one of which was a church building) with four different sets of people (only some of whom I knew) and yet, on each occasion, I was able to meet with the Risen Christ. You see, he shows up where his people are gathered – wherever that is, and whether they're sitting on pews, seats or standing on the lawns of the ruins of a thousand-year old *Historic Scotland* museum piece. Isn't this the very truth that we've realised for ourselves as we've met in the Academy? **The Church is wherever God's people are praising!**

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

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Clerk's Corner

The Role of the Presbytery

In its report to the 2008 General Assembly, the Special Commission on Structure and Change indicated that changes in the complicated form of boards and committees to enable local churches to focus on mission, had not been matched by changes at presbytery level. The Panel on Review and Reform is therefore embarking on a series of Church-wide consultations to bring proposals in 2010 for an alternative presbytery structure.

To this end the first of a series of newsletters has been produced and is now available. Details of five possible

models are given and we are being encouraged to read about these because our involvement through sharing debate and expressing views will enable us to better equip our presbyteries to become a focus for inspiration, renewal and mission.

We have been given four copies of the newsletter and these are be available from the office. They will be of interest to the Leadership Group, Elders, Core Group members and indeed, to every member of the congregation and we are urged to use our knowledge of our local needs to consider the suggested models. We are also invited to respond and will be given the opportunity to join in the debate in Regional Forums in Summer/ Autumn 2009.

You will be kept up-to date with the process as it is rolled out.

Jane Miller

Home and Away - OUTREACH - Home and Away

GUILD GIVING

The Guild has come to the end of another three year Project - "Let's Live Body, Mind and Soul". Below, you can see how, collectively, the CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD has distributed the money over the six projects.

We at St Andrews have supported the Leprosy Mission Scotland, Lydia Project (Eastern Europe) and Crossreach Bluebell (postnatal depression). This year, the amount to

go to the Bluebell Project from our Guild is £300.

Totals donated from all Church of Scotland Guilds from September 2006 to March 2009 are as follows -

BORDERLINE (Homeless Scots)	£124,559
CHRISTIAN AID (Bangladesh)	£69,735
CROSSREACH BLUEBELL (Depression)	£115,688
LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND	£108,765
LYDIA PROJECT (Eastern Europe)	£78,417
SCOTTISH LOVE IN ACTION (India)	£127,967
Total	£625,131

"Creative Prayer Journey"

This year's journey has been inspired by the beautiful worship song "Be Still".

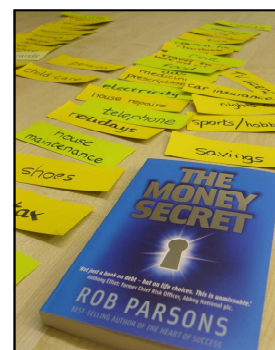
The first stage took place in Carnoustie Church on 28th April when Rev Mike Goss spoke about "The Presence of the Lord", and the second is this month when Dr Karen Fenwick will speak about "The Power of the Lord" in Newtyle Church on 27th May. Then the final stage will take place at Tannadice Church on the 18th June when the theme will be "The Glory of the Lord".

The Money Secret

The first Money Secret course ended at the end of March. A small group of participants came along to learn together some practical hints and tips to improve their personal finances; tips about shopping, loans, debt, and lots more. Subjects such as learning to live within our means, how to save money when grocery shopping, how to see through the advertising we get through our door each week were discussed - all while having fun discussion and sharing with each other. It was a "profitable" course, one which was enjoyed by all who took part. Special thanks go to Marisa and Tricia who came from Stirling each week to lead the group.

We hope to be offering a similar course after the summer, so watch this space for more information. Maybe you'd like to learn "The Money Secret"!

Chris Barton



Malawi Update and Fundraising

As of 9th May, Charis Bowie will be joining Becky at Namisu Orphan Village. Charis is now finished her PE Degree Course and decided to use her last few months of freedom, before entering the working world, to serve the children in Malawi. She will help Becky in teaching in the school, running sports activities and Bible Studies and getting things organised for the arrival of the rest of us at the end of June. Becky is very excited about her arrival.

Back here in Arbroath we continue with our fundraising. To clarify a few points all money being raised in the fundraising now is to allow us to build a play area at the St Andrews Day-care and Residence at Thyolo as well as establish a clinic at Namisu Village - our two main work projects for this summer. With the Day-care at Thyolo now up and running we are sending out £550 every month to maintain this work. This amount will rise when the residences at Thyolo and Kambilonjo finally open. We established this work in 2007 and now feel that we must ensure that the work is maintained.

Family Fun Day

Saturday 30th May. This will be held at Gordon & Jane Skea's farm at Burnside outside Forfar. This should be a brilliant afternoon and we want to encourage the whole

church family to join in the fun. There will be lots of activities, a barbecue and for those who want to stay on, a praise time round the campfire. Tickets will cost:- Adults £5, Children £3, Family £15. More details nearer the time.

Send A Wristband to Malawi

We are hoping to take out Silicone WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) wristbands to the children in the Summer. To help us do this we are offering them for sale for £1. For your £1 you will be able to keep one yourself and give us 2 others to take out. In other words BUY 1 GIVE AWAY 2 FREE TO THE ORPHANS. These will be available after Church or direct from Sheila.

Blues Concert

With the help of Alfie Dickson we are holding a Jazz Evening with Doug Mcleod 7.30pm on Sunday 14th June at in Knox's Church. Cost of tickets will be Adults £8. Children/ OAPs £3. These will also be on sale after the church.

Coffee Morning

Our final fundraiser before our trip at the end of June will be a coffee morning in the Old & Abbey Church Halls on Saturday 20th June from 10am to 12 noon. Tickets will be £1 and will be available from the beginning of June. The usual stalls will be available.

The Environment and God's Thoughts on Lawns!

GOD:

Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles and stuff that I started eons ago?

I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

St. FRANCIS:

It's the tribes that settled there, Lord.

The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD:

Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colourful, it doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

St. FRANCIS:

Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD:

The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

St. FRANCIS:

Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it - sometimes twice a week.

GOD:

They cut it? Do they then bail it like hay?

St. FRANCIS:

Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD:

They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St. FRANCIS:

No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD:

Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away. Dear Me!

These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

St. FRANCIS:

You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD:

What nonsense.

At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

St. FRANCIS:

You'd better sit down, Lord! The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD:

No! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

St. FRANCIS:

After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD:

And where do they get this mulch?

St. FRANCIS:

They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD:

Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore.

St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

St. CATHERINE:

"Dumb and Dumber", Lord. It's a story about....

GOD:

Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

Out of the mouths of babes

My grandson, who loves all creepy crawlies and bugs, showed me the wall covered in slugs. My "They're horrible" brought the following reply from him - "Gran, they can't help how

they look. They're just as God made them!" Aren't we all?

Betty Smith

Fraud and scams are now affecting many of us. From time to time we are going to publish some articles to help you avoid being a victim.

The Nigeria Scam Email

If you have been on the internet, and email, for any length of time you've probably encountered the "Nigeria Scam" at one time or another. Also called the "4 - 1 - 9" or "Advance Fee Fraud". It involves some wealthy foreigner who needs help moving millions of dollars from his homeland and promises a hefty percentage of this fortune in return for you assisting him.

Here's how it works: Emails marked from Nigeria, (or Sierra Leone or the Ivory Coast, or another country) are sent to large mailing lists of addresses. The letters promise a large reward if you will help a bank/or government officials/or a wealthy family who find themselves in a legal problem, or embarrassing situation. Almost always the email will include the mention of multi-million dollar sums, and the promise that YOU will be given a percentage of the funds if you agree to assist these people in their difficult situation. Sometimes they will appeal to your "Christian" nature, even saying that they had heard about your honesty and that you are trustworthy, or wanted to donate some money to your church or ministry after becoming a Christian, and discovering they were dying. Part of their dying wishes is to see their fortune go to a good cause. Another form of the "4 - 1 - 9" scam is receiving an email congratulating you on winning a foreign lottery (which you never entered). Same scam, another guise.

But how is this a scam? If you agree to participate in helping these disadvantaged people there will be a problem....some paperwork will be held up, an official might need bribed, or something like this. At this point you will be asked to help out by sending a small amount of money to help the bank transfer get back on track – remember, you are about to be given a fortune! So if you pay, you'll wait a little longer for the bank transfer to go through...and then receive another email asking for a bit more cash to help the process along. This will continue until you have no more money to send or you start making threats – when these Nigerians will disappear, never to be heard of again, and with your money too.

So, this con works by blinding your commonsense with the promise of a great fortune. Normally you wouldn't hand over money to a complete stranger on the other

side of the world, but somehow people part with their hard earned money. People have parted with £5000 or more, quite willingly, with the thought of the £1 million they will soon have in their bank accounts. The victim fails to realise during the sting that he's never going to get the promised fortune; all of these delays and messing around is designed to part *him* from *his* money. Back in 1997, the US Secret Service financial crimes division confirmed losses of over \$100 million! So the scam does work, and you need to be on your guard.

This scam has been going on since the 1920s! Then, it was known as the Spanish Prisoner con, and involved a wealthy Spanish family who needed help in smuggling their son out of prison, and promised that the wealthy family would shower riches upon those who helped secure his release out of prison. Of course, the rescue attempts would fail time after time, as the fictitious son would continue to be imprisoned in his non-existent prison!

So to avoid falling for this trap:

1. Don't reply to any email which sounds like a variation of the above scam. If you don't reply, you won't receive further communication.
 2. Under no circumstances send money to people over the internet who promise great wealth in return. Don't be fooled or lose your common sense. Speak to someone you trust who can give you good advice with regards to the internet or money matters.
 3. Once you have learned to spot this type of email (or letter), just delete it. There's no point in reading it. By all means familiarise yourself with the format of the email or letter, but don't reply asking to be taken off their email list – you'll only confirm you are a real person and this will encourage the crooks to write again to you.
- Don't worry if you receive one of these emails – most people have – your personal details aren't known to these crooks unless you give them the information.

If you are interested in seeing examples of the Nigerian Scam emails then visit www.fraudgallery.com and go down to the bottom of the page – there are more than 500 examples of these emails for you to browse.

Most important of all - avoid these 4 - 1 - 9 scams like a disease! Don't let promises of huge amounts of money impair your judgement!

Chris Barton.

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

Sunday 3
11 am - Worship Service
8 pm - OFF the W.O.L. in the Windmill Christian Centre

Sunday 10
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 17
11 am - Worship Service with celebration of communion

Sunday 24
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 24
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 31
11 am - Worship Service (Pentecost)
4 pm - *Messy Church*

JUNE

Sunday 7
11 am - Worship Service
8 pm - OFF the W.O.L. in the Windmill Christian Centre

Sunday 14
11 am - Worship Service including Sunday Club Prize-giving

Sunday 21
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 28
11 am - Worship Service including commissioning of Malawi Team

N.B. As well as the services above there is the following:

- ♦ A 40 minute service every Wednesday morning at 10.30am in Old and Abbey
- ♦ Messy Church, from 4-6pm, on the last Sunday of every month – 2 hours for all the family, with games, craft, worship and an all-together meal - in Old and Abbey
- ♦ A full-on contemporary worship service, OFF the W.O.L., on the first Sunday of every month at 8pm (venues as advertised)

Voucher Schemes

Tesco and the Daily Record are issuing vouchers to collect for equipment for schools and sports clubs. If you receive these vouchers and have no group to pass them on to, please hand them into the church office and we can direct them to groups in our area.

Stuart Townend In Person!

Over the last few years, our congregation has become familiar with the worship songs and hymns of contemporary singer / songwriter, Stuart Townend. Songs such as *In Christ Alone* and *How Deep the Father's Love* have become firm favourites in churches like ours across the country.

The good news is that Stuart, together with his regular collaborator, Keith Getty, are bringing their *In Christ Alone* musical presentation to the Caird Hall, Dundee, on Sunday

evening, 28th June 2009. Featuring Stuart himself, along with a band, orchestra and mass choir, the evening is bound to be a memorable one. The same event was held late last year at the SECC in Glasgow and was a complete sell-out. With that in mind, we have secured fifty tickets for the Dundee event and these are available through our Fellowship Core Group (who will have them for sale after worship) and, by order, through the Church Office.

For those of you familiar with such large-scale Christian events, you'll know what to look forward to. For those of you who have never attended anything like it, here's your chance to *taste and see* for yourself.

Oberammergau 2010

As was announced last year, the minister will be leading a trip to see the famous Oberammergau *Passion Play* at the end of May 2010. The play is basically a re-telling of the final scenes of Jesus' life and has been enacted since 1633, in recent times at ten-year intervals. Dates, costs etc. are now finalised and full details are available from the minister directly or from the Church Office.

As is normal in these situations, the tour operator, McCabe's Pilgrimages, have linked us – in this case, with a group from Inverness. We will fly as one group (from Edinburgh to Munich) and share ground transportation, accommodation etc. The Inverness Group have around thirty persons confirmed meaning that we will have about twenty places available (some of these have already been

taken.) So, those who are interested in this trip should get in touch sooner rather than later.

The trip is, in effect, a short holiday, with our base being in the Austrian village of Maria Alm, '*a picturesque village set amidst grand mountains and lush meadows, little more than an hours drive from the musical capital of Salzburg. A chair-lift ascends from the square onto a high pasture, where you can walk to alpine huts offering traditional hospitality.*' We will be staying at the four-star Alpenland Hotel which is described as the '*premier hotel in the village, being larger and more spacious than the others*' and which features an indoor swimming pool, sauna complex and gym. The holiday would conclude with the *Passion Play*, involving a two-night stay in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau itself.

So if this appeals to you, now is the time to make your move!

Now where did I hear that before?

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty are two of the great hymn writers of our era, writing hymns such as *In Christ Alone* which have simple tunes but profound lyrics.

Last October I attended the 'In Christ Alone' event in the SECC in Glasgow along with hundreds of others. During the evening using different readings and of course their songs Kristen Getty along with Stuart and Keith took us on a journey from the Creation to the Cross.

Kristen has a beautiful voice and it was good to hear the hymns being sung with such feeling. Explanations were given too as to how some of the hymns came to be written giving extra meaning to them.

It was a great experience to be able to join in the singing of the hymns and learning, very easily, the new ones too.

To my knowledge it will be the same programme that is presented in Dundee on the 28th of June and I would really recommend that you consider putting your name down for one of the tickets available in the church. I am sure you will find it to be an enjoyable and uplifting evening and I expect you will find yourself humming the tunes for some time afterwards.

Kim Marr

Friends Club

St Andrew's Church Friends Club met in the Green Street Hall for their April meeting. Liz Smith welcomed everyone and after our opening and business Liz introduced our entertainers for the afternoon, Evelyn Fordyce, Ian White and Winnie Sangster. Evelyn started off with a selection of spring songs and songs from the shows with Ian also singing a selection of well known songs. They sang some duets together and Winnie was the accompanist for the afternoon. Jocelyn Slater gave a vote of thanks and after our closing hymn and Lord's Prayer we enjoyed tea with hot cross buns and Easter cake.

Please note that our next meeting on 7th May will be held in the Green Street Hall but the meeting on 4th June will be held in West Kirk Hall.

BACK DOOR SALE

Saturday 1st August 2009

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, however 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.

Youth Group

The Easter Holidays proved a busy time for the Youth Group:

Sunday 5th April - We were invited out to Alan & Pam Cairns Home to see the new lambs. Alan & Pam made us all very welcome showing us round their smallholding and introducing us to all their animals! They then provided us with some really good food as well as a quiz on what we had learnt that afternoon. Thanks to them both for such a great time and for putting up with all the noise! They even invited us to come back sometime!!!!

Friday 10th April - Easter Event at OBs. A great evening of food, competitions and visit from Eric and Candace Laing. Thanks to Michael for all his hard work putting the quiz together and to Leonie, Kyle and Naomi who dressed up and acted out a part for our Mystery Guest Videos. A special thanks to Eric for coming along and sharing with the young people some of his story and how God has been faithful to him over the years. It was really challenging and the young people now see him as one of the coolest people in the church!



**Jenny Marr, Rachel Martin,
Rachel Stewart, Charis Bowie**

Saturday 18th April - Nine of our young people attended the Sports Plus Camp in Auchterarder run by Christians In Sport. It was a brilliant day of sports coaching and Christian teaching with our young people joining with other young people from all over Scotland. Everyone who went agreed it had been a great day!

As of Sunday 19th April the youth group is open to all P7s. If you know of any young people of that age please encourage them to come along or pass their contact details on to Sheila.



Crombie Park Trip and BBQ

As always, our session will be drawn towards its conclusion with our Sunday Club Prize-giving and Crombie Park Trip – these events to take place on Sunday 21st June. The prize-giving will, of course, be part of our worship service that day and the double-decker bus will leave from the church at 1.30pm on its way to Crombie. It will depart Crombie for the return journey at 5pm. The trip will include children's races and fun activities together with a BBQ.

Hopefully, for all concerned, it will also involve an afternoon bathing in glorious June sunshine. (See last year's picture of Morag Shaw!!)

The important thing to remember is that this isn't a Sunday Club trip – it's for the whole church family and all are welcome, from youngest to oldest. Tickets will go on sale towards the end of May.



Sunday 12th April - Day started with youth group cooking and serving Breakfast after the Early Morning Service. It was then along to Knox's Church for the 11.30 service when some were involved in serving the bread during the Family Communion. 4pm Saw us meeting at Vickie Park for our Annual Easter Egg Competition. Winner of the Best Decorated Egg was Michael Marr with his amazing penguin and the winner of the longest lasting egg was Cary Stewart. It was a beautiful afternoon but instead of staying there we headed off to Caird Hall, Dundee for Resurrection Day. The evening finished off with some games in the Discovery Car Park and the eating of some amazing jam rolls!