

Rarely has a church been as busy as ours was on Easter Day this year! Our welcome team was pushed to the limit to find places for everyone to sit, with extra chairs having to be brought through from the hall. It very nearly was a case of putting the *house full* signs up outside! (See next page photo.)

The church was arranged in the round with the Communion Table being placed right in the middle of the sanctuary. It really was, therefore, as if we were all gathered around the table to share in

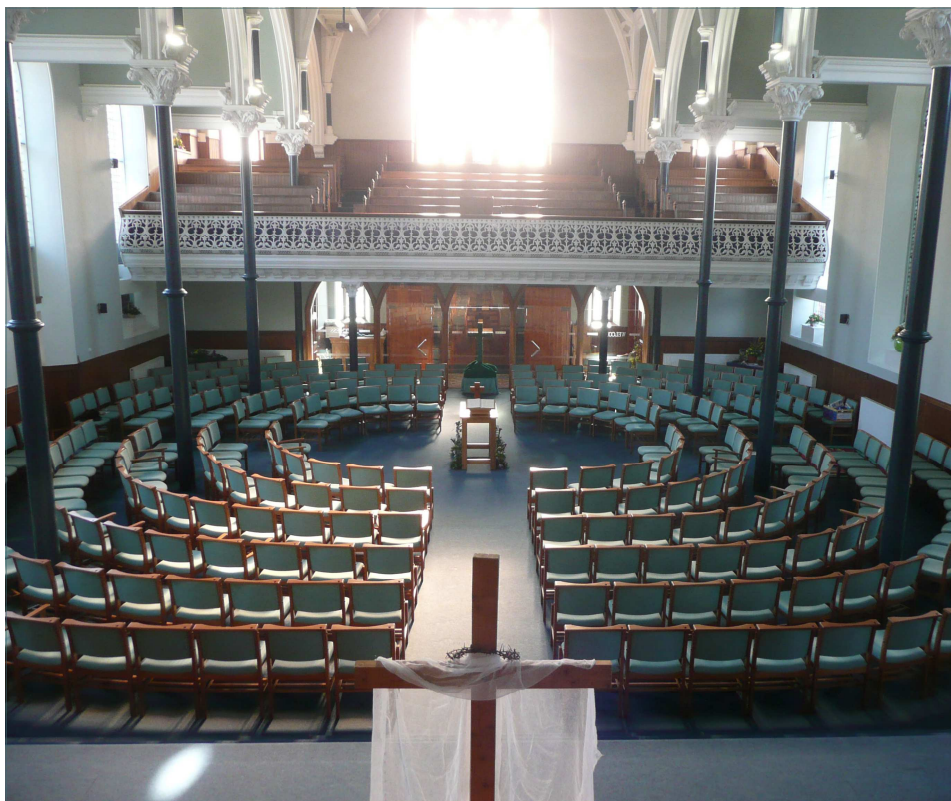
## Easter Day

the special meal of the church, just as the first disciples had been.

As always on these occasions, communion was an all-age experience with our children working with elders to share the bread and wine with all those who wanted to partake. There really is nothing like the whole family being together.

Now, we look forward to seeing the ways in which our Lord will continue to build his church and when squeezing people in will become the norm!

Hallelujah!



Around seventy people in all took advantage of the Labyrinth that was set up within our sanctuary during the first part of the week leading up to Easter. Open on three evenings and one afternoon, those who came took advantage of the peace and stillness to engage with some of the great truths about who God is and the ways in which he reaches out to us.

The space was beautifully prepared by Ruth, our Associate Minister and featured concentric circles of white pebbles interspersed with candles and, throughout, special stations for pause and reflection. If ever the benefits of having moveable chairs in the sanctuary was proved then it was here!

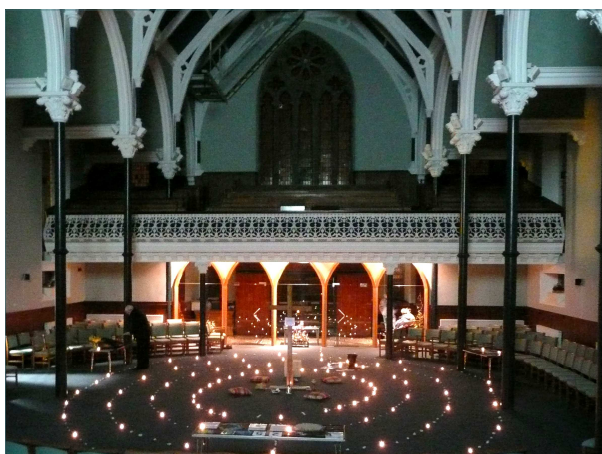
But as well as lots of our members appreciating the Labyrinth experience, it was wonderful to welcome folks

from outwith the church. Some people (with no church connections whatsoever) had seen it advertised in the local press and had been intrigued enough to come along and try it out. Some of those folks described themselves as '*not religious*' but interested in '*spirituality*.' Sadly, for too long, such people have looked anywhere but to our churches to further their interest.

And, further still, we had some come in to Labyrinth who just happened to be passing and saw – thanks to the glass doors – that something was going on.

All in all, there were enough plus points to convince us that having the church open in this kind of way is something that we will look to do more of in the time ahead. If you didn't get the opportunity this time around, make sure that you don't miss out next time!

## Labyrinth



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**ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH  
REGISTER OF MEMBERS****March 2010****Baptisms** - Daniel Merryweather, son of  
Linsey and Ian**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - Dave Smith**IMPORTANT CHANGE****JUNE EDITION****Please note that because of a trip to  
Oberammergau, I will need all articles one week  
earlier than normal, as shown below.**

Friday 14th May (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 18th May (Word-Processed file)

**Thank You**George & Aileen wish to thank our  
church friends for the kind gifts of flow-  
ers, cards and the phone calls of goodwill  
messages.Special thanks to the Wednesday Fellow-  
ship for the lovely cake and drinks (non  
alcoholic) which they honoured us with  
for our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

God bless you all.

**The Night Before He Died**Being present at the Tenebrae Service in the  
Church on the evening of Maundy Thursday  
was for me one of the most moving experi-  
ences in my spiritual journey. Through word,  
music and reflection, I was at the Last Supper,  
I was present in the Garden of Gethsemane, I  
was there when Jesus was mocked and beaten,  
I was at Golgotha and at the Tomb and I trem-  
bled.Thank you Lord for the sacrifice you made for  
me.**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE****Organisations will alert members when changes to venues are made.****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

**MONDAY**

12.00 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 – M McIntosh (876993)

**WEDNESDAY**

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

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

5.45 pm – Brownies – Morag Scorgie (01674 820721)

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 – S Jamieson (431942)

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

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

**FRIDAY**

9.30 am – Coffee morning

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

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Davie at the Church office, Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and for 15 minutes  
after Sunday Service, telephone 431135.****Please call 431135 in the event of corrections or omissions, and an updated  
sheet will be produced.**



# Martin



# Fair

May 2010

Dear Friends,

It hardly seems like six months since we've been back in our beautifully-refurbished buildings! I don't know about you but I still get something of a buzz when I walk into the welcome gallery or into the sanctuary itself and see again what a wonderful job has been done. As everyone says, far from spoiling the church, we've enhanced it! It still retains the sense of *sacred* and yet it has all the attributes of a modern, flexible space – the perfect combination for furthering the worship and witness of the congregation.

Though pride is to be avoided – coming as it usually does before a fall! – there's a deal of pleasure to be had in showing visitors around the buildings. Seeing how others appreciate what's been done helps me to appreciate it all over again.

But here's the thing; re-doing our buildings was never an end in itself. We've made that clear throughout the various stages of the project and will continue to do so. Rather, it was about providing for ourselves a means of progressing the mission of the church.

That's why I'm so delighted then that we're seeing signs of that taking place. We have people coming into our buildings for the first time – some of them to share in our worship, others of them to take advantage of one or other of our midweek ministries. In terms of worship, as has been written elsewhere, wasn't it wonderful to see the church bursting at the seams on Easter Day! And through the week? Well, the Parent and Toddler Group is going from strength to strength and, by way of one more example, earlier this week (at time of writing) we welcomed forty-five young men and women into our *Havilah* drop-in on one single day.

We're making it abundantly clear that our church is not a closed shop or a *holy huddle* but the kind of place into which everyone is welcome and where anyone can find a home.

I've never doubted for a minute that we made the right decision in going ahead with the refurbishment. It's required a huge effort – not least by Ken Miller, Project Leader, who still continues – six months on! – to oversee the final stages to ensure that all loose ends get tied up. But it's an effort that will, I'm sure, reap rich rewards in terms of the future health and well-being of the congregation and its mission.

So there's plenty to rejoice in and to look forward to. If you've been away for a while, why not try to get yourself back on board. we'd love to see you and to have you part of all that's going on.

God Bless,

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

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## Malawi News

As most of you know one of the main projects for the Malawi 09 team was to renovate a building at Namisu in order to open a clinic. As well as building work, painting and installing solar power, we also had the building plumbed so that we could have running water. To that end we left money to sink a borehole nearby. Unfortunately they have been unable to find water in the area around the clinic. We are now seeking to drill to 60m which is double the normal depth, in an attempt to find the necessary water. Although this will cost an extra £1,000 we felt that it was important to try by all means to finish the clinic properly. Please pray that this will be successful!

They are beginning to start harvesting the crops. Early signs is that this is not going to be great but please pray that there will be adequate amounts.

Becky is going to Malawi on 17th May for 3 weeks – that's if the volcano calms down! As well as visiting friends she will be checking up on the progress of our projects, starting to plan for the Malawi 2011 visit and also starting to set up from that side our Child Sponsorship Scheme.

### Fundraising:

## Murder Mystery THE SULTAN'S PYJAMAS

**Saturday 22nd May at 7.30pm  
in our own Church Halls.**

**This will feature the Abbey Theatre Group  
and will include a 3 course meal  
and welcome punch -  
all for just £12**

The last Murder Mystery was a huge success so make sure you get your ticket early to avoid disappointment.

### Cash for Coins

Not sure what to do with unwanted foreign coins from your holidays? Why not give them to us to turn into cash for Malawi. As a charity we are allowed to sell them for British currency.

### Holiday Club - Holiday Club - Holiday Club



## Friends Club

Liz Smith, President, welcomed everyone to the April meeting. After the opening business she welcomed our entertainment for the afternoon, the Blairbells from Blairgowrie, who played a selection of well known tunes on hand bells. Sheila Davidson gave the vote of thanks after which tea and hot cross buns were served.

## 7th Arbroath B.B.

We are coming to the end of our session and would like to invite you along to our Annual Awards Night on Thursday 20th of May at 7pm. This is a great night which the boys look forward to when all their hard work over the year is recognised. We will have two Queen's Badge Awards to give out. This is the highest award that can be achieved in the Boy's Brigade. Following on from this night will be our trip to Craigtoun Park on Saturday 22nd of May.

Also, on Sunday 6th of June at the morning service, Craig Paton and Jordan Tasker will receive their Queen's Badge in the Church. This is a great day in the life of the Company as we round off our 49th Session and look forward to the next year's 50th Anniversary Year.

Wilma H. Ewart O.I.C. Junior Section



## GUILD NEWS

Well we have come to the end of our session though there are a couple of events during the next few months to look forward to. We will have enjoyed the Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 25th April at Dun Church by the time you read this Quest and our visit from National Convenor, Betty Dunn, on 11th May will only be a few days away. Any other news relating to this will be in the Sunday bulletin.

Our AGM was held on the 5th

when Martin officiated with the election of the new committee. He also had the task of judging the Easter egg competition which was won by Joyce McPherson and Joyce Lownie. The evening was rounded off with a small drama and then a beetle drive except the 'beetle' was changed to a 'chicken' to continue the Easter theme. The 'chicken run' was won by Margaret Kemp. Usually the AGM would be our last evening. However as we are having our bus drive in September this year, an 'end of year bash' was quickly organised. So on the 19th we enjoyed a 2 course meal, a

few games and a humorous sketch by Shona and me. It turned out a really good night and something I think we should repeat.

Finally our coffee morning on the 17th was a great success and our total has now risen to around £570. Thanks to the committee for their hard work setting up, to Janis making the coffee and to all guild members for selling tickets and manning tables. Our session 2010 will, I'm sure, have something for everyone, so watch for details and we would love to have new members join us.

Doris Bowie

## Michele Guinness Event

We'd been looking forward to our weekend with Michele for quite some time – and we weren't disappointed!

Michele is witty, vivacious, fun to be with and, as well as that, an excellent communicator. In the telling of stories and by sharing some of her life experiences, she is able to communicate so much about God's love for us. She herself was born into strong Jewish traditions but, through a process of searching for *something more* was led to John's Gospel and, there, to Jesus.

Michele is married to Peter, a Church of England minister and together they live in Gillingham in Kent, where Peter ministers. Michele continues to travel extensively

undertaking speaking engagements and sharing her work. Even so, they have one eye towards their retirement and have bought a property in France where they intend to settle. The story of how that house was obtained is in Michele's *Autumn Leaves* book and that was what she shared at the Saturday night Women's Supper Evening. Just short of a hundred women packed into the hall to enjoy a lovely two-course meal, served by a team of our men, before moving through to the sanctuary to listen to Michele.

Again, on Sunday morning during worship, Michele spoke to us, this time basing her message on the book of Nehemiah. She spoke of the sense of joy and celebration that is so evident in the *parties* described in Scripture but which is so often missing in our churches today!

It's time that Christians become known as *party people*!

## Resurrection Day

A large number of folks from St. Andrew's travelled to Dundee on the evening of Easter Sunday to take part in the *Resurrection Day* event in the Caird Hall. Organised by *Dundee For Christ (D4C)*, the event was a real winner this year with the auditorium being very well filled and with the programme being ideal for the occasion. The praise was lively and loud and Tommy McNeil, Church of Scotland minister from Stornoway, offered an inspiring message challenging all who were there to reflect on what it means that Jesus is alive. In particular, our younger people – who had found last year's event a bit of a yawn (but who nevertheless had come back in large numbers!) – were impressed by a young man, Josh Green, who, using a rap style, talked and sang about his own experiences of being brought to life in Christ. But, all in all, young and old alike found something to enjoy and be enlivened by. Well done, therefore, to the organisers. See you there next year!

## Church Family Trip

They say that *change is as good as a rest*! Well, on that basis, we've decided to make a change to our church family trip. Following many years of going to Crombie Park – including some rather wet ones of late! – we're going this year to the Wellbank Village Hall and Park. They have excellent facilities there; a large grass area, ideal for races and games, with a children's play area as well. The hall is well-appointed and features one large hall and several smaller areas together with kitchen, toilets etc. If the weather is fine, we'll be outside but if it is wet, we've got a great indoor option right there.

As usual, the trip will take place on the day of our Sunday Club prize-giving; this year the 27<sup>th</sup> June. Though children will have lots of fun and games to entertain them, the trip is for the whole church family and everyone is welcome, whether you have a brood of children or not! Why not put it in your diary now and make it a date.

## Pentecost event

Alongside Christmas and Easter, Pentecost stands out as being at the top of the list in terms of key Christian festivals. And yet, rarely, does it get anything like the attention of its better known cousins!

This year, we're doing something about that by holding a special Pentecost praise evening. Falling on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the service will begin at 7.30pm and will be wholly contemporary in style, with the band at the helm. Doors will be open at 6.30pm from which point people coming to the service can gather for something to eat and to share fellowship one with another ahead of the worship time.

Like everything we do, this service will be open to all but will suit those who tend towards the contemporary style. Our hope is that Christians from churches around the area will come and share with us for this occasion thereby making it a modern-day Pentecost which, just like the first one, will be about barriers coming down and people being drawn together in the Spirit of Christ.



## Holiday Club

As always, our annual Holiday Club for children proved to be a great success. Numbers were down on what we usually expect but those who came – just over sixty children – had a whale of a time! We welcomed some children from churches other than our own but over half of the children had no church connections at all.

The emphasis at these clubs is very much on children enjoying themselves to the full but we never miss the opportunity to share some of the great biblical stories and, therefore, some of the great truths of the faith. Of course, it's done on a level suitable for children and especially for those with no previous knowledge; even so, it's exciting to see the children warming to the themes and, as children always do, taking it all in for reflection and consumption.

A great big *thank you* to everyone who made this club possible. Whether you:

- Provided soup for the team lunches
- Gave a packet of chocolate biscuits for the children's elevenses
- Donated craft materials
- Prayed for the success of the club
- Were on the team itself .... without you, there would have been no club.

The finale to the week was on the Sunday morning when, during an all-age service, we were able to share with the wider congregation some of the fun and games of the week along with some of the themes that had been covered. It was wonderful at that time to welcome some of the children and their families who, otherwise, would have been doing something quite different with their Sunday morning.

So, here's to next year when we'll do it all over again!

**See previous page, and back page for some more fun photos!**



## LOOKING AHEAD

### MAY

#### Sunday 2

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

#### Sunday 9

11 am - Worship Service

#### Sunday 16

11 am - Service of Holy Communion

#### Sunday 23

11 am - Worship Service  
8pm - Pentecost Celebration

#### Sunday 30

11 am - Worship Service  
4 pm - **Messy Church**

### JUNE

#### Sunday 6

11 am - Worship Service including presentation of Boys Brigade senior awards  
8 pm - OFF the W.O.L.

#### Sunday 13

11 am - Worship Service

#### Sunday 20

11 am - Worship Service  
Main service followed by short Communion

#### Sunday 27

11 am - Worship Service Including Sunday Club Prize-giving

There will be No Messy Church in June; we will be enjoying the Church Family Picnic instead!

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

- ◆ A 40 minute service every Wednesday morning at 10.30am.
- ◆ Messy Church, from 4-6pm, generally on the last Sunday of every month. Two hours for all the family with games, craft and worship and an all-together meal. (But not in June - see above.)
- ◆ OFF the W.O.L. contemporary worship on the first Sunday of each month, 8 - 9pm





## Clerk's Corner

Come and be part of our

### Fantastic Family Fun Day

# Summer Fair

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Community Centre

from 10am until 4 pm.

The organising committee are working hard at making this day a fund raiser, a family day for the members of St Andrew's Church and a community event. We need your help to make this happen and listed below are the stalls, who the contact people are, and some detail of how you can help.

**Teas and Coffees** - We will be calling on the considerable number of people who already get involved in this area and if you would like to be added to this list please contact **Mary Nicol or Lena Whyte**.

**Lunchtime Soup** - Soup and crusty bread will be available over the lunchtime period. Can you help with making soup? If so please contact **Doris Bowie or Mary Nicol**.

**Cake and Candy** - We all know that this is a very popular stall and the baking is likely to fly off the shelf. Please help us to have enough to sell throughout the day. This stall will be organised by the **Women's Guild** and the contact person is **Doris Bowie**.

**Crafts** - We know that there are many of you who are very skilled in creative activities. Can you knit, sew, make things etc? **Gaynor Scott and Morag Shaw** are in charge of this stall and would like to hear from you so that they can ensure that there is a large range of goods available. It may be that you have wool or other materials which you can donate for others to make something.

**Mystery Parcels** - **The Friends Club** is in charge of this and would like wrapped parcels which should each have a minimum value of £1. Parcels should be identified as being for a child or a man or woman. The contacts for this are **Liz Smith and Beatrice Gerrard**.

**Plants and Flowers** - No prizes for guessing that the **Flower Club**, contact person **Margaret McIntosh**, will be in charge of this stall. They will be using their skills to create various arrangements for sale. If you wish, you could help with the cost of the flowers which will have to be purchased. Alternatively, we would like to be able to have plants, cuttings, etc for sale, so the green-fingered among you could be busy with this.

**Books/CDs DVDs** - We all hoard these items - can you have a look and see what you could find to donate for this stall which will be run by **Havilah** - contact person **Tracey McLeod**.

**Accessorise** - This is a stall with a difference. Our men folk think that we ladies have too many handbags, scarves and an excessive amount of jewellery. Can you donate some of this ladies, so that you can make room to buy some more? We are looking for items which are in good condition. **The Women's Group**, contact person **Elaine Fair**, is in charge of this stall.

**Toys** - **The Sunday Club staff**, contact person **Elaine Fair** are looking for toys, games etc which must be complete and in very good condition.

**Raffle and Tombola** - **Mary Nicol and Lena Whyte**, who are experts in this area, are looking for donations. Items for the tombola should be at least £1 in value. Could you pop an extra item in your shopping each week - it is easy to find 'two for one items' - e.g. shampoos, shower gels etc- on the supermarket shelves which could be donated to swell the very large number we will need.

**Face Art/ Hair Braiding/ Tattoos** - **Louise Smith** will be looking to create teams for these activities which the children enjoy so much. If you have any of these skills please contact her.

**Sponsored Walk** - **Wilma Ewart and Lena Whyte** will be putting on their hiking boots once more to try and achieve the magnificent sums they have managed in the past. Could you sponsor them?

**Car Wash** - At a date still to be decided prior to the day of the Fair, there will be a car washing event in Tesco's car park. Do some shopping and have your car washed. The contact person is **Martin Fair**.

We will not be having bric a brac or clothing.

However, in addition to all the above we will be having

**Wii games for the children**  
**Guess the Doll's Birthday**  
**Guess the Weight of the Cake**  
**And more .....**

In addition to all of the stalls there will be entertainment at specific times during the day and this will include a :

**Brass Band**  
**and**  
**Dancing Group**

Details of the times when these events will be taking place will be given in the publicity material which is being planned. You will see that there is something for everyone here and to make sure that the event runs smoothly we shall also be appealing for some of you to help with the setting up of the stalls on the evening before the sale and immediately after the event (names to **Jane Miller**).

**Please note, that with the exception of the tombola items, you should keep any items for sale in your own homes until we let you know when we will gather them together. Details will appear in the weekly bulletin to indicate how you can help with the stalls.**





## Holiday Club



## Easter Outreach Success

Pictured left are the team being readied to go out with our free Easter egg knitted chicks. We aimed to have several hundred knitted chicks and we had around 1,500!

Of course our team very quickly and easily emptied their baskets in the High Street! Attached to each chick was a simple card giving our church details and an Easter message of love.

As a result of this, one lady attended our Easter morning service and, of course, we let the folks in Arbroath know that the Christian Church is very much alive, active, loving and caring. Well done everybody!

