



A Fond Farewell and Haste Ye Back!



With no little emotion, we said our farewells to Ruth on Sunday 22nd August at the close of our morning service. In the week previous, Ruth had led her final Wednesday and Sunday services during which we were able to appreciate for a final time the quality and integrity of her worship leading and preaching.

Gifts received from congregation members allowed us to present Ruth with a beautifully-framed painting of the harbour – a reminder of her time in Arbroath! – and with a cheque to go with it. The standing ovation that Ruth received, spoke volumes for the highest regard in which she is held.

We wish Ruth well with her return to studies at Glasgow University and hope that it isn't too long before she is among us again – sitting in the congregation or, preferably, leading us in worship!



Malawi Foster Mum!

Mrs Grace Lownie (Mum of Ken) is pictured with a small portion of the teddies she has knitted over the last two years for children in Malawi. Her total dedication to bring joy to the less fortunate in our world at the age of nearly 90 years has to be praised. God bless.

*I count if I am ninety,
or nine, or just a baby;
there's one thing I am sure about
and I don't mean maybe:*

*I am the Church!
You are the Church!
We are the Church together!*



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**ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH
REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

July/August 2010

Baptisms - None**Weddings** - Carol & Ryan Vannet**Funerals** - None**IMPORTANT DATES****OCTOBER EDITION**

Please note that **DEADLINE** dates **must** mean exactly that. Information that needs to be Word Processed should be handed in to the **office** by the **first** date and **not** to the Editor.

Friday 17th September (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 21st September (Word-Processed file)

Email Address

Please note that in the February to June editions, Martin's email address was incorrectly given as martinfair@sky.com.

The correct address, as given in July and this edition, has a **dot between his forename and surname** -

martin.fair@sky.com**CDs of Services**

These are available for any housebound members who are unable to attend either Sunday or Wednesday services. If interested, please contact Ken Miller on 875235.

For all other members, please note that the weekly sermons go on our website and are therefore accessible for those who may miss some due to being on holidays etc.

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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Please call 431135 in the event of corrections or omissions, and an updated sheet will be produced.

Martin



Fair

September 2010

Dear Friends,

For me, this is the most exciting time of the year in terms of the life of the congregation! We've had a summer break and, now, we're gearing up again for everything to come during 2010-2011.

As we said during Ruth's farewell service, we've had a few endings – not least her departure and the completion of Audrey and Elaine's terms as children and families workers. But, as always at St. Andrew's, our emphasis is going to be on what's to come rather than what was. And let me assure you – there's plenty to come!

- For the first time, we're going to make use of the world-renowned *Alpha* course as a means of reaching out and sharing our faith
 - At the beginning of 2011, we're hosting what should be a highly-significant conference for men, with much sought-after speaker, Ian Coffey
 - We're going to conduct a thorough-going listening and review exercise asking ourselves important questions about our priorities for the coming years – with an emphasis within that on younger people
 - We're going to strengthen our *Havilah* ministry, making use of the resources that we've been able to attract from the national church and from the local authority
 - Our work in Malawi will continue, enhanced by the fantastic response that we've had to the child-sponsorship scheme, and with all eyes on the month-long trip to be undertaken by our youth team in the summer of 2011
 - We're going to look for ways to develop the relationship that we've inaugurated with St. Columba's Church in Foxbar, Paisley
 - We'll be celebrating fifty years of the 7th Arbroath Boys Brigade Company!
- And so on and so on and so on...!!

There's no doubting that St. Andrew's is going to be the place to be! Over these recent years we've seen so much evidence of God being at work in and through us. Let's ready ourselves, then, for much more of that as we put our best foot forward and seek to follow where He is leading.

God Bless,

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

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From Ruth

Outside the trees are swaying, Loch Goil is glistening, and the mountains are offering the perfect backdrop to my week's holiday in the sun – so far, so good! I'm actually sitting in a static caravan in Drimsynie with my family, not far from one of the most beautiful sites in the west of Scotland – The 'Rest and Be Thankful'; and as I catch my breath, rest and reflect upon my time in Arbroath, that's exactly what I am.

Thankful for a warm people, who offered me a 'safe haven' where I could learn and grow. Thankful for a lively bunch, where there was always lots of laughter. Thankful for a gifted group, who were willing to be involved and allowed me to be creative. Thankful for supportive folk, who were always ready to love, and thankful for a wonderful supervisor and ministry team, who showed me that with God, it was O.K. to leave the harbour!

Of course, the people, the bunch, the group, the folk that I am talking about is YOU, the congregation of Arbroath: St Andrew's and its minister, Martin Fair, whom it has been my privilege, pleasure and honour to live among, work beside and be inspired by for the past two years. Truly, it has been an amazing time, with many a memorable encounter, conversation, not to mention the meals and cuppies along the way! And so, simply I just wanted to say 'thank you', trusting that you know the sincerity with which it is said and the genuine affection that I have for you all. It's been two of the best years of my life to date, full of memories that I will treasure, moments that have challenged and inspired me; because of people who know what it means to follow Jesus and be church.

So, keep on welcoming. Keep on worshipping. Keep on witnessing, friends, and may God be with you all until we meet again...which I hope will be soon!

Love and blessings, Ruth

Mission to Foxbar

What a week we had working with the church of St Columba in Foxbar, Paisley. We were up before 7am and never in bed before midnight. It was a busy week comprising of a Holiday Club in the morning, Kids activities in the afternoon and street work and games in the evenings. Although tiring we were all encouraged by the response from children and families.

The young people did a brilliant job of getting alongside the children building really good relationships - many were in tears when our young people left! They worked really hard that week and they were rewarded by the numbers who turned out for the BBQ on the Saturday night. Mike and Lesley Rennie came down to join us on the Saturday evening and while Mike spoke to the adults and teenagers inside, some of our young people kept the children entertained outside. What followed were a lot of meaningful conversations showing the openness of people in Foxbar to the Christian Message. How encouraging again on the Sunday to see so many of those children turn up to church on Sunday to see our young people off. Good contacts were made and we pray that the church will be able to build on these in the days ahead.

A big thank you to Doris who took a week off work to come and cook for the team. As usual the food was amazing! Well done to all the young people who were part of the team - they did our church proud!

Some comments from team members:

Hard work but great to see the youth group in action and making friends with the children of Foxbar - lets hope it is the beginning of something good for them.

Enjoyed games in the Park with the children and spending time in Holiday club with Jack, Luke and Kyle, who were really keen to hear all the stories and do activities.

Foxbar was a whirlwind week of non-stop activity - games, messy challenges, street questionnaires and teaching - friendships were built that we hope and pray will

draw that community closer to God.

The highlights for me were seeing all the kids at Church on Sunday morning and the BBQ on Saturday night - it was really good to see all the kids and parents, the relationships we had built up and the way that they looked up to us which was quite cute!

The people in Foxbar were awesome and the mission was a great experience.

I really enjoyed our time in Foxbar from seeing the smiley faces of the kids each morning to meeting the ladies who invited us out for tea and let us use their showers!

We all enjoyed our time in Foxbar which was a worthwhile experience.

I enjoyed my experience at Foxbar - it was good to see what people thought of the church afterwards.

Foxbar was challenging but rewarding and it was good to see how much of a difference we made in only one week.

Foxbar was a great week where we made new friends and got to work together as a team to help others.

It was amazing on Friday night to see all the relationships that the team had made with the children and congregation but my favourite bit was seeing how many children turned up on the Sunday morning service, some on their own and some with parents - from none on the first Sunday to several rows filled. Amazing!



Havilah

The good news of Havilah is that from its humble beginnings 4 years ago it has grown into a highly significant project - one that is making the secular agencies stand up, take notice and want to work in partnership with us. We now consistently have over 200 folks visiting us every month, a figure which rose to 308 for the month of June 2010. These folks are coming of their own free will. Why? Simply because they sense that there is a difference within St Andrew's and that that difference is the love and acceptance that Jesus shows to us all. Of course many of these folks feel they are totally unlovable and without acceptance anywhere *except* within the walls of St Andrew's church.

There is also great interest from our Christian brothers and sisters from around the country who have seen the good work of St Andrew's and have visited our project to experience what is going on here. (Most recently, a party from the United Free Church in Aberdeen came down to see for themselves.) These brothers and sisters are looking to gain a better understanding of our work before they dip their own toes into this front-line ministry.

So far our Havilah ministry has been richly blessed by God and He is continuing to pour out His amazing love on us all. The Havilah branch of the heavenly vine is now bearing fruit, which has resulted in us now finding the guys and girls searching for the power of God's love in their own lives. This is evidenced in the fact that many of them are now looking more

closely into Christianity and wanting to explore what it is to be part of a Christian community.

We know these guys and girls have no awareness of church etiquette and can appear to be less aware of the worship needs of others within the congregation. We continue to work with them in this department, supporting them as they begin to make what is, for them, a great leap into the cultural norms of Church life. However, if they aren't to be accepted as part of the family of God, where can they go to find the hope they need to enable them to break free from the chains of addiction? Of course, this presents challenges for all of us but we need to do our utmost to make it possible. Surely Jesus would expect nothing less of us than that? After all, it's His Church!

Let's go forward together.

Malawi Update

Child Sponsorship:

Thanks to all those who have signed up to sponsor one of the children at the St Andrew's Day Care Centre in Thyol, Malawi – Almost 70 of you have done this! You will be getting your first update shortly. It is not too late if you would still like to be involved in this scheme – please contact Sheila directly or through the Church Office.

St Andrews Daycare Centre and Residence at Thyolo:

We are very excited to let you know that there are now 120 children attending the Daycare Centre each day and receiving food and basic education and 18 of these are now living in our residence. Please pray for all these children, Christina our administrator, and the new houseparents who

have recently moved in to care for the children. Watch out for regular updates on this work.

Fundraising:

September - Sponsored Event

October - Ready Steady Cook Event

November - Car Wash

Stall at High School PTA Christmas Fair

December - Coffee Morning

Children's Murder Mystery Event

(Watch the bulletin for further details on the above events.)

Ongoing:

Skills Catalogue – Gardening, Babysitting etc. Ask a member of the Malawi Team for details.

Collection of foreign coins: Please give us your loose change from your holidays and let us exchange it for cash.

GUILD NEWS

By the time you read this article about 9 Guild members will have met with other Guild folk at the Annual Meeting in the Caird Hall on 28th August. It is always a great day and I hope to meet up with some of the Foxbar Guild who I met when at summer mission with the Youth Group. St Columba's have a good Guild with around 40 members so it will be good to keep contact with them too.

Our Guild has a busy and exciting session ahead and we wish to invite any men or women of the congregation to come along and join with us in fellowship. We meet every fortnight starting on the 20th September at 7.30pm.

However before the opening night we have our Mystery bus tour on the 11th September, leaving at 10am from the church. This is £20 and includes high tea. Please phone Doris 872690 if you wish to go. This trip is open to anyone in the congregation.

We also have been invited to events on the 14th, 15th and 17th September. The 14th is at Carmyllie and entertainment is by Carnoustie Traditionals 7.30pm, the 15th is Guild Dedication and Communion Service at Inverkeilor church also 7.30pm and Joyce Lownie is happy to represent us at the Special Friends 50th year party on the 17th. We are allowed 2 people so if anyone would like to go please call me.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Guild.

Doris

Superhero

Our young people will remember well the *Superhero* gig that marked the opening of our newly-refurbished building in November of last year. The church rocked like never before as the critically-acclaimed Christian rock outfit turned up the volume and blasted out their special mix of guitar riffs, pounding drums and bass and provocative, challenging lyrics.

The **brilliant news** is that the band is coming back – this time accompanied by an international evangelist from the South American *Lui Palau* organisation. We've pencilled in **Friday 27th November** for this big night. Put it in your diary now and watch for further details as the event gets nearer.



about forward planning and imagining; on the other hand, it involves problem solving and co-ordinating the wide-ranging activities of the congregation.

In total, the Leadership Group comprises ten individuals – Minister and Session Clerk along with eight others elected and nominated from the Kirk Session and wider congregation.

Please pray for the Group as it continues striving to seek God's leading in the business of plotting a course to take the congregation forward.

Leadership Group

We are delighted to announce that elders, **Ian Cameron** and **Joan Hainsworth**, together with congregation member, **Alan Marr**, have been brought onto the Leadership Group to serve three-year terms of office. As announced earlier, this follows the retiral from the group of Wilma Ewart, Ian Drever and Elaine Anderson.

The Leadership Group operates under the authority of the Kirk Session and is charged with providing direction and defining priorities for the congregation. In part this is

FINANCIAL REPORT

33 WEEKS ENDING 22 AUGUST

GENERAL ACCOUNT - INCOME FOR NORMAL PURPOSES

	Actual 2009	Actual 2010	Budget 2010
Open Plate	6652	9242	6950
WFO Scheme (by Envs./Bank SO.)	18913	18308	19765
Gift Aid (by WFO/Bank S.O.)	46831	46805	48940
Income Tax Recovered	<u>13219</u>	<u>13178</u> (15%)	<u>13815</u>
	85615	87533	89470

I would like to thank the Congregation for their financial support for all our ongoing projects, but especially for our General Account offerings, which allows us to meet all our Expenditure and is mostly paid monthly.

You will note from above that our General Account Income for normal purposes, after the summer period, is up £2000 when compared to 2009, but still £2000 short on our 2010 Budget which we set at a 4.5% increase over 2009 (when we were out of the church premises).

The Gift Aid Offerings by WFO Envelopes and Bank orders are almost identical to 2009, with the Open Plate offerings showing an increase of £2590, i.e. approximately £80 per week average since January to date. I would therefore appeal to our members who regularly use the open plate for their offerings to consider WFO Scheme Envelopes - our WFO Scheme Secretary has plenty unused envelopes to offer you, so you can start anytime.

The next step is for all **TAX PAYING MEMBERS**. I am sure we have quite a number yet to sign up for Gift Aid, and completing a simple Gift Aid Declaration is all that is required, confirming you have, or will pay, sufficient income tax in any tax year to cover the tax we are able to recover on your offerings. **By doing this you can increase your givings by 28%, at no extra cost to yourself !**

You will note that **income tax recovered** on Gift Aid offerings this year is **£13178** which represents **15% of our total income** of £87533. From 5 April 2011, the beginning of the next tax year (2011/12), the 28% rate on Gift Aid Donations is to be reduced to 25%, so at this time next year the £13178 (28%) will be reduced to £11766 (25%), a huge deficit of £1412 in a 33 week period, or £2225 for a full year. This will have to be addressed by our Finance Group when setting our Budget for 2011.

St. Andrew's Church recently received a most generous legacy of £20,000 - more than all the previous legacies added together in my time as Treasurer - and we are extremely grateful. Under the terms of the bequest, the legacy is for general purposes, at the discretion of the Finance Group, and will be suitably used for the benefit of our St Andrew's Church in the coming months.

A. Derek Scott, Church Treasurer.

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 5
11 am - Worship Service
with special guest, Gram Seed
8 pm - OFF the W.O.L.

Sunday 12
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 19
11 am - Worship Service
Main service followed by
short Communion
7 pm - Service of Welcome
and introduction for new
members

Sunday 26
11 am - Worship Service
4-6 pm - **Messy Church**

OCTOBER

Sunday 3
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 10
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 17
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 24
11 am - Worship Service
With Harvest Thanksgiving
Celebration

Sunday 31
11 am - Service of
Holy Communion
4-6 pm - **Messy Church**

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**
- ◆ **OFF the W.O.L. contemporary worship on the first Sunday of each month, 8 - 9pm**

Summer Fair

Some of you may not have heard that our Summer Fair, held at the Community Centre on 12th June, proved to be a great success, building as it did on many years of brilliant back-door sales at Mary's. When we added in the money raised by Wilma and Lena from their walk, the grand total was in the region of £5,500. Wow!!

There has been no decision taken as to whether or not this sale will prove to be an annual event but we certainly are going to run it again in June of next year. Until all of our commitments have been honoured concerning the Building Refurbishment Programme, we'll continue to work hard to ensure that all possible income sources are tapped.

So, for now, a further *thank you* to all those who made the Summer Fair such a success!

New members

The minister has started meeting with two groups of people with the purpose of exploring what it means to become members of the Church. For the first group, this is a matter of moving to St. Andrew's Church from elsewhere. These people have already made a Christian commitment and are part of *the* Church. The minister is working with them to ensure that they are clear in their intentions to become part of *this* Church.

The second group is the bigger one and comprises people who would be joining by way of making a public profession of Christian faith for the first time.

Given that we welcomed twenty-four new members in January and that there are sixteen potential new members in the present groups, we've got much to give thanks for at this time! The special Welcome Service will be on Sunday 19th September at 7.00pm.



Alpha

As we made clear in the last edition of QUEST, this year we're going to make use of the *Alpha Course* for the first time. *Alpha* is used across the whole of the globe and churches large and small have found it to be a great tool for sharing Christian faith.

Though members of the congregation can try it out for themselves, it's principally intended for those with no Christian background and for those who are seeking. By the time you read this, we'll have hosted an *Alpha Vision Evening* at which the Scottish organisers will have shared with us the principles behind the material and the best ways to put it into practice.

It's not too early to start thinking about people that you might want to invite to attend the course! Watch this space for dates and times and full details as our plans become concrete.

Down Memory Lane ...

These two monochrome pictures are from the Sunday School Picnic of 1968, and were supplied by Morag Shaw. Can anyone supply the location and some names?



Clerk's Corner - Sabbatical Leave

As of next summer, Martin and Elaine will have been with us for almost twenty years and, throughout that time, working extremely hard.

It has therefore been decided that Martin is to be given a sabbatical period – a complete time-out from the congregation that he might find proper time and space for the re-charging of batteries and, with no day-to-day duties to be concerned with, for true resting in a spiritual sense. *Exactly what Sabbath is intended for.* You cannot keep giving out indefinitely without stopping to take in.

This period will last for something in the region of four months and will provide a wonderful opportunity for us to

flex our muscles – that is, to get on with things without a full-time minister in place. Given that the vacancy between Ian McLeod's retiral and Martin's induction was so remarkably short, it has been virtually fifty years since St. Andrew's operated without a *dog collar* at the helm. Some churches, experiencing long vacancies, have been four years without a minister, never mind four months!

Planning is already beginning to ensure that this sabbatical is properly prepared for – for both the manse family and for the congregation. Through the pages of QUEST, the congregation will be kept fully informed of arrangements that will be put in place in the months leading up to this period.



Fraser Fair received the Crichton Cup for perfect attendance



Budding athletes - Matthew Scot-Emuakpor, William Proctor, Max McCagh, Nathan Hamilton, Chloe Beal, Niamh Hammond



Looking Back To June

For the first time in years, we opted for a new venue for the summer trip – and so found ourselves at the village hall and park in Wellbank. And by overwhelming agreement, it was absolutely ideal for our purposes! There was plenty of room for all of the traditional races and for games of football, rounders and all manner of other activities. Yet, if the weather had been unkind, we would have been able to retreat to the excellent hall.

So, it was a great day, for young and old alike – the ideal end to another session at St. Andrew's.

Some of the other prizewinners - Jack Proctor, Cara Spink, Sarah Bailey, William Proctor, Alana Ramsay, Josh Crompton

Looking Forward To Messy Church!

On the last Sunday of September, we'll be getting going again with Messy Church – from 4 – 6pm in the afternoon. Messy Church has become a real favourite for many. Ideal for families with younger children, it combines games and craft with a short time of age-related worship, all followed by a two-course meal around nicely-set tables. There is no charge for Messy Church but donations are accepted to cover the cost of the meal.

Though lots of families from within the congregation come to Messy Church, it really is ideal for folks who are not used to more traditional church services. Maybe you know a family from beyond the confines of our present membership – why not invite them to Messy Church?



Aimee and Jordan Brownlie



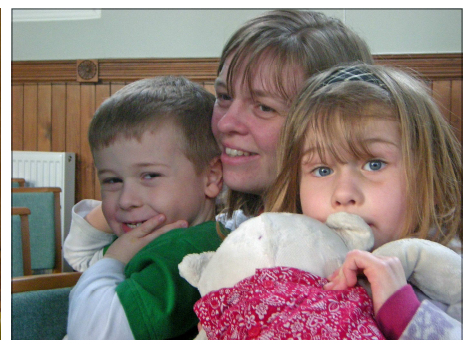
Joyce Reid and her granddaughter Ashleigh



Eilidh and Niamh Hammond and Josh Crompton



Alana Ramsay and Kally Smith



Fiona Cordiner with David, Hannah and Pinky Bear