



Boys Brigade 50th Anniversary

A right "Royal" weekend of celebrations was held at St. Andrew's Church to mark the Golden Jubilee of the 7th Arbroath BB.

On Friday 30th April an evening reception for invited guests and past officers and boys was held within the Church. Mrs Wilma Ewart, O.I.C. Junior Section, welcomed everyone and invited Mr Andrew Welsh to propose a toast to the Company. A special celebration cake was commissioned from Keptie Bakery and was cut by Captain Earl Matthew M.B.E. and Mrs Ewart, watched by the assembled company. They then moved into the Sanctuary for a worship service led by the Company Chaplain and Minister of St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. Martin Fair. After worship, Mrs Ewart gave a presentation of the 50 year history of the Company before everyone retired to the hall for a Buffet Supper provided by members of the congregation and served by the Fellowship Core Group.

On Saturday 30th April the Annual Inspection and Presentation of Awards took place - again in the wonderful surroundings of the Church Sanctuary. A large turnout of family and friends enjoyed a great night of Company drill and a musical item by Cameron Spink who had won piano classes at the recent Arbroath Musical Festival. The whole Company were dressed in 50th Anniversary T-shirts and sang some Disney Songs. During the evening the Company was inspected by former Captain Mr Alex Spink and the following awards were presented by his wife Mrs Mary Spink -

Anchor Section: Best Boy, Tom Christieson
 Junior Section: 2nd Year Best Boy, Josh Gall; 3rd Year Best Boy, Callum McIntosh; Marshall Trophy, Kein Speed.
 Company Section: Recruit Shield, Calum Ferguson; Perfect Attendance, Rhys Cuthbert; Ewan Findlay Memorial Cup, Dale Taylor.

Mr John Neil O.B.E., Brigade Hon. Vice President, who had travelled all the way from Hamilton, presented a very special Commendation Award to Kein Speed for his commitment to the B.B. while overcoming personal health problems. Kein is a determined young man and proud to be a member of the Brigade by participating as much as possible in the weekly activities.

Two retirement presentations were made by Rev Martin Fair. Mrs Karen Gammie retired after 20 years service and was presented with the Brigade's Silver Long Service Certificate and Brooch. Rev Fair thanked her for her loyal ser-



Earl Matthew MBE addresses the boys watched by Helen Matthew, Elaine Fair, John Neil, Wilma Ewart, Michael Clark and other officers and friends.

vice and dedication to the company over the past 20 years. A crystal flower vase was presented from the Company on behalf of the officers and boys by Mrs Ewart. The other retirement presentation was given to Captain Earl Matthew M.B.E. who started the company 50 years ago. Throughout these years Mr Matthew, who was O.I.C. of the then Life-boys, has seen a great number of boys in the community of Arbroath come up through the ranks of the Brigade and 24 of them have gained the highest award of the Queen's Badge. He was thanked most sincerely by Rev. Fair for his life's work to the Church and Boys Brigade and was presented with a Long Service Certificate. The Company gave him a garden ornament of a wrought iron B.B. Anchor. The meeting closed with the Benediction and then the boys and parents enjoyed some tea and birthday cake.

The Sunday morning service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of 50 years took place in Church on 1st May and we were honoured by the presence of Dundee and Angus Battalion Hon. Vice President, Angus Provost Ruth Leslie Melville M.B.E. along with Dundee and Angus Battalion President Col. Jake Hensman O.B.E. DL. This service concluded the weekend of celebrations.

The Officers of the Company, Mrs Sharon Jamieson and Mrs Mandy Tasker (Anchor Section), Mrs Wilma Ewart and Mrs Karen Gammie (Junior Section) and Messrs. Michael Clark, Keith Ewart and Andrew Moore (Company Section) would like to thank all who played a part in making the special weekend such a great success.

Wilma Ewart

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Parish Records****May 2011****Baptisms** - Nathan Merryweather, son of Ian and Lindsay**Blessings** - Kiala Roy Green, son of Alisha and Jamie; Cameron Sangster, son of Kalah**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - Rachel Lyall, Alan James**Pastoral Care
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Please note that there will be no changes to the current system in operation. If you are aware of someone in need, please contact the office on 431135 and the information will be passed on to Kim Marr, Pastoral Care Coordinator.

IMPORTANT DATES**JULY 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 June (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 21st June (Word-Processed file)

Summer Services

As previously noted, morning services during the summer school holiday season will commence at the earlier time of 10am. This arrangement will run from Sunday 3rd July to Sunday 14th August 2011 inclusive, with the exception of July 31st at 10.30am.

Summer Fair

**Saturday 11th June from
10am – 4pm in the Community Centre.**

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

4.30 to 6.00 pm – Youth Group

8.00 pm – Senior Youth Group

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 – Friends 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)

6.30 pm – Frenz Fun Club for P6 to S1 (870655)

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.

David Searle

June 2011

Dear Friends,

There have been sightings of a celebrity we simply never expected to see in Arbroath. In New York, Washington DC or Princeton University - yes! But this small Scottish east coast town - no!

Someone saw him in Morrisons. He has twice been caught hanging around St Andrew's Church. There have even been reports that one of our members was seen playing golf with him, braving the icy blast straight off the North Sea. I myself could have sworn I saw him driving up the Montrose Road. Rumours have gone around that he has been at various church services in the town on a Sunday morning. But no one has apparently seen him sitting in our congregation.

Yes, you have already guessed that the celebrity is a certain minister on sabbatical leave. Glasgow University Library has been one place he frequented for several days as he has engaged in some fairly concentrated reading on his chosen topic for these summer months of study. St Andrew's University Library is another likely location where sightings might be made.

We continue to remember Martin in our thoughts and prayers that constantly he will be experiencing renewal in body, mind and spirit. Meanwhile, here in our St Andrew's Church family we are all challenged to continue our witness for Christ without slacking, caring for one another, welcoming the strangers who find their way through our doors and our outreach to the thousands of needy people in our parish.

Already I owe a debt of gratitude to many of our members who have come to my help in various ways. I will continue to need your support over these next weeks and months. I will need your patience too, as I am bound to slip up here and there, being a little rusty and out of practice.

I am deeply conscious of the privilege of being your minister for all of four months. My prayer for this period during which I am locum is that the work will not flag and that God's good Spirit will continue to be at work among us all, to his glory and the growth of Christ's kingdom.

With best wishes from Lorna and myself,

David Searle

Jean Glen

In February we lost one of our most faithful and loving members – Jean Glen. By all who knew her, she was a 'lady' - in the very best sense of that word. She radiated a quiet contentment with life and had indicated that she felt richly blessed by God. Now she has richly blessed us at St Andrew's by making us one of the beneficiaries of her estate.

We will receive the first instalment of the legacy shortly and this will be the staggering sum of £150,000. Jean's executors have indicated that the second instalment is also likely to be a large sum. Now we will be charged with the responsibility of ensuring that we use this gift in the best way possible to enhance the mission and witness of St Andrew's Church.

Church Family Trip and BBQ

Following our morning service and Sunday Club prizegiving, we all have a chance to have a lovely afternoon at the church family outing to -

Wellbank Village Hall and Park Sunday 26th June 2011

Bus leaves church at 1.30pm and will arrive back at 5.30pm.

Tickets are on sale from 12 June at

the church office and after the service on Sunday 12th and 19th June.

Family ticket - £8 (maximum of 2 adults and 3 children)
Adult - £2.50
Child - £1.50

Last year was the first time at Wellbank and those of you who were there will have enjoyed the superb facilities on offer. The weather was perfect and so we were all able to enjoy the extensive area of the park.

The facilities of the hall are such, that even should we have poorer weather, there will still be the opportunity for all the usual activities.

Clerk's Corner

Focus on Youth

This is the current name for a project in which we will be considering the needs of younger people in our congregation extending from the very young up to the age of 40.

At St Andrew's we are blessed with the number of younger people we have attending church and our associated organisations. However, the Leadership Group have been discussing the fact that we are still part of the latent crisis for membership of the church – i.e. 'one generation from extinction'. Nationally there is a dramatic fall in the number of baptisms, the numbers attending Sunday Schools and the numbers of young people and young parents engaged in church activities. In St Andrew's we are experiencing some of these declines and so, among others, the following areas have been considered:

- ◇ Consider all that we do – how does this play out for younger people?
- ◇ Consider the reasons for losing people.
- ◇ Listen with open ears to the views of younger people and begin the training of those of our younger members who already show considerable commitment to their faith.
- ◇ Consider different ways, times and forms of worship and look at additional ways of supporting young families.
- ◇ Give priority to planning for the under 40 age group in St Andrew's.
- ◇ Begin with engagement in an in-depth listening period and consider employing the expertise of a professional consultant.

In discussing all this, it became clear that the best way forward was to seek a professional consultant with a particular interest and experience in this subject. We are therefore delighted that Neil Pratt has agreed to be our consultant and he has been able provide us with the following detail of his professional background.

"I've been involved in Christian youth work for about 25 years, starting off as a volunteer in my church in Aberdeen. Later, I moved to Glasgow to study Theology at Glasgow Bible College, and followed this with a Masters Degree in Youth and Community Work at Brunel University in London. Alongside this, I worked for a church in Glasgow as their youth worker. For twelve years, I worked at the International Christian College in Glasgow as the Director of Youth Work Studies. While at ICC, I helped the local Church of Scotland develop a thriving ministry amongst young people in the parish, and two years ago took the decision to move on from ICC and focus on developing this youth work as an independent charity. Currently, I split my time between this work and providing a consultancy service to other churches and organisations which are looking to review and develop their ministry activity.

My role with St Andrew's is essentially to come and offer an external point of view on the varied ministry that the church already has. I'm looking forward to spending time with folks from many of the groups that are active in and around the church, chatting with them, listening to their experiences, and their hopes and concerns for the future. What particularly excites me about coming to St Andrew's is that you are undertaking this review at a point when as a congregation they are thriving and growing, rather than waiting until things start to go wrong. This in itself is an encouraging indication of a healthy church; one that can be encouraged by today's success to have the confidence to face the challenges of the future".

Neil has already provided us with a research outline and we have identified the various groups in the targeted age range whose views will be sought. This will be through individual and group interviews and every organisation with young people will be part of this. In addition there will be a questionnaire issued to the whole congregation where we will be hoping for an excellent response to this very important piece of work which will have impact on our future. After all this has been completed, Neil will provide an analysis of the responses which will enable us to look to the future. While the initial interview with Sheila Dunphy, our Youth Work Co-ordinator has already taken place, the bulk of the work will be undertaken in early September. Let us all be open to being bold and creative.

GUILD NEWS

We enjoyed a lovely meal at Angus College on 4th May to conclude our session for 2010/2011.

Our new monthly summer meeting will start on Monday 20th June with a small walk. Those who don't feel up to doing the walk will meet either in Church hall or 9 South Street (details to be finalised) for a time of fellowship together. Once the walkers arrive coffee will be served and the results of the quiz revealed.

Further details nearer the time in Sunday bulletin.

Also those members helping with serving teas, kitchen or baking stall on 11th June contact me or Shona for your shift.

Finally any member wishing to go to the Annual Meeting at Caird Hall on 27th August please see me as there is always a high demand for tickets.

Doris Bowie

Services in July

July will provide us with the opportunity to be led by three ministers.

On the 3rd and 10th David Searle will continue with the excellent leadership he has shown. On July 14 we will say 'welcome back' to Ruth Bell who will also conduct the short communion service. On 24th July we will be introduced to the Rev Dan McCoig with whom Martin is exchanging. On that Sunday he will also take part in the evening service. All the morning services will be at 10am. On the 31st July we are to have a joint service with the Old and Abbey Church which will be held within Arbroath Abbey and will be conducted jointly by Valerie Allen and Dan McCoig and the praise will be led by Arbroath Instrumental Band. Please note that this service will begin at 10.30 am. In the event of unsuitable weather, the service will be held in St Andrew's Church.

Fair Is Here !

The time is rapidly approaching for our second Summer Fair which will be held on Saturday 11th June from 10am – 4pm in the Community Centre.

The cost of admission to the Fair will be £1 which will also allow you to have tea/ coffee and a biscuit. In addition you will be able to have soup and crusty bread at lunch time 12-2pm - for £1.50.

Please look at the details of all the stalls etc. which follow and contact the named person if you feel that you can help.

Books, CDs and DVDs – Tracey McLeod.

Mystery Parcels – Liz Smith.

Plants and flowers – Margaret McIntosh.

Cake and Candy – Shona Kemp.

Guess the Weight of the Cake

Tombola – Mary Nicol and Lena Whyte.

Raffle – Mary Nicol and Lena Whyte.

Toys – Louise Smith.

Children's Books, CDs and DVDs – Louise Smith.

Craft – Gaynor Scott and Morag Shaw.

Games for children – Wilma Ewart.

Face painting, hair braiding, nail painting etc. - Louise Smith.

Teas, Coffees and Lunches – Doris Bowie.

The stall holders will be organising a rota of people to ensure that each stall is staffed throughout the day. If you would like to volunteer an hour or two of your time please contact any of the named people.

We will also need volunteers to assist with the setting up of the stalls on the evening of Friday 10th and clearing away at the end of the day on the Saturday. Both of these are essential jobs which make the work of the main team a little lighter. If you can help in this way, please hand your name into the office.

Please note that there will be no bric-a-brac stall.

We would very much appreciate goods being brought to the Community Centre on either the Friday evening or between 9 and 10 am on the morning of the sale. However if this is not possible for you, then we will accept goods at the church in the week preceding the sale.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Becky's Malawi Update.

At the St Andrews Daycare and Residence at Thyolo, things continue to go well. The harvest has been quite decent this year. There is a field yet to be harvested but the predictions are that over 60 bags will be harvested. The vegetables are also growing well and at present the daycare centre doesn't need to buy any maize or vegetables as they can live off the garden. Unfortunately not all of Malawi has escaped the terrible rains so lightly. In the Blantyre region where the team will be staying, many people have had very poor crops and will really struggle this year.

The children at the Daycare have been doing lots of practical things and have been making table mats, knitting and sewing. They're really enjoying learning these new skills which will really help them find employment in the future.

As it is coming near to the exam season for the Malawian kids too, the older kids are really turning up the heat with their studying - especially our final year students who are about to sit their first really important exams. The Daycare have 4 children sitting their Malawi Primary school leavers certificate. These exams will determine which secondary school they will go to, which in turn has a huge impact upon their future. Of the 4 Standard 8s in our care, all are expected to pass, however only one is predicted to go to a national secondary school. In Malawi there are three levels of school. There are the community day secondary schools, which teach only mornings and only a limited range of subjects, with mostly unqualified teachers.

If you're smart though and you work hard you can be selected to go to a local boarding school, where there are qualified teachers, a good range of subjects and some equipment. If you are very intelligent and work hard, you can go to the top schools - national secondary schools. There are around 8 of these. Some are girls only, some boys only, some mixed. These schools are very difficult to get into and places are hard fought for. However they are the schools which are most like schools as we would know them. They have science departments with Bunsen burners, they have some computers and some TVs, they even have electricity! The 4 children who are in standard 8 this year are Brian Phiri, Yasinta Banda, Elen Nachuma, Damiano Frank. Brian is hoping to make it to National Secondary school next year. Brian is 14 years old, loves football and lives with his two grandparents - although his grandfather is very sick and in hospital at the moment. His grandparents are small-holder farmers who look after Brian, his younger brother who is in Std 1, and his 3 cousins. Unfortunately the harvest this year was a little disappointing but St. Andrews Church Daycare centre is supporting the family as much as possible.

Please pray for Brian, Yasinta, Elen and Damiano as they begin their exams in mid May. Pray that they can do well and remember all that they've studied. Pray for our young teacher who is very sick in hospital at the moment with malaria. Pray that she can recover quickly. Pray also for the many people who will really struggle this year following the poor harvest.

Thanks for your continued support.
Becky

Good Gracious!

An atheist was enjoying a walk through a Canadian forest one lovely sunny day. He was marvelling at the wonders evolution had achieved with the stately trees, the colourful birds and their songs, and the beauty of a young fawn running through the undergrowth.

But suddenly he heard heavy footsteps behind him and turning round saw he was being followed by a huge brown bear. He quickened his steps, but so did the bear. He began running, but so did the bear, and, alas, it was gaining on him every second.

Soon he felt its breath on his neck as its great paw knocked him over and the animal pinned him to the ground. Terrified, the atheist found himself crying out, 'O God, save me, save me!' A voice boomed out from the sky, 'How can a God you don't believe in save you?'

So the atheist called out, 'At least, God, turn this bear into a Christian!' At once the bear stopped, put its paws together, and growled, 'For what I am about to receive!'

Our Daily Bread Food in God's Creation

'What's the food like?', 'Who is providing the food?', 'Is there enough food to go round?'

Our everyday talk constantly makes reference to food, which is no surprise, as food and drink are essentials for life and survival. Food is also one of the enjoyments of life and a major part of our trade. Much of our land is given to food production and huge industries are involved in food production and distribution.

Christians acknowledge that the ultimate source of our food is Creator God, whose faithfulness to the covenant promise that seed-time and harvest will not cease is our ultimate food security. But there is a great deal that happens between the feeding and watering 'by God's Almighty hand' and the enjoyment of food at a party in Arbroath or the empty stomachs of too many people in sub-Saharan Africa. When we pray "Give

us our daily bread", we are both acknowledging our dependence on God's generosity and our realisation that the answer to that prayer needs to include agriculture, commerce, sharing, trade-justice, animal welfare, diet and a host of other considerations.

For the past few years, many churches across the UK have taken part in a period called Creation Time, from the start of September until the first Sunday in October.

The purpose of Creation Time is to help us focus on the appreciation and protection of God's creation. This year the theme for Creation time is "Our Daily Bread". Do you follow the practice of saying grace before your meals? In this Eco-Corner of Quest we would like to gather up and share the grace prayers that are used by members of St Andrew's to give thanks for our daily bread. If you have a favourite grace, please pass it on to Linda McDonald (lmcDonald.au@gmail.com or ph:876727) or drop it into the church office over the summer period, and a in forthcoming issue we'll share the collection with you.

World Famous Choir

The Glasgow Phoenix Choir will give a concert on Sunday 30th October at 2.30pm in St Andrew's Church. Tickets are £7.50.

The Phoenix Choir of approximately 95 singing members ranging from teenagers to octogenarians, several non-singing Associate Members and many Patrons, was founded in 1951 when members of the disbanded Glasgow Orpheus Choir decided to continue the then 50 year old tradition begun in 1901, and it continues to perform throughout the British Isles, Europe and the North American Continent.

With a library of over 1000 titles and over 30 albums recorded, the choir's extensive and varied repertoire includes music

from West End/Broadway shows and "easy listening" numbers, through to oratorio, opera, chamber music, and sacred music from all the major composers and, of course, Scottish song.

The choir has recorded many programmes for television and radio, including the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall and even an episode of the BBC Scotland comedy "Still Game" and has also accompanied Michael Crawford during his UK tour and has performed in many concerts for the Gubbay Organisation. Today the choir continues to perform at numerous Arts and Music Festivals in the UK, Europe, Canada and USA.

Tickets will be available from the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE

Sunday 5
11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 12
11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 19
11 am - Worship Service;
main service followed by
short celebration
of Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 26
11 am - Worship Service;
Including
Sunday Club Prizegiving
pm - Church Family Outing
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

JULY

Sunday 3
10 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 10
10 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 17
10 am - Worship Service;
main service followed by
short celebration
of Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 24
10 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 31
10.30 am in Arbroath Abbey
Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

AUGUST

Sunday 7
10 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 14
10 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 21
11 am - Worship Service
(and Sunday Club start)
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 28
11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

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

◆ A 40 minute service every Wednesday morning at 10.30am.

Malawi Fundraisers

With the team leaving on June 30th we only have a few fundraisers left so we would encourage you to support our last few endeavours to allow us to take as much money out as possible to fund the work we will be involved in during our visit.

Saturday 11th June Ceilidh

Meadowbank – 7.30pm

Friday 24th June Bingo Night

Green Street Hall

Saturday 25th June Coffee Morning

Church Hall – 10am -12 noon.

With Grateful Thanks

I want to say a big thank you to my team of ladies who have supported pupils at Warddykes Primary School over the last two years. They are Ruth, Anne, June, Roberta and Margaret. They have made a lasting impression on my pupils. They have been patient, caring and always managed to give praise when little steps of progress had been made. Thank you ladies for your loyal support and hard work on a weekly basis. I am looking forward to having lunch with you on 3rd June to say thank you and goodbye as your link person with the school. The head teacher Miss Deans will take on the role in the new session.

Class 3S Blog was voted in the top ten and they await the news to hear their final position. Can I say thank you to the church members who did vote for them. The class was delighted to get this far after all the hard work they had put in.

It is good being a member of St Andrew's Church where there are Acts of Random Kindness in the community and Warddykes Primary is lucky to be in the catchment area and to have received so much support. The memory I will hold from Warddykes Primary was the Easter Service in St Andrew's Church in April. It was a special day and a special service.

Thank you from Warddykes Primary School.
Mary Reid ASN Teacher.

How Times Change!

Our Church was built and dedicated in 1888 as Inverbrothock Free Church, renamed in the late 1920s as Hopemount church and renamed St Andrew's Church in 1959 at the union of Hopemount and St Ninians Churches (Brothock Bridge).

After the reformation, the Arbroath Abbey buildings were used by the council as a "quarry", so it is possible that the red sandstone for the church and hall may have come from the Abbey, but obviously there is no proof of this.

The inspector of works for the building was Mr James Whyte at a salary of 80/- (£4.00) per week.

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Mason	Ramsay & Gordon	1,695	0	0
Joiner	David Christie	997	7	6
Plumber	David Crook	269	9	0
Plasterer	Middleton & Donald	206	19	0
Painting	J . Barrie & Son	122	12	4
Slater	Brand	123	12	0
Iron Work	Anderson & Co.	101	3	10
Heating	Findal & Co , Aberdeen	99	17	6
Total cost -		3,616	1	2

(£ 3,616.06 in new money).

It is interesting to note that the cost for the mason was about the same as we paid to have our feature wall raked and re-pointed in the darker colour! The total cost of building our church was the same as we paid to have a new drain laid down the length of the old outside passageway. Times and value of money sure do change!

My thanks to Alan McSkimming for supplying this information. (Ed.)

Mozart Fights Crime!

A New Zealand city has dramatically slashed street crime - by playing classical music through loudspeakers.

Christchurch has seen a 'staggering' fall in anti-social behaviour since installing the speakers in City Mall last year, reports The Press.

The number of anti-social incidents attended by city centre security guards fell from 77 a week, before the move, to just two for the same week this year.

The number of drug and alcohol-related incidents fell from 16 to zero this year.

And the number of times the guards helped shopkeepers with troublesome customers has fallen from 35 to nothing.

Central City Business Association manager Paul Lonsdale originally planned to play easy listening music like Barry Manilow, but found classical music more calming.

"The classical music is soothing on the ear. We try not to play anything with a beat because that is more noticeable," he said.

"Classical music is known for reducing anti-social behaviour. It is much more pleasant now. People sit in that area now because they feel safer."

Senior Sergeant Gordon Spite, the officer in charge of the city centre police beat section, agreed the music had helped transform the mall.

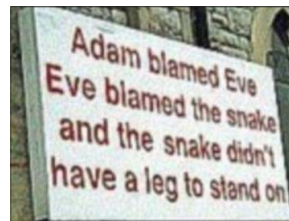
"The music has certainly had an effect during the day. It has created an environment that is conducive to good behaviour," he said.

Sabbatical

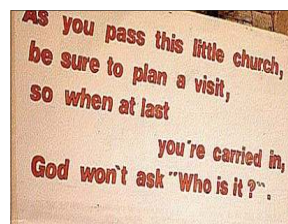
On Sunday 1st May we wished Martin every blessing after he preached for the last time before beginning his sabbatical period. We had an inspired message in which he encouraged us to remember all the attributes of good team work.

David Searle who is now carrying out the duties of Interim Moderator was commissioned in this role and then he reciprocated with a prayer for Martin. A cheque was presented to Martin from the congregation in recognition of the fact that the sabbatical coincides with almost 20 years of outstanding leadership of St Andrew's Church.

The picture below shows Martin pursuing one of his loves when he was walking from Braemar to Dalwhinnie, experiencing the beauty of Scotland and enjoying contemplative solitude which was enhanced by excellent weather. He has also recently undertaken study in Glasgow University library.



Noticeboard Humour!



Summer Evening Services

Some of you will remember when evening services were the norm, when every church would hold a morning and evening service. Then, gradually, over the years, as attendance at church declined, more and more churches discontinued their evening services – due to lack of interest.

Well that has changed for the better, and with the advent of our own evening service we have had an excellent time of worship with very good attendances.

Each service has been different with a variety of presentations and speakers - Tim Mineard, Rab Bramhall, Karen Fenwick, and David Searle.

Services start at 6.30pm but if you wish to come along at 6.00pm you can savour the excellent cooking of our team working in the kitchen - another family meal time and a chance for great fellowship.

