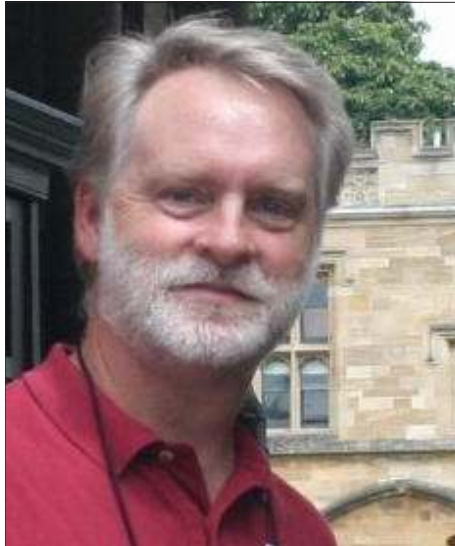




Pulpit Exchange

On 24th July we will welcome our visiting preacher, Dan McCoig, from Winchester, Virginia. He will be staying at the manse for a month while our manse family will be resident in Dan's home. Dan will lead the service in the morning and will also be the speaker at the evening service which is at 6.30pm preceded by a meal at 6pm. I am sure that we will want to give him our warmest welcome at both of these services. Dan and his wife Lisa are keen to see as much as they can of this area of Scotland. Dan likes golf and fishing and they both share a love of walking. Here are some more details that he has sent to us:



Dan McCoig is the associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Virginia, USA, where he has served since 1995. He was ordained in 1986. Prior to coming to Winchester, he served as a solo pastor in eastern Virginia and in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Dan is one of two associate pastors and a senior pastor on the staff of First Church. He is responsible for a share of the congregation's worship leader-

ship, preaching, Christian education, communications, fellowship programming, and pastoral care. First Church is a busy place on Sunday mornings. There are four services – 7:30 a.m. in the chapel with weekly communion, 8:30 a.m. in the new fellowship hall [contemporary], and 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary [traditional].

Dan is a graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg,

Virginia [A.B. in History, 1981], Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia [Master of Divinity, 1986], and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania [Doctor of Ministry, 1996]. He is married to his college sweetheart, Lisa Tipton McCoig. Dan and Lisa have two adult children, Molly Bridgeforth and Patrick McCoig. Dan and Lisa will soon be grandparents. Their daughter and son-in-law, Eddie, are expecting their first child on August 24.

In 2007, Dan toured Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Highlands with his family as a part of his four-month sabbatical. He is looking forward to spending an extended period of time in Scotland. He is very excited about getting to know some of the good people of St. Andrews and sharing in worship and fellowship.

Dan enjoys golf, fly-fishing, reading literature and historical biography, travel, photography, and music. He plays the guitar and has tried his hand at the bagpipes with limited success.

... And Welcome Back Ruth

You will be delighted to learn that Ruth Bell will be leading our service on the morning of 17th July. She is currently studying at Glasgow University and here is what she says about her studies:

Since October last year, I've been working away trying to develop my thesis and I think I am getting there! Yes, in between theology seminars, training courses, some conferences, cups of tea, and the occasional zumba class, I have been reading, reading and reading, and have come up with the title, 'Baptism, Salvation and Eschatology'. Basically, I am proposing that by exploring the sacrament of baptism through an eschatological lens (something that hasn't really been done), it will be possible to determine the ways in

which baptism initiates, forms and nurtures a sense of transformative hope within a worshipping community. Why?

Well, I think that the theology of baptism is pretty messed up, and believe that its radical, political and transformative nature is too often forgotten, because the emphasis is placed upon it being a rite of passage, rather than a process of becoming, with a future dimension that has daily repercussions. So, what would happen if we daily reminded ourselves of our baptism...whose we are, what it means, and why it might matter? Could it lead us to roll up our sleeves, get our hands messy, and allow eternity to transform life for the sake of the God's Kingdom, now? After all, surely Jesus, at the start of his ministry, would have emerged from his baptism in the Jordan dirtier than he went in? Hmm...I wonder!

Expect to hear more about this in July!

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Parish Records**

June 2011

Baptisms - None**Blessings** - None**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - John D. Cook Brown
Edward Alex. Burnett
Millicent Beattie

Angus Presbytery

**Prayer Journeys 2011
Forfar East & Old Church
Saturday 20th August 2011
3.30pm to 6.45 pm****"Prayer; Pizza; Praise"**Programme Includes Workshops, Displays, Re-
freshments and Praise

Food Donation £2.00

IMPORTANT DATES**SEPTEMBER 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 19th August (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 23rd August (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.

Remember

If going on holiday to a hotel this summer, please bring back any unused hotel toiletries; they are perfect for including in the bags of toiletries that we donate to the Women's Refuge. Thank you.

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 (855333)

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

July 2011

Dear Friends,

Martin has now reached the halfway point of his Sabbatical. From various reports filtering through, I gather that his form is steadily improving. Over recent years he had slipped back quite significantly, giving those close to him cause for serious concern. However, full recovery is looking ever more likely. I am, of course, referring to his performance on the golf course!

My comment is not intended to be facetious—'facetious' means 'jocular'! When I was myself in full-time ministry, I could fairly accurately assess how my work was going by the state of my garden. (I should explain that I have never been a golfer and that my physical relaxation was always found in my garden and allotment.)

Few of us will have realised that over recent years our minister's opportunities for weekly relaxation have been few and far between; the result has been—quite seriously—an imperceptible increase in physical and mental tiredness. The improvement in his golf, which I have learned of on the 'grapevine', indicates that in spite of his present full programme of study and research, Martin's Sabbatical is renewing and refreshing him in just the way we have been praying that it would.

Having been in the ministry for very nearly 50 years, I am profoundly grateful for that. St Andrew's Church, I am quite certain, will in due course reap enormous benefit from this period of our minister's refreshment, restoration and renewal.

Thank you to all those who continue to support me in the work. It has been encouraging to see the numbers on Sunday continuing to keep up. As well as our weekly worship, the other aspects of our congregational life go on with as much vigour as ever. And what a joy it was to commission our team of fifteen members on 19 June as they leave for a month's service in Malawi.

A final word to us all. Many of our fellowship will be taking a break during the summer months. May I urge that on each Lord's Day you ensure, in as far as it is possible, to continue to meet with other Christians for worship. I know that many of you always do, for you often bring back church newsletters and mementos from congregations of all denominations that you have visited. So may Christ go with you wherever you plan to be.

For those who stay at home, may you too have the chance for that refreshment which even Jesus needed during his three years of ministry here on earth (Matt. 14:23; 17:1; Mark 6:31, etc.).

With continued warm greetings,

God's blessing on you all!

David and Lorna Searle

Our Very Grateful Thanks

As there will be no edition of Quest in August, it is very appropriate that David's outstanding work as Interim Moderator should be recognized now. Who can fail to have been impressed by his inspirational messages on the Beatitudes, the delivery of which ensured that we gave him our full attention? Along with the children, we have enjoyed

Pilgrim's Progress and seen a range of acting skills from members which may have previously been undiscovered! David has been involved in hours of duty away beyond what we have asked of him and he has chosen to undertake these because he feels it has been a privilege to do so. Equally, it has been our privilege to have him leading us during the sabbatical when we are in such safe hands. We send our congratulations to David and Lorna as they celebrate their golden wedding this month.

Glory Be!

It is wonderful to report the continuing good relations that we have with schools in our town - see also the article from Audrey Brown. A number of Hayshead primary

school classes recently paid a visit to see what the inside of a church looks like. During the visits, Roy and Marie Baker were our Events Team hosts and they reported having a wonderful time with the well-behaved children. They even got some hugs from the children as they departed! Well done, and thanks to Roy and Marie.

Becky's Malawi Update.

This will be the last update until I return in August. I will be leaving on the 16th and the team will join me on the 30th. We're all looking forward to finding out how all our young children are doing and being able to feed back to you all! Hopefully you will remember us all in your prayers alongside the daycare centre and your children.

Thyolo continues to do well, with great weather for the last of the harvesting. The maize is drying out well now and the children have been helping shell the maize ready for bagging. The daycare continues to do well, with a new teacher who is very enthusiastic and seems to be finding her feet very well. The extra help is essential for the older children who can get more help especially in the run up to their exams. Please pray especially for our Standard 8s who are working very hard. Pray too that they won't over-work and that they make sure they get enough sleep. Many have the tendency to study all night. The nursery children have been learning new rhymes ready to show off to the team, and have been playing lots in the play park built by the 2009 team. Some of the boys have been practising their football skills and Kiri has suggested a Scotland vs Malawi

match. The team has a tradition of this at Namisu (Aquaid's Headquarters). However it is usually the Malawians who win! You never know though! We may just have enough skill between us to hold off some of the daycare children

The residential aspect of the daycare centre has seen an increase in their number. The family has now grown with 3 new boys between the ages of 12-15. These boys were brought in by Social Services and its very encouraging to see the government trusting us and willing to go into partnership with us. However when these boys arrived they were incredibly poor, and as Kiri said 'they didn't even have a single piece of clothing between them!' The clothes they were wearing I believe were torn and very ragged, and they had no shoes. Kiri has of course seen to this and has got them new clothes, uniforms and shoes. (Malawian children cannot attend school without a uniform) These boys were very excited with their new clothes and they seem to be settling in well and getting on well with the other children.

Please pray for them, that they continue to settle in well and that they can come to know God's love for them also. Also pray that they can stick in at school as they have missed a lot and are far behind their peers.

Thanks for all you support,
Becky

Miller's Miscellany of Matters (Aka Clerk's Corner)

Focus on Youth becomes First Forty Focus

In last month's Quest you will have found the detail of the research project being undertaken which will include interviews and questionnaires with all the organisations of St Andrew's Church which involve young people and their parents/carers. In order to make sure that there is a clear definition of the age range being targeted, the name for this project will now be **First Forty Focus**. This indicates more clearly that we are researching all aspects of the involvement of those from the very youngest up to the age of around forty. Our researcher, Neil Pratt, has started his work with the first interview and it is intended that the bulk of the study will be undertaken in September. All of us will be involved, because there will be a questionnaire for everyone in the congregation. This will be explained on an identified Sunday morning.

The Summer Fair

This, our second Fair in the Community Centre raised, after the payment of expenses, approximately £2,100. This is a very creditable total considering that there were other fund-raising events in the town and that the weather was very poor.

Thank you to the army of people who manned the stalls all day, who prepared and served the refreshments and those who helped with all the other organisational matters. Of course, we are also very grateful to all of you who donated items and who provided your support by attending. You enabled us to have, once again, a very successful family event.

The Legacy from Jean Glen

Jean Glen left her very generous legacy to St Andrew's Church – that is, she left it to all of us and, along with it, the responsibility for prayerful consideration of how best it might be used.

The Kirk Session and the Leadership and Core Groups are now in the process of looking at a range of suggestions. We also want to give you, the members of St Andrew's, the opportunity to be involved in this process.

If you would like to make a suggestion, you will be very welcome to submit this in writing to the Session Clerk by 31st July 2011. (If you are able, it would be helpful if you could include, if appropriate, an approximate cost.) Please note that there is no guarantee that any one idea will be adopted and also that the Leadership Group and the Kirk Session will not be making any decision prior to the end of the sabbatical period. It is also very important to say that we will continue to have to meet all our on-going commitments and we will not use any of the legacy in this way.

To Remember the Pipe Organ

When the original organ was dismantled, several parts were retained such as some draw stops, some tiny pipes, the on/off switch and the weight which indicated that enough air was being supplied to the bellows. Bill Mill has put all of these into a display cabinet using as the background some of the wood from our pews. He has also incorporated an arch into the design. In other words, he has created a work of art. As this has now been displayed on the wall in the gallery entrance vestibule, a piece of our history has been recorded. Thank you, Bill, for this and for all the other skilled work you have been involved in over many years.

Christian Aid

You will remember that we did not take part in the house collections in our parish this year. Instead, we opted to have a retiring collection and the sum of £421 was raised.

Property Matters

Shepherd Contract Completed

The refurbishment is now completed and we have paid the last invoice to Shepherd our contract builders. There was quite a bit of major snagging needed, particularly in connection with the heating system, but Shepherd did well by us and we finally have a building to be proud of - and it was achieved virtually on budget, which is no mean feat!

Our current debt is now down to around £37,500 which still has to be paid back to the Church of Scotland.

At this point it should be noted that responsibility for maintaining the refurbished areas, now passes entirely to the Fabric Group who have responsibility for maintaining all of our property. (A small exception would be those parts of the recent heating system repairs which would still carry a year's guarantee from the Builders.) So, henceforth, please do not run to Ken Miller to tell him that a light has gone out, a cistern is not flushing, or a door is squeaking!!! For what to do, please see below.

Fabric Group

This group is led by Ian Martin and we have Ray Reaney as Maintenance Convenor. Ray maintains a 'Found It, Fixed It' book which resides on the server next to the water heater. If you find that something needs attention then please enter the details in this book which is regularly checked. Of course, any emergency should be reported to Ray immediately - his name and number is on page 2.

Currently there is quite a list of maintenance items that Ian and the group are working hard at to get through. And, of course, there are larger outside contract jobs such as clearing and repairing gutters and checking the roof which are to be done soon. But their job goes way beyond that.

The front windows of our building are in serious need of repair with large holes and many cracks through which wind and rain will increasingly cause damage. We have

virtually no loft insulation throughout our premises and we have almost no double glazing (other than the small halls and kitchen). This is throwing money away through our heating bills which head ever upward. Early in this year we obtained quotes for all of these jobs which totalled £80,000 and we applied to the Climate Challenge Fund for a grant which was, sadly, not successful - and that was before we had an unrestricted legacy coming into our future accounts. How much of this can now be achieved remains to be seen.

In order to keep refurbishment costs to a sensible level, the original plans were considerably reduced and the group is now considering what might be proposed that we should still do. For example, just some of the items deleted to make savings were - a solar panel for hot water (c£6,000), a lift to the platform (c£8,500), new divider doors in the small halls (the current ones are becoming almost impossible to use - c£12,000) and improving the front access area of the church (c£17,000). There are also other improvements being mooted such as event lighting in the sanctuary, improving the sound system, external lighting, equipment to stream our services onto the web (Martin's dream!), and replacing some areas of aging flooring (particularly in the small halls).

Our manse is in need of a number of significant repairs. Maintenance items include the felling of dangerously large high trees and fencing repairs (c£2,800). Over a number of years, the pipes to the garage have frozen up in the winter and prevented the use of the utilities housed there. The regular loss of a washing machine facility, quite apart from going out to a freezing cold garage in the winter, is something that needs to be urgently addressed for our manse family. The provision of an en-suite bathroom has also been mooted. The Session has therefore commissioned an architect to look at these options and provide estimate costs.

We now have facilities that are beautiful and flexible and are being used more by our local community. And so the work goes on to ensure that we maintain and improve these as and when we can.

GUILD NEWS

We had our 2nd social evening for the summer months on Monday 20th June. About 11 members, with their quiz sheets in hand, made their way from the library, down the High Street, through the Pend towards the harbour and finally finished in South Street with a well deserved cuppie. With another 6 members already at South Street, great hilarity followed on their return as Shona unpacked her back pack and survival kit, kettle, tea bags, bird watching book, map, candle, stove, sun tan oil, slippers and brandy - to name a few!!!

Our next night will be in OB's when we hope to have music and board games night. If you are thinking of coming to the Guild next session or like a game of cards or Connect 4, why not meet us for a very informal night on the 25th July, 7.30pm.

Also, there is still time for any member wishing to go to 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.

Malawi

By the time you read this the Malawi Team will be in the middle of their month's trip. No doubt the church will be quiet without us, but be warned – we will be back, and full of stories about our adventures!

We just want to thank all those who have supported our many fundraisers as well as those who have got involved with our Church's Child Sponsorship Scheme. Since we started fundraising in 2006 we have sent (excluding the cost of flights and keep for the 3 teams that have gone) over

£84,000 to support the work we are involved with Aquaid Lifeline! This is an amazing total.

This year we will be taking over £23,000 with us – almost double what we took 2 years ago which is amazing when you add to that the fact that at present we are sending out £700 each month to support our project at Thyolo.

This money is making a huge difference in the lives of so many orphans and the communities around.

On their behalf I thank you!

Sheila.

Pastoral Care

During the time that Martin has been away the Pastoral Care Team (PCT) has continued as it did before. The team is in place to support the pastoral work done by Martin and at the moment David. It has always been the job of the team to maintain the link between the church family that meets each week and those of our congregation who are not able to be in the church for whatever reason.

The pastoral care within the church is divided into three areas; Long term, Short term and individual visits.

Long term work is predominantly done amongst the elderly and housebound of our congregation. For most of our house bound members this means that each month, as well as a call from their Contact Team member bringing the magazine to them, they have a visit from their PCT member who can keep them up to date with what is happening in the church, chat with them about how they are doing and, as appropriate, pray with them.

We are not aiming to take over the role of the Social Services for the simple reason we do not have the resources to do this and if a service is already available we should not waste our time trying to duplicate it. No, what we aim to do is to compliment the services already available. We look to support the spiritual wellbeing of our members lives that is not attended to by the other agencies. What we offer is therefore unique.

The other area of long term work that is coordinated through the PCT is the Contact Team. This is a large team who undertake to deliver a Quest to every home represent-

ed in the congregation. They are asked to knock at your door ask how you are and hand over your magazine. Obviously if you are not in then they will post this for you and hopefully chat to you the following month. The Contact Team will then let the coordinator know if anyone is in need of a visit or any other assistance.

Short term pieces of work would be considered to be between one and six weeks long and really can be for anyone in the congregation who has a need.

There are members of the team who are trained and will support and work with bereaved families should this be required. We have been able to provide transport for people undergoing treatments in hospital and for visitors who find it difficult to use public transport to get to see their relatives. A new venture that we have at the moment is being able to provide meals for a couple of days to help people who perhaps are just out of hospital or who find themselves immobilised for some reason or another. These examples cannot be sustained for long periods of time.

Individual visits are carried out mainly by the Minister or where appropriate the PCT.

So how do you fit into this area of service?

Anyone can put forward a name for a visit or assistance by

- ◇ Phoning Kim Marr on 01241 430505
- ◇ Giving the information to the church office
- ◇ Speaking to your Contact Team member
- ◇ Using the Pew Watch system

If you feel you could be part of the Pastoral Care Team or the Contact Team then please speak to Kim at the number above.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4
11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

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

Sunday 18
11 am - Worship Service;
main service followed by
short celebration
of Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 25
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.**

Angus Council Partnership Award Event

St Andrew's Church was nominated by Warddykes Primary School for a Partnership Excellence Recognition Award 2010/11, to acknowledge our church's involvement with young people in the school providing various opportunities to help the pupils develop sound working relationships, extend skills and create confidence to be effective and successful members in the school and immediate external community.

I represented St Andrew's at this event (which was held in the Golf Hotel Carnoustie on Tuesday 14 June) and enjoyed the programme, ably introduced and hosted by two S6 pupils from Monifieth High School. Around the room various colourful stands displayed pupil's work and indicated a very high standard of presentation.

The Enterprise Ambassador Award ceremony saw selected partners from the 76 attendees receive a framed Certificate, in recognition of their 'collaborative

contribution to Skills for Learning, Life and Work in Angus' from the Director of Education, Mr Neil Logue.

We received one!

Shortlisted Partnership Excellence Award winners included Montrose Academy & Tesco, Small World Nursery & St Drostan's Care Home, Wendyhouse Children's Nursery & Forfar and Lilybank Resource centre, Monifieth High School & Signpost International & Pure Media, Montrose Cluster & GlaxoSmithKline, the Brechin Cluster & One World Centre Dundee, Murton Wildlife Trust - and Nicoll Russell Studios - Creative Spaces Steering Group, who were the major award winners.

It was great to network around the table with others whilst enjoying the delicious refreshments!!

Audrey Brown

Blessed Are The Peacemakers (The Poem is by David Searle)

1 Peter 2:1

'Rid yourselves, then, of all evil; no more lying or hypocrisy or jealousy or insulting language' (GNB).

If I hold grudges 'gainst my friend and brother,
and nurse resentments, brood o'er wrongs sustained;
if I remember how my foolish pride was wounded,
and keep a record of the wrongs I've named—
then how can I have seen the Saviour,
my heart been melted by the sunshine of his face?
And how can I have to come to Calvary,
drinking deeply of its tender love and grace?

If I can snub my sister or my daughter,
with hardened heart her pleading voice I spurn;
if I can lightly deal in spite and malice,
and pass her in the street without a word—
then how can God who loves her be my Father,
and how can Christ who suffered be my Friend?
Or how can mercy be my soul's expression,
returning love to him who love did send?

If I can cause division, pain and anger,
refuse to yield, maintaining still my right;
my heart shut fast to Holy Spirit's prompting,
rejecting every move to end my shameful fight.
then how can God my own sins cover,
by cross and death of Christ the risen Lord?
And how can his eternal, gentle Spirit
find lodging in a heart so cold and hard?
And how could I expect to be forgiven
with love and mercy that I least deserved?
Or how can I be fit to dwell in heaven,
to be with God my Saviour and my Lord?

Matthew 6:15

'If you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.'

SERVICE CORE GROUP

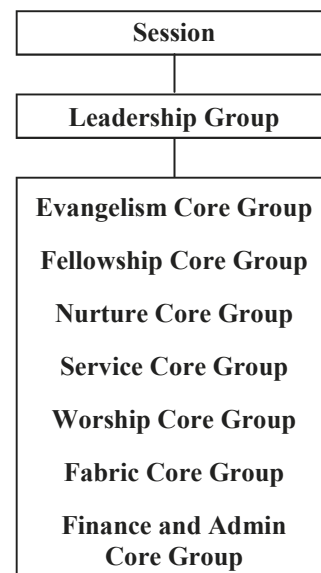
The Service Core Group is involved in various church activities; some on-going and some one-off.

On-going we are involved with Starter Packs, the Food Parcel Distribution and the recycling of bottle tops. We aim to donate approximately 45 bags of toiletries to the Women's Refuge each year and we are striving for the church to gain Eco Congregation status. Two or three times per year, we organise an Act of Random Kindness. Three of our group are involved with Havilah and so keep us informed of the work there. Elise Bowie is our contact with the Malawi Group and two of our members are involved with paired reading.

The members of the group are Elise Bowie, Pat Clegg, Norma Cox, Alice Dewar, Pam Drever (leader), Shona Kemp, Linda McDonald (from Leadership Group), Angus Milne, Mary Reid and Noela Watson.

(Ed - This now completes our round of the Core Groups.)

St Andrew's Church Structure



Summer Fair Fun



Leigh Addis frightened by Michael Rennie's friendly smile!



Elaine Kay and Fiona Cargill at the Flower Club stall

Fat Cat and his Mum

For a short while our BB celebration service was graced by a Royal presence, no less! Fat Cat had traced his lineage and found that he had a direct connection to the Royal Family - and probably should have been invited to THE wedding!

Once again, Elaine and Scott provided hilarious fun for all of us while imparting a Christian message understood and valued by children and adults alike.

We can never under-estimate the value that Fat Cat and his Mum have added to our services. Many thanks folks!!



On Friday 24 June, the Rev David Searle conducted a service of blessing of the 45 Marine Commando Association's new Colours, prior to their being used in the Edinburgh Parade on Saturday 25 June.

More Noticeboard Humour!

