



Thank You To David and Lorna Searle



David and Lorna Searle at their Golden Wedding celebration

By the time you read this the sabbatical period will be over and the normal order of things will have resumed.

However, during the last four months, normality has prevailed because we have been so ably led by David in his role as Interim Moderator.

David was contracted for a specific number of hours per week and the particular duties within these hours were defined. However, he went well beyond the call of duty, and while he insists that it has been a pleasure and privilege to undertake this work, it is very important that we acknowledge his outstanding commitment.

While he is the only one who knows all that has been done, there is a

long list of extras which he has carried out and this list includes attendance at the evening services, leading a home group and leading the Wednesday morning services. It is impossible to timetable pastoral matters and the last four months have seen his involvement in many funerals and in the visits which take place prior to and after these events. He has also clocked up many miles going to Ninewells. As in any minister's workload, there have been challenging, sensitive and time-consuming pastoral matters to deal with – and all these have been carried out with quiet dignity.

When the sabbatical approached there was some concern expressed about the possibility of smaller attendances and various activities not taking place. Perhaps we did ourselves an injustice by even allowing these thoughts to enter our heads! We at St Andrew's are made of sterner stuff and we rose to the challenge.

Being aware of his senior years, David and Lorna were concerned that this might discourage our younger members. Not so, because when a wealth of knowledge, expertise and ability was being drawn upon, then we knew we were in the safest of hands. We were all thoroughly impressed by the series of messages on The Beatitudes, by the adventures enacted from Pilgrim's Progress and, Sunday by

Sunday, the powerful use of prayer.

We have had subtle differences to the order of service and new hymns and choruses have been introduced. Personal touches to regular items have been evident and we have all enjoyed the occasions when he has mistakenly omitted an item from the order of service! This was particularly true when there was a danger that the offering would not be uplifted on one Sunday!

There is a well-worn saying, thoroughly approved of by women, that behind every good man there is an even better woman. Lorna, David's soul mate, has been very supportive, helped with the preparation and rehearsals for certain items, and has had anxieties up in the balcony when the order of service was deviated from. However, throughout, she has been accepting of the fact that the last four months have seen their time dominated by matters related to St Andrew's Church.

And in the middle of all this, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

God richly blessed us when David and Lorna came into our church family. We thank them again and wish them well for their future together.

Launch Night - Wednesday 7th September at 7pm

Courses start - Wednesday 14th September at 2pm and 7pm

Contact the church office for more information or to book a place.

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Parish Records**

July/August 2011

Baptisms - None**Blessings** - Katie Laine Bramhall**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - Charles Fyfe, Norman Spink,
Bob Pritchard, Terry Moug and Ian Anderson**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.

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.

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 16th September (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 20th September (Word-Processed file)

Thank You

Alex and Mary Spink would like to thank all their friends of the church family for their loving support during the past few weeks. Prayers, cards, letters, flowers, phone calls and visitors were much appreciated.

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

September 2011

Dear Friends,

The four months of my privileged position of being locum at St Andrew's Church have come to an end. It has for me been both a great honour and an immense responsibility. Apart from the two Sundays in July when I was absent while on holiday celebrating 50 years of marriage to my beloved Lorna, I've been with you, either conducting our worship or chatting together after the services.

There have been joys to celebrate and, alas, sorrows to share. Those called to the ministry must stand before the congregation, enabling them to enter God's presence in prayer and then learn of Him from his special book, the Bible. But ministers are also to be alongside grieving families and to endeavour with God's help to point them to the living hope found only in the Saviour. The minister is also called to visit the sick, to sit at hospital bedsides and bring the assurance of God's faithfulness when the cross of physical pain and frailty is laid upon us.

What could be greater than such God-appointed tasks! My personal prayer was always the same: that my presence would recede, as together we became wonderfully aware of the Lord with us, hearing His voice and being comforted by the promise of the resurrection.

There are many (too many to name) to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for their help, counsel and support; for though the vast majority of you will have been quite unaware of them, there have been problems—as there always will be. We're human, after all!

So thank you to you all for your patience, understanding and encouragement. And the warmest (from me—plus the most enthusiastic) of welcomes to Martin back into our midst. May we all be aware of a fresh anointing on him as he takes up the reins again as our minister and pastor.

Yours sincerely,

David (& Lorna) Searle

THE BIG DAY OUT

**Saturday 17th September
For ALL The Family**

This is organised by Angus Presbytery and the aim for this day is to

- Offer a range of workshops that will provide new ideas for congregations to consider - details from church office
- To have a number of trade stands from which materials can be purchased
- To have displays showing some of the innovative work being done by Angus congregations
- To have an exiting programme for children

It will be held in Arbroath St Andrew's and Old & Abbey buildings. Please register in St Andrew's church where the opening worship will take place at 10am.

Throughout the day a programme will be run for children, so parents can either stay with them or leave them in the capable hands of leaders.

A ticket for the day is £5 (adult) with children free. The tickets will allow you to have tea, coffee or juice throughout the day in both locations. At lunch time there will also be a selection of sandwiches on sale.

It would be helpful if you can register in advance and give your choice of workshops to our church office by 4th September.

An Evening With Barry Woodward

Barry Woodward grew up in a good, non-Christian, home, in Salford, Greater Manchester. At 16, he left school with no qualifications and became drawn into the Manchester drugs scene, taking cannabis, amphetamines and LSD. This led to a life of heroin addiction and drug dealing.

After being dependent on heroin for fourteen years and

spending a number of terms in prison, Barry had what he describes as a 'religious experience', which resulted in his life being totally transformed. This led to a desire to be an evangelist. Since then, he has worked with a number of Christian organisations and has studied full time for a Diploma in Biblical Studies and Evangelistic Ministry from Sheffield University. He is the author of 'Once an Addict'.

Barry is a contemporary communicator who is humorous, passionate and inspirational. He will be in St Andrew's Church on the evening of **Thursday, 29th September**. Look out for more information in the weekly bulletin.

Article From America

The Rev. Dan McCoig and his wife Lisa McCoig took part in a minister exchange in Scotland. For the past month, Dan McCoig, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Winchester, traded places with Rev Martin Fair, who has served as minister at St. Andrews Parish Church in Arbroath, Scotland, since 1992.

The pulpit exchange was the first for both McCoig and Fair, who participated in worship services at each other's churches after trading countries, congregations, and residences July 19. Both men's families accompanied them on the month-long swap, which concluded Friday night when they met for the first time after McCoig's return to Winchester. Fair, who left town early this morning, said he and his family found Winchester an interesting place to visit. "We've loved every minute of it," he said.

McCoig - whose family is originally from Scotland, and emigrated to to the United States in the early 19th century - said he began exploring the idea of a pulpit exchange nearly 18 months ago. He circulated an email advertisement among the presbyteries of the Church of Scotland looking for a church leader, who was not only willing to exchange their pulpit, but also their home and car. "I hoped for an extended time in a Scottish town amidst its people, especially in the context of a church of Scotland congregation," McCoig said in a recent email from Scotland. "I wished to experience first hand the way Christians in the Church of Scotland express and exhibit their faith."

When Fair received McCoig's message he knew the exchange was the ideal opportunity for him and his family. He had visited the United States before but had never been to Winchester or Virginia. "[An exchange] was in my mind as well, but we hadn't started the process of looking," Fair said. He communicated with McCoig through email for more than a year before making the trip to the United States last month accompanied by his wife Elaine and their three sons Callum, 15, Andrew, 12, and Fraser, 10. They stayed at the McCoig's home and borrowed their car while in Winchester. The trip to the States was the first for his sons, who spent time swimming and soaking up the area's warmer temperatures. A nice day back in Scotland averages about 65 degrees. "I think we're going to have real problems getting them to leave," he said Thursday while he and his family were enjoying one of their last days in Winchester.

During the swap, the Fairs spent time whitewater rafting in West Virginia, visited Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, and drove on Skyline Drive, where they had the opportunity to see a family of deer. Visiting the Loudoun Street Mall was also another highlight for the family, who enjoyed sightseeing in the Shenandoah Valley. "It's a lovely atmosphere," he said.

Across the pond, McCoig, who first visited Scotland in 2007, and his wife Lisa, took up residence at St. Andrews' manse in Arbroath on the eastern coast of Scotland, north of Dundee. There, he had the opportunity to lead worship and preach at the church's morning and evening services July 24. "The morning services are primarily traditional," McCoig said. "The evening services are quite contemporary with an accompanying ensemble of song leaders, guitarists

and a drummer. The evening services are preceded by a congregational fellowship meal."

As part of the swap, McCoig also spoke July 31 at the community outdoor service in the ruins of Arbroath Abbey, the site of the Arbroath Declaration of 1320. The Declaration of 1320, which was submitted to Pope John XXII, intended to confirm Scotland's status as an independent, sovereign state, as well as defend Scotland's right to use military action when unjustly attacked.

Despite being situated on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean, McCoig said he discovered through the pulpit exchange that St. Andrews and First Presbyterian are similar in that both churches have a very active congregation and strong pastoral leadership with a "huge heart of compassion" for the community. "Like First Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews is innovative and has recently refurbished and expanded its facilities to engage future generations of believers," said McCoig, who was installed as associate pastor at First Presbyterian in 1995.

Fair too observed how similar the two congregations are during his time in Winchester. Although the size of First Presbyterian (more than 1,000) is larger than St. Andrews (about 300 in attendance), he said both churches are marked by the friendliness of their people. "I felt very much at home," Fair said. He assisted with worship leadership at First Presbyterian July 24 and preached at all of the church's services a week later. Fair also conducted a question and answer session at the church about the vitality of the church in Scotland and his observations about life and the church in America.

Fair, who had visited New York, Boston, and New Mexico on previous trips, said he and his family found everyone to be extremely friendly and welcoming. One of their favorite parts of the exchange was meeting new people and coming to a part of America that they wouldn't have visited otherwise. "It's been great coming to a normal place and meeting all the Americans," he said.

For McCoig, his favorite part of the adventure was also the sights and the people. "Scotland is remarkably scenic and its people are very outgoing and friendly," he said. On his first trip to Scotland, McCoig and his family toured Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Highlands. This time around, he and his wife, as well as other members of his family, did a great deal of sightseeing - visiting castles, gardens, Highland Glens, the CairnGorm National Park, Pictish Stone sites, and seashore villages. They also visited Glen Clova's Loch Brandy, which is in the Angus Glens, northwest of Arbroath. "I have also played a few rounds of golf, most notably at Carnoustie," McCoig said.

Given the opportunity again, McCoig said he would gladly participate in another pulpit exchange. He ideally would like to spend more time in Scotland observing the way Christians in the Church of Scotland express their faith. "A month is not nearly long enough, but it has been a good start toward fulfilling my hopes and wishes," he said.

Fair, who joked that he needed another suitcase for all the items he and his family had purchased on the trip, said he too would entertain the idea of another pulpit exchange, as well as returning to Winchester someday. "I can more than easily imagine coming back here," he said.

Clerk's Corner

Martin's return from sabbatical

You are asked to be very considerate in the next month in allowing Martin to ease himself back into his duties.

The Big Day Out - 17th September 2011

Elsewhere in this edition of Quest you will find the full details of this event. You are encouraged to attend any workshop which interests you. Members of the Events Team will be on duty.

Legacy

Thank you to those of you who submitted ideas to be con-

sidered for the money we received from Jean Glen. These are now collated and will be considered by the Kirk Session and the Leadership Group.

The Garden

A team has been hard at work in preparing the ground at the side of the church. They have considerably enhanced one section which has been planted with shrubs and will enable the Flower Club to access greenery for their arrangements. Take a look for yourself! Thank you to the team who undertook the first stages of the planned work.

Plans are also afoot for the area at the back of the church and special thanks must go to Janis and Ian Clark who have already undertaken the clearing of the overgrown sections. When you see a skip in the street at the front of the church you will know that the big clear out of debris is underway.

Naomi's Malawi Update.

Hey all! So here is my first update.

It is soooo good to be back! Malawi is my favourite place on the entire earth!! I will not say much about my first month as it was with the group so I will leave them to let you know what we all got up to. Just want to quickly say that it was super cold up in the mountains at Kambilonjo but it was well worth going up there for the week – the playpark and residence look soooo good! Sorry to say 09 Team but I think you got beat on that one by the 11 team! – I was well proud of our Thyolo Playpark but Kambilonjo is even better!!

It was only when the team left that it hit me that I was away for a year and it would be 6 months till I saw my Mum and Dad again. I have to admit though that I really enjoyed the next 2 weeks with just Bex, Charis and me. – It was great banter. We had a day out to Mulanje – the 3rd highest mountain in Africa – with some of the older boarders where we played in the rock pools and visited Becky and Charis' friend who works at the Tourist market there. We went to Ntaja to visit our friend Mary and her family – Mary used to work at Namisu and looked after the 07 team. The shower was amazing! Not only was there the usual bucket of water and cup there was also no roof, a door that didn't shut and walls that didn't actually join!

Becky and I then fitted in a short trip to South Africa for me to sit a test – we got completely lost there but did in the end manage to visit the Apartheid Museum which was amazing. We visited the Folyans, Aquaid trustees who have just retired from teaching at the Bible School in Blantyre and are about to return home to Nigeria. They are so lovely and Ruth is such a good cook. Abraham preached at the church the last Sunday the team were in Malawi and we were all really challenged by what he said. We attended a wedding and the 3 of us ended up really sick. A kinda hectic 2 weeks but it was really good and I am so glad they stayed behind to keep me company for two weeks even if, Becky, I still don't know how to cook Nsima or catch a Minibus to Ndirandi church.

So it's been 4 days since they left and I have done a lot of walking - seriously if I don't lose some weight I'll be

guttled! Especially since Modesta seems to like to go the longest way possible and also be amazingly late for everything!

We were supposed to be at Angela Ntonio's wedding on Saturday for 8.30. I am pretty sure it didn't start till around 9 but seriously Modi and I finally arrived at 10.15. I had gone looking for her at about 9 and when I got to hers she hadn't even started getting ready - she still had to shower and she was like "oh should I start getting ready now?" – I was like "well since we are already late that would be a good shout! Lol! Amazingly we were the first two at church the next day - not quite sure how that happened! We have also got invited to another wedding so I have made Modesta promise that if we go to that one she will be ready on time - kinda doubt it will happen though!

The kids were all supposed to come back yesterday. – The government ask that they go back to their home villages for a couple of weeks each year so that they still have contact with extended relatives. This means that I have started my dinner rota. As I do devotions in each house once a week I am also having my dinner in that same house. There are 7 houses so it works out perfectly. Last night was Chimwemwe House which is the second oldest girls' house. There were only 3 girls back but it was good and they are all super nice.

Tonight is Chikondi house. This means I get to know them all better and also means that I have someone to eat with. So that means my menu will be:

Monday- Nsima with a boiled egg;

Tuesday- Nsima with dried fish;

Wednesday- Nsima with kidney beans;

Thursday – Nsima with sardines;

Friday – nsima with kidney beans;

Saturday – Nsima with a boiled egg;

Sunday – Nsima with goat..

As you can see it's just as well I like Nsima!

School doesn't start here again until September so am helping the kids pass their summer holidays by organising crafts and sports activities.

Anyway that's all for now. More news next month.

Naomi.x

Guild News

Since the last Quest we have had two social evenings during our summer break. We held a games night in July at Obs where we had teams playing Yahtzee, cards, dominoes and most of us had a go at bowling with the X BOX 360 Kinect!! Thanks to Nige for setting it up.

Our final social evening was a fish tea in our own halls on 22/08/11. It was a good night with everyone chatting amongst themselves. Each of the four evenings have been well attended and have given us an opportunity to just meet up and spend some time

in fellowship, so hopefully we can do this again next year.

The Guild Annual meeting is on Saturday 27th August in the Caird Hall and it is always a good day, with interesting speakers and great singing. A report of this event will be at our first meeting.

The syllabus is in the final stages, with a good mixture of serious and light topics. We meet fortnightly so why not come and join us, at 7.30pm on 19th September.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Doris Bowie

Safeguarding Our Congregation

The Church of Scotland's Policy Statement 2010 states it has 'a deep concern for the wholeness and well being of each individual and that it seeks to safeguard the welfare of all people who come into contact with the Church and its services'

As Safeguarding Co-ordinator for St Andrew's Church it is my role to carry out the necessary checks to ensure those working with our children and now also 'adults at risk' are carried out. The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (known as PVG) came fully into force on 28th February 2011. It brings together systems (the PVG scheme) to ensure protection for children and adults.

A child is a person under 16 years. Any one who is caring for children, teaching, instructing, training or supervising children or is in sole charge or providing advice and guidance to children, must be checked. Currently those in our church in this category should all have been checked through Disclosure Scotland. This remains valid at the moment but after the first year of the scheme a programme over 3 years will mean everyone will have to be a member of the PVG scheme. One of the main differences of the scheme is that if you commit an offence the Safeguarding Office in Edinburgh would be notified. I will be in touch with people when the time comes to change to the PVG scheme.

An adult at risk is an adult who is unable to safeguard their own wellbeing, property, rights or other interests **and** is at risk of harm **and** because s/he is affected by

disability, mental disorder, illness, or physical or mental infirmity are more vulnerable to being harmed than adults who are not so affected. All **three** parts of this definition need to be met.

The Church of Scotland has decided Elders do not need to be part of the scheme as this is seen as a generic service. However, our Pastoral Team may if they are providing a welfare service for people with particular needs i.e. housebound, older people and people with a disability who are not able to attend church.

At the moment I am working with Jane Miller to try to identify who may need to complete a PVG form.

I must point out that anyone considering working with our children or adults at risk must be checked **before** any work can start. I need the cooperation of any group leaders to contact me if they are considering anyone. It takes the Safeguarding Office 6-8 weeks to process the forms.

If you think you fall into any of these categories, please contact me. I no longer get a supply of forms. I have to contact the Safeguarding Office who ask questions to establish if you need to register, so please take this into consideration.

Anyone who has any concerns that a child or adult is at risk of harm or abuse, should contact me immediately.

Remember anyone can abuse, it is our faithful duty to ensure our congregation is a safe place to be.

Eleanor Mands
Safeguarding Co-ordinator
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LOOKING AHEAD

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

OCTOBER

Sunday 2
11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 9
11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 16
11 am - Worship Service;
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 23
11 am - Worship Service with
Holy Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 30
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.**

It's A Thought

People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems He has faith in your abilities.

Kompong Tralach, CAMBODIA

The Area Development Programme (ADP) successfully comes to an end...

World Vision's Area Development Programme (ADP) in Kompong Tralach first started 16 years ago. Now, in September of this year, the project finally comes to a successful conclusion.

So what has been achieved over the period of the project?

Just some of the many success stories and accomplishments include:

- ◇ The number of schools has doubled. There are now enough schools for 100% of primary aged children to be in school and full community support ensures that they will be well run after the ADP is completed. Previously only 10% of children were in kindergarten.
- ◇ 746 latrines and 983 ring and bore wells have been constructed and many health and hygiene education classes established.
- ◇ 90% of women now go to local health centres to give birth, vastly improving their care and the future of their newborn – the next generation of Kompong Tralach. Past annual infant mortality rates were 12.3%, but health centres report no deaths so far in 2011.
- ◇ Literacy rates have skyrocketed from 66.4% to 96.15% for men and 50.3% to 94.65% for women.
- ◇ Farmers in 67 villages in across Kompong Tralach were able to borrow 521,858kg of rice seed, and were able to repay it when their harvest came in.
- ◇ In 66 villages across Kompong Tralach, 82 irrigation pumps are providing water to crops to support growing good food, year round.
- ◇ Revolving animal loans have provided 1,317 cows, 855 pigs and 2,093 hens for both food and income.
- ◇ A Village Vet system now ensures that farmers can produce animals without the worry of their livestock dying from preventable diseases resulting in more animals for households to sell.
- ◇ Through support and training, rice yields (rice is the staple food in local diets) have risen from 1.2 tonnes per hectare to 2.8 tonnes over the 15 years of the project.
- ◇ Increased income is now used to buy food to provide a more balanced diet
- ◇ 83% of families now have sustainable access to enough food for good nutrition, 50% of the population now have a latrine and safe, clean water – these numbers will continue to improve as communities can now take these developments forward through the skills and confidence that the ADP has develop in these communities. **In other words, these communities are now able to maintain the pace of developments through their own efforts – a huge achievement.**
- ◇ Children formed 22 local children's clubs across the district. Children's Clubs were developed to provide safe havens for children to play and learn how to protect

themselves from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. (These activities are underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.) World Vision has provided these clubs with building facilities, playground equipment, educational materials, and training for youth leaders to help them organise club activities and teach the younger members.

- ◇ The establishment of Village Savings and Loans Community Groups, including 'Rice Banks', and Village Health Groups

World Vision's community development projects are designed to be sustainable with locally available resources, technology, materials and leadership and avoid the development of 'aid dependency' which is a huge challenge for aid agencies around the world. Families and individuals share in project leadership, responsibilities and activities from the start and are well equipped and motivated to continue in these roles when World Vision ends its direct involvement in a community. Clearly the people of Kompong Tralach are still materially poor by our standards and there is much work still to be done. However, the greatest achievement of the project is that the people from this area are now able to take control of their future and build on the work which has been started. Now the children of Kompong Tralach can grow up in an environment where food security, health and hygiene are hugely improved and when these basics are addressed, opportunities for schooling and education become a reality for all.

The achievements in Kompong Tralach are expressed through the words of Koy Sam Om, a villager who volunteers to support her local Village Health Group, who says, "What makes me happy is development in my village... I think we can run these activities ourselves, because I see there are many people with potential in my village." She goes on to say, "In ten years, I want to see even more development in my village, such as having electricity, every house having a toilet and all children achieving higher education."

We should celebrate all that has been achieved in Kompong Tralach through the support of St Andrew's and many other churches across the UK and through the child sponsorship programme which many in St Andrew's have supported.

For those who have been supporting child sponsorship in Kompong Tralach there are still opportunities to support the ongoing work of Area Development Programmes in other parts of Cambodia and of course the issues of sexual abuse and trafficking of children and Aids are still major challenges in parts of the country.

More information can be found on World Vision Cambodia's website: <http://www.worldvision.org.kh/default.html>



Led by Rev Valerie Allen, the Old & Abbey and St Andrew's congregations worshipped together in the Abbey on Sunday 31st July



Arbroath Instrumental Band led the praise and Rev Dan McCoig preached on the sharing of the five loaves and two fish



Chloe Beal and Niamh Hammond found a little 'house' to play in during the service!



At the Family Outing to Wellbank, the winners of the kite competition were Ian Martin and his daughter Rachael



Family Outing - Faces Puzzle

Can you put names to all these faces? (Answers are given below.)



1. Cameron Stewart 2. Briannah Lorimer 3. Kai Esplan 4. Tio Esplan 5. Emily Hamilton 6. Josh Crompton 7. June Whyte 8. Ray Reaney 9. Kerry Proctor 10. Chloe Robb 11. Lewis Stewart 12. William Proctor