



Men's Ministry

On Saturday 18th August, a group of 26 boys and men left the church for a hike around Backwater Reservoir in Glenisla. With the youngest of these being eleven and the oldest, eighty-one, it really was all-age!

Though there was a brief shower of rain right at the beginning, the clouds parted and the sun broke through to give way to a lovely, warm afternoon, ideal for a walk in the heart of the Angus Glens. Apart from the exercise and the taking in of the spectacular landscape, the afternoon was all about relationship building. There's nothing better

than walking along to encourage conversation and, before too long, that's exactly what was happening.

We hope that as the Men's Ministry continues to flourish, relationships will deepen and that those who are new to the faith, or presently outwith it, will begin to move in the right direction and those already on track will find themselves going deeper.

For full details of the Men's Ministry programme, contact Jim McLeod (TEL: 01241 877723) or pick up a leaflet from outside the Church Office.



Left to right - Keith Jarvis, Martin Fair, Dave Martin, Alex Low, Fraser Fair, Alfie Dickson, Bill Marshall, Ryan Parcell, Angus Hunter, Ian Cameron, Fraser Hunter, Doug Hamilton, Jim McLeod, Graeme Hamilton, Vic Moorhead, Bobby Craig, Ian Bullock, Bill Bennet, David Kidd, Robert Matthew, Brian Wiley, Doug Wright, Dougie Hamilton, Ray Reaney

Fiona Brown

Fiona may only have been with us for ten weeks – one of the placements required of her by the Church of Scotland in her ongoing preparation for ministry – but there can be no doubt that in that short time she certainly made her mark!

Between our Sunday and midweek services, Fiona preached thirteen times in all and took part in all of the other aspects of worship. That she is an excellent public speaker was apparent from the outset and her reading of scripture was particularly inspiring. But over and above the 'upfront' tasks of ministry, Fiona made a wonderful contribution in terms of the pastoral ministry of the congregation. Whilst these details aren't for publication, suffice to say that there are several of our number who really came to appreciate Fiona's ability to listen and her kindness and compassion.

She goes on now to her final year of academic training at St. Andrew's University, in pursuit of her BD, and thereafter she will enter her probationary period. We wish Fiona well in all that lies ahead of her and pray God's blessing upon her as she readies herself for ministry, in whatever form that may take in the coming years.

Osiligi Massai Warriors

On Saturday 15th September, beginning at 7.30pm, St. Andrew's Church will be the venue for a performance of song and dance by the Osiligi Massai Warriors, all the way from Kenya. With adult tickets costing £8 and children getting in for half price, this really is an opportunity not to be missed! The Warriors will bring an energetic programme of music and dance, and the evening will conclude with a presentation on the development work that this tour will support in the communities from which the



group comes. With dates throughout Scotland and the rest of the UK, these traditional performers are in high demand so we're delighted that we've been able to secure them for Arbroath.

Please promote this event as widely as you can among family, friends and colleagues to ensure a full church on the 15th. For further details : www.osiligiwarriors.co.uk

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Parish Records****July/August 2012****Baptisms** - James Brewster, William Davidson,
Connor Falconer, Katie Murray,
David Sinclair, Andrea Aims & Tee-
gan Sinclair Aims, Natasha Smith &
Tianna Smith**Blessings** - None**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - Agnes Scothern**IMPORTANT DATES****OCTOBER EDITION****Handwritten articles should be handed in to the
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these then need additional formatting work.**

Friday 21st September (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 25th September (Word-Processed file)

Dementia

On 25th October at the Dementia Ser-
vices Development Centre, Stirling, there
is to be a practical session for carers and
family members of people with dementia,
- "10 helpful hints day".

This event is free. If anyone would like
further information, please contact Lyn-
sey Manson at
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A Golden Day

Judy and Norman would like to say a very
big thank you to all who helped to make July
14th such a wonderful day. Special thanks to
Martin for the memorable service, to David
McColgan for the music in Church and to Do-
ris and her team for the superb food and hall
decoration. Thank you too for all who came
to help us celebrate our special anniversary,
and so generously donated to the Malawi Fund
and the Persecuted Church – over £700 alto-
gether!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**Organisations will alert members when groups resume after the holidays or
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 – Community Spirit (434088)

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 – Margaret Stibbles (434075)

7.30 pm – Flower Club : Fortnightly – M McIntosh (876993)

TUESDAY

9.30 am – 1.00 pm - Mum and Me - K Marr (430505) and G Scott (879615)

WEDNESDAY

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

12.00 am – Havilah – Drop-in Centre – Community Spirit (434088)

5.45 pm – Brownies – Morag Scorgie (01674 820736)

7.15 pm – Guides (S Unwin)

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 – Community Spirit (434088)

**Intimations, changes of address, hall bookings etc., please contact the Church
office, Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and for 15 minutes after**

Martin Fair

September 2012

Dear friends,

You can ask almost any minister and they'll tell you that Presbytery meetings and committees and the like aren't top of the list of things that they look forward to in the month! It's something of a standing joke that these meetings are dull and repetitive and that if you've got an excuse not to attend, you'll use it!

But of late, there's been something of a change at the Presbytery of Angus, or at least a sense that change is coming. There's been quite a turnaround of ministers in the last few years and the newer ones coming in have brought with them a sense of dynamism and purpose which is nothing if not infectious.

As one of the more senior ministers remaining – fourth longest serving! – I'm hugely encouraged by this growing sense. I'm on a small group that has been charged with planning and delivering *Big Day Out 2*, an event scheduled for 4th May 2013 to follow on from the first such day that took place in September of last year, and the buzz among the members of the group is palpable. We're putting together a great programme of worship, speakers and workshops with many great names confirmed already, including Kenny Borthwick from Wester Hailes in Edinburgh who will give the keynote address.

But most of all, for me, it's great fun working with these colleagues – being inspired and encouraged by them and being surprised by the bigness of their vision! Might it be that we're witnessing the beginning of something new that God is doing in our county? Might it be that we're going to see something of a turnaround in the fortunes of the church in these parts?

At the beginning of this new session, let's pray for Angus, giving thanks for what's in store and let us be open to see if there might be more ways in which our churches can partner with and encourage one another in these days.

God bless,

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

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THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

Martin writes:

I am SO looking forward to session 2012-13 and, in particular, to our teaching programme for the year which will be *The Story*, devised by much-loved author, Max Lucado.

The Story is a session-long journey through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. In it, Max Lucado and his colleagues have produced a systematic, chronological plan of Bible readings which when taken together will allow us to appreciate the full sweep of what God has done, is doing and is going to do through Jesus Christ. To put it another way, *The Story* is made up of edited highlights. Anyone reading *The Story* will get the whole picture... without having to plough through the likes of the heavier parts of Leviticus and Numbers!!

But the real beauty of *The Story* is that it's a programme for the whole Church! In other words, it's fully integrated to ensure that our children, young people and adults – through worship, home groups and personal

devotions – will be journeying together. Parents and children will come away from Sunday mornings having reflected on the same passages and themes and having been similarly challenged to consider ways in which lessons learned can be put into practice.

Home group members will pick up from Sunday mornings to dig a little deeper and every congregational member will have opportunity to incorporate the selected readings for each week into their personal devotional life.

We'll begin reading *The Story* after the October holidays and then, with seasonal breaks allowed for, will continue through to the end of June. Each week, in the bulletin and on our website, members will be able to review the Bible reading schedule and plan accordingly.

Those who want to, will be able to buy their own copies of *The Story*, there being different age-appropriate versions for tiny tots, children, young people and adults. Details of these will be available shortly.

So, whether you've been through the Bible lots of times or never before, here's an opportunity to join with the whole Church to read *The Story*. As we embark on the journey, let's pray that for all of us it will prove to be thoroughly life-changing.

Thank You

It is unusual for me to be lost for words but how do I even begin to thank you all for the last ten weeks? As Martin said, at the start we wondered what we could realistically achieve in ten weeks. For my part, I assumed that I would shadow Martin in his work – how could I possibly find a role here in such a short space of time? However, God had other ideas! I firmly believe that He led me here. I had originally requested my summer placement here last year but of course Martin was on sabbatical. It was suggested to me that I could find another suitable place but I was adamant that I wanted to come here and experience Arbroath St Andrews.

I could not have imagined the welcome I would receive. I feel I have been invited into your church family not as a visitor who is passing through but as a family member. Smiles, hugs and laughter have been shared alongside tears and sadness.

As far as training is concerned, I have learned a lot

about such things as preaching and teaching, pastoral care and outreach work. But more than this, I have learned what it means to be Christian, walking in faith, from each of you. You have taught me in your kindnesses to one another, your reaching out, your desire to know more about Jesus, your passion for including all ages. I have been richly blessed during my time here. I take many memories with me: the service in the Abbey; facepainting at Seafest; having a coffee at Community Spirit; going to the Guild chippy tea; baptisms and blessings, and so much more. However, the memories that will remain with me are of moments shared with the brothers and sisters God wanted me to get to know.

I feel sad that I must go but I am happy that God brought me here and guided me into a fun-filled, jam-packed, spiritually rich, incredibly blessed ten weeks. Friends, thank you for letting me be part of your family.

Your sister

Fiona

Ask Theophilus

Question :

I find the Bible's emphasis on 'blood' difficult to go with. I suppose it's understandable in the Old Testament when they had animal sacrifices. But why does it always speak about Jesus' blood? We even have 'blood' promoted in the sacrament of Communion. Isn't this an unnecessary continuation of some ancient rite, and isn't it inappropriate nowadays?

Theophilus answers :

This is a good question. The answer is in Genesis 9:4, 'You shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood'. Again in Leviticus 17:11, 14, we read 'The life of every creature is in its blood.' So blood stood for the life of every living creature.

In the New Testament the blood of Jesus is code for his life laid down in death on our behalf. In other words,

Christ's blood refers directly to his sacrifice, and it is his death on the cross that is symbolized by the wine of Communion. The covenant of God's grace is sealed in his Son's blood, that is, by his death for us. A communion hymn written 200 years ago brings out beautifully the significance of the Saviour's blood; here are just four of its six verses:

1. Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood from his sacred veins.
2. Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion, infinitely kind.
3. Blest through endless ages be the precious stream,
Which from endless torments did the world redeem.
4. Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

Have you a question for Theophilus? Hand it in and get his answer in the next issue of Quest.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Maize for Malawi

This Harvest 2012 project has proved yet again that when the congregation of St. Andrew's is given a cause to support, it won't be found lacking in generosity.

Following the gifting of some £5,000 to date, the following text was received from our Aquaid partners in Malawi:

"Bought six hundred much-needed bags of maize with funds from the dear saints at St. Andrew's Church. Situation becoming critical for elderly and vulnerable. God bless all, John." (16th August 2012)

There are complex arguments in terms of how best to

support the world's poor, not least in countries like Malawi. Foreign aid has not always been well-used and has not always achieved what it was intended for. Even in relation to the buying of maize ahead of feared shortages, there are debates to be had.

But while the Kirk Session remains committed to supporting long term, sustainable development work – designed to raising the capacity of the people of Malawi to support themselves – it is surely required of us that we be ready to help out in times of emergency, when the threat of starvation is a very real one. The maize that the congregation has bought will be used to feed the most vulnerable members of society, those who otherwise would have no way of feeding themselves.

The Bible talks about Harvest as being a time to remember *widows and orphans*, in other words the poorest of the poor, the marginalised. **Thank you**, that you were ready to do it.

Havilah

From its very humble beginnings, our *Havilah* ministry has grown dramatically in the years since – surely an indication of the desperate need that exists in our community among the most lost, damaged and marginalised. The culmination of this growth to date has been the employing of two staff members – Tracey McLeod (Project Worker) and Karen Reaney (Administrator) – and the opening of a purpose built building, *Community Spirit*. Those of you who read the Church of Scotland’s official monthly magazine, *Life & Work*, will enjoy the two-page spread about *Havilah* that appears in the September edition.

The focus of that particular article is on volunteering and, of course, *Havilah* is entirely dependent on the skills and willingness of its team of volunteers. Without their passion to do what Jesus would have done – that is, to be alongside the *lepers* of our day – there would be no such mission flowing from our congregation.

Over and above the employed staff and the volunteers (and the many who provide soup and support in kind etc.) *Havilah* has its own Management Group which is responsible for the day-to-day running of the project. This group reports to the Leadership Group of the congregation and supervises the staff as well as being responsible for the securing of funds from outside agencies, trust funds etc. To date, they have been pretty successful in that regard, with £30,000 of annual core funding in place and other smaller amounts having come in through the years.

The Management Group is convened by Martin, our

minister, with Jim McLeod – one of the original project visionaries – presently serving as vice-convenor. Heather Black takes care of the finances and Linda McDonald is responsible for minute-taking and other administrative duties that arise. The group is set to welcome Dave Martin, one of our elders, who has been asked to come on board to add to its strength following recent retrials.

With many of our congregation involved in sponsoring children in Malawi, there now exists the opportunity to support someone much nearer to home, namely an addict in recovery. This, of course, will be much less likely to attract the same kind of support. The view among many is that these people have brought it on themselves and that they don’t deserve help. Many have held such a view but it nearly always changes when opportunity is taken to hear the story that lies below the surface of petty crime, anti-social behaviour and chaotic lifestyle. That story is generally one of abuse and neglect. Many listeners find themselves concluding: *There but for the grace of God...*

This opportunity to lend concrete support is exclusively aimed at those who are very definitely trying to turn their lives around. It’s for those who will take up places in rehab centres etc. and who need help with some of the costs associated with that. Very definitely, it will not be used to dole out money to those who are still using drugs! This support programme will be built around a £5-a-month gift and will be administered by our staff and scrutinised by the Management Group.

It might just be that YOU will be able to support one young man or woman to come out of addiction and into the life in all its fullness that Jesus promises to all.

RAMADAN

Travellers arriving on a certain day in a predominately Muslim country would be surprised at sundown to see groups of people studying the heavens. What were they looking at or for? Any local person would explain the mystery – the appearance of a tiny slither of the new moon in the sky. A sight of this would mean the end of the annual fast month of Ramadan; after the big “fete” to celebrate, life would return to normal. Prayers 5 times a day with special prayer times on a Friday.

As one who has lived through the fast month let me tell you its background and practice. Muhammad designated the 9th month of the 354 day Islamic calendar as a period of fasting. This starts 11 days earlier every year with the start and finish depending on the appearance of the crescent moon.

What does it mean for those involved? From dawn’s first light until darkness falls, it is forbidden to eat, drink, smoke or have sexual relations. The swallowing of saliva is also forbidden (this makes things difficult when being in the range of local windowless buses!). After sundown, the fast is broken with a light meal (gruel or bread) before prayers and then the main evening meal which can last as long

as people like. Most local food shops sell more delicacies at this time of year than at any other time. Those exempt from the fast are the mentally ill, the sick, pregnant and some nursing mothers and those engaged in hard labour. The able bodied who chose not to fast (some of the Olympic athletes came into this category) are expected to make up fast days some other time of the year. One athlete donated a large sum of money to a charitable cause to cover his failure to fast.

Celebrations at the completion of the month include prayers at the mosque with everyone wearing new clothes (many tailors have been working all night to complete these garments) and carrying a new or clean prayer mat. This time is followed by feasting, visiting friends and general rejoicing.

Given that there are so many people acknowledging their belief in Allah and Mohammed as his prophet, what hope is there for a recognition of the God of the Bible and salvation in His Son? To date, no big crowds have been swept into the Kingdom but by prayer, personal contact, visions, and the exemplary life style of Christians, even in so called “closed countries” the light of the Gospel message is bearing fruit.

Sue Pritchard

Now That I Am An Old Woman

Now that I am an old woman, I shall wear purple

With bright colours that don't suit me.
And not worry about what people think!
And I shall have fun!

I shall make up for the reticence of my youth

And speak out for those who have no voice.

I shall talk to strangers about Jesus,
And I shall wear purple!

I shall play the games I played as a child
And see the wonderful things around me
with the eyes of a child,

In spite of cataracts!

And I shall have fun!

I shall have a passion for Jesus

And when in doubt
I shall ask myself - "What would Jesus do?"

And I shall wear purple!

I shall live each day as if there were no tomorrow,

Enjoy life whatever the weather!

Be ready to give a helping hand.

And I shall have fun!

I can't do all this on my own,

I shall need God's help

And the help of my friends and my grandchildren

And yes! I shall have fun and wear purple

P - Passionate!

U - Up for it!

R - Radiant!

P - Prayerful!

L - Loving!

E - Enthusiastic!

Mary Scott

Eco-mindful Sale

On 23rd September, after the church service, there will be a book sale of second-hand Christian books. This is an opportunity to recycle books that have been read but will probably never be read again.

If you have any books to donate to the sale, please give them to any members of the service core group or put in the appropriate cupboard in the small hall or even bring along on the day of the sale.

All money raised from the sale of books will go to Malawi.

7th Arbroath B.B.

We are about to start another session on 13th of September.

Anchor Boys - Age 5-7 meet in Small Halls from 6pm - 7.30pm

Junior section - Age 8-10 meet in the Main Hall from 6pm - 7.30pm

Company Section - Age 11 upwards meet in the Main hall from 7.45pm - 9.30pm

All contact details are at the front of the magazine.

A warm welcome awaits from all Officers.
W Ewart.

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 9

11 am - Worship Service;
with a visit from the
Gideon Society
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 16

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

Sunday 23

11 am - Worship Service;
with Harvest Thanksgiving
Celebration
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 30

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

OCTOBER

Sunday 7

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 14

11 am - Worship Service;
inc. Sacrament of Baptism
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 21

11 am - Worship Service;
with
Celebration of Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 28

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Guild News

The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement which invites and encourages men and women to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

This is an important year for the Guild as in May we reach our 125th Anniversary of the organisation.

We had two meetings during the summer months, a walk over the links to Elliot then a MacFlurry at "MacDonalds" where we joined the other members who had a mystery tour around the countryside.

In August we enjoyed a chippy tea and a film "Marigold Hotel" at the church.

On Saturday 25th August ten members are to attend the Shona.

Annual General Meeting in the Caird Hall in Dundee, when the theme is "GO TELL!". This is always a very enlightening and uplifting experience, meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

We start our session with a Dedication and Communion on Monday 17th September when we would like to invite YOU along to join us.

The second meeting on 1st October is a talk by Alzheimers Scotland being mindful of our theme this year "A Faith to Proclaim".

You don't have to be old to be in the Guild.

"Whose we are and whom we serve"

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

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

Small Corners

There are lots of 'small corners'

When I was a child I used to love the hymn which included the lines "You in your small corner, and I in mine". That thought was always an encouragement whenever I felt despairing or overwhelmed at the enormity of need in the world, and I still feel that way today, particularly with regard to climate change and poverty. Being eco-friendly and eco-smart is our responsibility in our own 'small corner' of God's creation here in Arbroath, but it's great to look around sometimes and be encouraged by what's going on so many other 'small corners' around the world, often in places with fewer resources and fewer choices than we

have.

Next time you have a couple of minutes to spare while you're on the Internet, take a look at the short slideshow at practicalaction.org/top-ten-technologies-in-pictures – this is an inspiring virtual globetrot to see how the UK-based charity Practical Action is working with the poorest of the poor. Practical Action enables people to learn how to build and maintain simple technology, which improves quality of life and helps the planet at the same time. Solutions that work well for one 'small corner' are then shared with others – a great example of eco-evangelism in action!

As you watch the slideshow, spend a few minutes praising God for this work and praying for the people and communities that you glimpse through the images and words.

Clerk's Corner

Office Hours

Now that the holiday season is over, we begin the work which will enable all our 'normal' activities/meetings for the coming months to get underway. This is an appropriate time to consider some changes to the office practices. The office will now be open on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9-12**. In addition, on Sundays, the office will be not be open before the morning service, but will be open for a short period **after** worship and will be staffed by a rota of volunteers. This will allow such things as the purchasing of tickets for concerts and other events to be available to those of you who cannot come during normal working hours. All items for the bulletin should be sent by email, or posted through the letterbox, by Tuesday of each week.

Painting by small numbers!

You will have noticed that the small halls and the Gallery have been refreshed by being repainted. Our thanks go to the small band of willing volunteers who undertook this necessary task and, in particular, to Alan McSkimming and Billy Beattie.

Let there be light!

Along with other unseen electrical work, an electrician carried out improvements to our lighting etc., most instantly visible in the new lighting in the halls, the lights for the sheds in the rear garden and in the security lighting on the side walls.

Groovy Gardeners!

Many have commented on the colourful display at the front of the church which is the excellent work of Jack Clarke. In addition, the transformation at the rear of the church goes on apace with the last of the rubbish of many years now removed, so that we are almost ready for the final delivery of chips to cover the remaining areas. A low-maintenance approach has been adopted which will be welcomed by Ian and Janis who, it would appear, practically live in the grounds and church. Ian will have to guard his newly-acquired retired status, otherwise he may have to take up residence in one of the sheds!

There is one task which will need to be farmed out for next year. We have an area of grass at the rear of the church and this needs regular cutting. Those of you with gardens will know that a great deal of extra cutting has been necessary this year. The job at the church this season has been shared by two people who are already committed to many other tasks. Could this be something that you could volunteer to do – mower supplied!!

Too keen!!

Some of you are so recycling conscious that you are now bringing things that we have not appealed for!! We have very limited short-term storage for articles which have been requested and the cupboard in the small halls designated for such items is regularly emptied by the appropriate people. Recently, batteries have begun to appear - any shop which sells batteries has a recycling facility so please dispose of them in this way or at the municipal recycling depot. If you bring unrequested articles, our Church Officer has extra work in dealing with them. She is already our expert recycler so we do not want to add to her work.

Book Stall

The Book Stall has been up and running for quite a few months now and in order to provide the best possible choice of books, cards, CD's, gifts etc. we would love to hear from you. There are very many Christian books on the market these days and if you have enjoyed a book, or been challenged by what you have read - please let us know, so

that we can get it for others to try; or if there is a book you would like us to order, we would be happy to do that also. The Book stall has been set up to provide a service to the whole church so let us know what you would like to see on the stall. You can speak to Gaynor or Eleanor at church or perhaps leave a note for us at the church office. Hoping to hear from you soon - next Book stall September!

Gaynor (on behalf of the Nurture Group).



June - The Reverend David Searle organized a service in the Abbey grounds to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Members of local organisations were represented and praise was led by the Arbroath Instrumental Band. Right - Two of our own children, Eilidh Hammond and Heather Whyte, were in the Brownie colour party.

With a Splash



Baptism of Jonathan Farmer

As far as anyone can remember, Sunday 26th August 2012 saw a 'first' for St. Andrew's Church - baptism by full immersion! Both David Kidd and Jonathan Farmer were affirming their respective baptisms and both chose the option of immersion. This was contrasted by the infant baptism of Charlie-Anne Allardyce.

As far as Church of Scotland practice is concerned, 'sprinkling' is, of course, the most frequently used mode of baptism but a minister has at

his or her disposal three options in all.

While sprinkling is clearly the most appropriate method in the case of infants, adults may be baptised by immersion or by what is known as 'afflusion,' or pouring. This latter method, Martin has made use of in recent times, with candidates for baptism ending up pretty wet - as was the case with Natasha Smith!



Martin Fair congratulates David Kidd, watched by Jim McLeod, Jonathan Farmer, Keith Scott and Robert Matthew

many will remember chose to be baptised in public, in the sea at the harbour, in October. Brrrrrrrrrrrrrr!!

Both David and Jonathan, though coming to Christian faith in different ways and at different times, came to the point of deciding that to make a public declaration of their faith was what they wanted to do. Now, we celebrate with them as they set out on the next steps of their respective journeys following Jesus. May God richly bless them in all the time to come.

(You can read their stories by visiting www.arbroathstandrews.org.uk and following the top bar menus from 'What we believe' to 'Our Stories.')



Baptism of Charlie-Anne Allardyce

Though of course our sanctuary is not fitted with a baptistry, we were able to use full immersion thanks to the generosity of Perth North Church of Scotland, who some years back bought a mobile baptistry for this kind of occasion. Now, they lend it out frequently as more and more Church of Scotland congregations find themselves using immersion as an option.

The only previous example of immersion that we have documented is that of Becky Dunphy, who as



Me and Mum both being baptized - Tianna Smith and Natasha Smith.



Baptism of Becky Dunphy in the sea at Arbroath Harbour in October 2007.