

Harvest Thanksgiving

On Sunday 23rd September we had an amusing but very thought provoking harvest thanksgiving. To open our service, the choir set the theme with a well sung lively piece which had very appropriate words.

We were treated to an excellent sketch by Fraser Fair (budding actor!) and Gaynor Scott who together used the saying of grace prior to a meal to develop - in a very comic but meaningful fashion - how we should think more deeply about the gift of food. At the end of the day, it all comes down to the good grace of our Provider.

An equally amusing sketch by Martin Fair and Adele Ramsay had us smiling one moment and then squirming the next when filthy drinking water was produced. It is the colour of water that many Malawians, and peoples in other underdeveloped countries, still have to drink, even though it may give them a terrible disease and ultimately kill them. Unlike the water, the message was very clear!

To deliver the formal message, Martin did not have time for a quick costume change and began by asking the congregation to suppress the giggles - as far as possible! Not very many of us succeeded! But, of course, his message was as challenging as ever.

The good news is that our donations amounted to over £5,000 and allowed the purchase of over 600 bags of maize for Malawi. This will help to ensure that the people we support will have at least one meal a day during the famine period.



Joan Hainsworth tries to suppress a fit of giggles!



The colour of the water that many Malawians still have to drink



Fraser Fair and Gaynor Scott



Martin Fair and Adele Ramsay

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Friday 19th October (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 23rd October (Word-Processed file)

Dementia

On 25th October at the Dementia Services 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 Lynsey Manson at lynsey.manson@stir.ac.uk

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.

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

7.30 to 9.00 pm – Youth Group

9.00 pm – Senior Youth Group

Monday to Friday - 11.00 am – Havilah : Drop-in Centre – Community Spirit (434088)

MONDAY

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)

6.15 pm – Brownies – Rosie Hill (07977 790528)

7.30 pm – Guides - Rosie Hill (07977 790528)

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

Intimations, changes of address, hall bookings etc., please contact the Church office, Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and for 15 minutes after Sunday Service, telephone 431135.

Martin Fair

October 2012

Dear friends,

A few weeks back I found myself in Glasgow for a meeting. After the meeting, knowing that tickets were available for the Scotland v Macedonia World Cup qualifying match, I took a bus from the city centre over to Hampden to buy tickets for myself and the boys.

Hampden is in the Mount Florida area of Glasgow, the area in which my dad did his growing up. I walked past the school which he attended and then down to the stadium itself. In his younger day, as a keen footballer himself, he had played on the pitch at Lesser Hampden (as Callum did a couple of years back) and in more informal moments on the rough ground beside the stadium which now forms the main car park.

Though the stadium is much different since its refurbishment, as I walked around it to find the ticket office I found myself going back to my own teenage years during which I never missed a Scotland match or a Rangers cup match at Hampden. With my friends back then, I would get the bus to Shawlands and then we would walk over by the monument at Langside and then down by the Victoria Infirmary. Those old times and the faces of my friends were at the forefront of my mind as I walked down memory lane. Having got the tickets, I walked back to get the bus, passing the foot of Stanmore Drive where my grandfather had lived. I could see him in my mind's eye, especially when he came to visit always bringing some chocolate and sweets with him!

There's nothing to beat reminiscing. It warms our hearts to think back on 'good old days.' But all too soon, we need to get our head out of the clouds and back to what's before us in the here and now!

And so it is with the Church. We can all spend happy hours talking about times gone by, about things that happened and about people we shared those times with. It's important that we do this from time to time. To do so ensures that we never lose touch with 'our story' and our story is of critical importance to us. It has shaped who we are now.

And to understand where we have come from is vital if we are to plot the course ahead. God's people must always know where they've come from, where they are, and be ready to follow where God is leading - even if that is into unfamiliar lands and uncomfortable places.

In closing, Scotland were rubbish against Macedonia! A 1-1 draw was not what was required. It would never have been like that in the good old days when we were a force to be reckoned with! My boys will need to rely on their dad (and grandfather) telling them stories of how things were in the past!

God bless,

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

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What Matters

There's been much talk in recent times about the redefinition of marriage in terms of it being extended to include same-sex couples. The Church of Scotland has been quite clear in its opposition to this, though the Scottish Government seems determined to press ahead anyway.

But there's a wider debate taking place which is, in my view, equally important, if not more so. *The Independent* newspaper carried an opinion piece in its edition of 25th September 2012 which essentially called for an openness to affairs within marriage on the grounds that monogamy is unrealistic and that people expect too much from marriage. If, it continued, we were more open to affairs, then there would be less cases of divorce!

To put it bluntly, what's being debated here is the *normalisation* of adultery - the idea that couples should be open to the possibilities of extra-marital sexual relations.

The Independent columnist came up with the term '*flexibility*' to describe such a view of marriage.

You can change the name but it still amounts to adultery. According to polls, 90% of Americans and 80% of British people believe that adultery is always wrong whereas only 40% of Italians and French think it to be wrong.

For Christians, such opinion polls are irrelevant. What matters, is that Scripture is 100% clear that adultery is wrong.

It seems at times as if we're living in an era during which every building block of how our society is built is up for grabs or under attack. Some things may just be ornamentation and really don't matter but when you begin to dislodge the building blocks then you shouldn't be surprised when the building collapses. Make no mistake; ways of life, civilisations, CAN collapse!

In this particular case, as with others, what is needed in these days is that Christians stand up for and, more importantly, live according to Christian values.

Alpha

We're very much looking forward to beginning our third year of running the world-famous *Alpha* course, starting this year on Wednesday 17th October.

Alpha is a ten-week Christian introduction course which offers participants an opportunity to explore the claims of the faith - principally about who Jesus was - and about life itself.

As always, this course is open both to people who come to Church and already are firm in their beliefs AND to those who have never set foot inside a church before! Some would argue that *Alpha* works best for those who are inquisitive and who have started to ask themselves questions about life and its ultimate meaning. But the truth is

that almost everyone who comes on an *Alpha* course leaves afterwards having enjoyed it!

The bottom line is that no-one gets told what they have to think. Each evening, there is a short film or talk followed by discussion time in groups. No one will laugh at you for asking what might seem like a silly question and no one will shout you down for expressing your view. In that way, we all end up learning. Wonderfully, for many people *Alpha* proves to be a life changer; an introduction to Jesus from which there is no going back.

Whether you're looking for that or for a 'back to basics' refresher course, we'd be delighted to welcome you on this year's *Alpha*? There will definitely be a 7pm evening course. An afternoon course will run depending on demand.

Names of interested people should be forwarded to the Church Office or directly to the minister.

Ask Theophilus

Question :

I find Martin is preaching on the life of David on Wednesday mornings. This past week in his reading were the words: 'An evil spirit from the Lord tormented Saul.' How can God send an evil spirit on someone to whom he has already given his good Spirit (1 Sam. 11:6; 16:14)?

Theophilus answers :

This important question really needs more than a short answer in Quest. If you want to look up other references to 'spirit' in 1 Samuel, see the list at the end.

First, we are not to understand 'spirit' in these passages in terms of 'being born again' (as in John 3:3-6), but rather as mostly referring to an 'anointing' of Saul (and then David) to undertake the role of national leader. Second, the 'spirit' coming upon (lit. 'rushing upon') someone also has the meaning of that person being rendered incapable of rational action by the persons involved being made helpless, overcome by an ecstatic condition.

So in 19:18-24 God's way of protecting David from arrest by Saul's men and by Saul himself was to allow

them to become virtually insensible! They were 'zapped'! Fascinating stuff, providing a field-day for psychologists as well as for theologians!

The Question you asked me, however, must be seen in its context. The Spirit of God has now anointed David to be the future king (16:13); in the very next verse we are told that simultaneously the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul (cf. 1 Cor. 9:27). Consequently, 'an evil spirit' takes God's place in his life. Clearly this means that he became both violent (18:10-11, 29) and paranoid (18:12, 15). In the OT, every circumstance and human condition was attributed to God, the all-powerful Lord. Today, we tend to express this as saying that when God's Spirit left Saul, he became vulnerable to other influences, both from his own natural character weaknesses and adverse influences on him (but see Jesus' parable in Matt. 12:43-45); yet here the narrator's intention is that his readers understand God remained firmly in control and would ultimately reunite the nation under David; more important, the Messiah would come from David's line.

(1 Sam. 10:6, 10; 11:6; 16:13, 14-16; 18:10; 19:23.)

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

Osiligi Warriors

Around 130 people came to witness the singing and tribal dancing of the Osiligi Warrior group of Massai Kenyans on the evening of September 15th. And what an entertaining night it was!

The evening began with some explanation as to the origins of the group and a description of their culture and lifestyle. That was followed by a presentation on the development work that the group's concerts makes possible. In many ways, there are similarities between what happens in Kenya through this group and what happens through the work of the African Children's Choir... even through our own work in Malawi. It is all about improving living stand-

ards and, most importantly, educational opportunities for the young.

The lecture gave way to what everyone had come to enjoy, the songs and dance. The highlight was, of course, the famous 'jumping' that the Massai are famed for and for this various members of the audience were welcomed on-stage to join them. Though the guests tried their best, none could even nearly match the heights gained in the jumps of the warriors. It seemed as though they had actual springs in their feet as they bounced up and down in time to the music!

Though enjoyment was what it was all about, the good news is that a sum of £665 was raised into the bargain (through ticket sales) to support the work.

Naomi's Final Report

Well here is my last report which I'm sure you're probably glad to know as you won't have to listen any longer to me droning on about how wonderful Malawi is (which it really is by the way). Anyway, my last month was pretty packed as Becky & I dived around trying to finish everything we were doing, saying good bye to everyone and also climbing mount Mulanji.

We also painted verses onto the walls of all the boarding houses which was good because the kids know the easy verses because they are easy to memorise but they aren't particularly good verses – I mean “Jesus wept” is all good and that but what does it actually teach little kids about God's love for them! We got some of the boys who had already written their exams to help which was really good fun and a couple of them were actually really good - although a few had to be banned from touching a paint brush as it was extremely difficult to fix some of the mistakes. We did two in each house; one teaching and one which included the name of their house - so 'Faith House' had one about God's faith being renewed each morning which we then made a sunrise out of their hand prints which they loved. But, as Ntonio house isn't a word in Chichewa, we wrote “If a man does not work he shall not eat”. They were not so impressed with that verse and kept complaining to us for weeks that their house mother was using it against them to get them to work harder.

In the last week we had a last match with the girls where my team played Becky's. I am happy to say that after a year working with them they finally got it and started to play some pretty impressive football. Afterwards we decided to have some cake to celebrate a good year of football! On the same day the boys Aquaid team beat the adults Aquaid team which resulted in a massive party with the boys and also resulted in a cake - so we were very much caked out.

Most of the tying up loose ends was left to Bex which was fine by me as most of the boarders left at the beginning of the month so I was able to spend the last week hanging around with them which was nice and very kind of my sister. But sadly she chose to repay me by dragging me up Mount Mulanje! It took us 2 days up and down and my goodness it was the steepest hill I have ever climbed. But, to be fair, Becky was very patient with me and in the end it was worth it as we could see for miles and it was one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen. It was quite embarrassing when I was still walking like a cripple for days after it though!

Anyway all the kids left when we still had two weeks left which was pretty sad and actually it was kind of weird because I felt so much sadder to say goodbye to them than I was when I left Scotland - no offence but I clearly love them much more. Anyway there were 7 boarders left as their home situations mean they can't return home for the holidays. It was quite sad to see them all left especially one of them because she was very excited as she was supposed to go home. She was originally a street child so Aquaid as a safety thing said her mum had to come and collect her to show that she would take care of her properly for the

month but after a week we all knew her mum wasn't coming. As Bex and I felt very sorry for them all, I hate to say it but we completely spoiled them for the last two weeks which they loved. There were also 8 older boys left who chose not to go home but to stay and play football as the league was near the end – isn't that so typical of boys!

Anyway we also managed to fit in another typically Malawian bike ride in which we had completely flat tyres, a seat which moved (a lot), pedals which were so bent that it meant you couldn't stand and they also which ripped holes in the bottom of your shoes and finally another bent wheel. We were lucky enough to be escorted by two boys who laughed at us the entire way and who, when we arrived at our destination and were told the girl had moved, informed us that really it was not much further which in fact was probably the biggest lie I have ever heard but provided them with much more laughter.

The last few days we spent our time going round visiting people to say good bye or in other words going round getting stuffed with food - so much so we had 5 meals one day! And can I say they were not small meals. Every one of them was made extra large since it was our last time to eat with them in at least a year. Oh my, I literally thought I was going to explode. Anyway we had a nice last few days which were at the same time very sad and although it was nice to come home and see everyone it was extremely sad to leave all my friends and the country which believe it or not may have replaced Scotland at the top of my favourite places. - so much so that I keep forgetting that I'm home and want to speak Chichewa all the time instead of English.

So that's it from me. My year is over. It was a year full of laughter which is strange since I was living in a place which should be so full of despair and sadness. The truth is that it's actually the most joyful and hopeful place I've ever been. In actual fact they see the positive in everything even though they have so little as opposed to Scotland where we have so much but just see the negative in everything. I think that was one of my biggest learning curves this year as I think I thought I wasn't obsessed with possessions or looks or whatever but I realised that I still have a lot to work on and I'm so glad that I was in Malawi when I realised it.

I can't think of anywhere I would rather have been, anything I'd have rather done or any other people I would have rather spent my last year with.

It Makes You Think!

I dreamt death came the other night,
And heaven's gates swung wide.
With kindly grace an angel came,
And ushered me inside.

And there to my astonishment,
Stood folk I'd known on earth;
Some I had judged as quite unfit,
Or of little worth.

Indignant words rose to my lips,
But never were set free,
For every face showed stunned surprise -
No-one had expected ME!

Guild News

Our first Guild meeting which was held in the sanctuary on the 17th September was our Dedication and Communion service. Members participated in the service with readings, prayers and singing of hymns with enthusiasm. We were delighted to have David Searle officiate in Martin's absence.

Our next meeting is on 1st October and will be a talk from Alzheimer's Scotland. The 2nd meeting of the month on 15th October, 'Andy and his music' is with our very own Sheila Stewart and the 3rd on 29th October, a discussion entitled 'Being a Christian in today's world'.

The Guild has come to the end of another 3 year project strategy – 'What does the Lord require of you'. Below is a summary of how collectively, the CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD has distributed the money over the 6 projects they supported from September 2009 - June 2012.

Totals donated from all Church of Scotland Guilds:-

CROSSREACH - On the other side (Scotland)	£156,922.70
HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME - A New hunger (Various countries)	£114,880.87
INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION - Terrify No More (Cambodia)	£166,816.28
MINISTRIES COUNCIL – A Place of Hope (UK)	£103,047.50
MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP – Mission Run (Madagascar)	£144,751.15
WORLD MISSION COUNCIL – Interfaith Support (Israel/Palestine)	£104,137.04
	£790,555.54

The 6 projects for the next 3 years, 2012-2015 are from:-
 CROSSREACH: Heart for Art, MINISTRIES COUNCIL: Passage from India, SCOTTISH CHURCHES HOUSING ACTION: The Julius Project, WORLD MISSION COUNCIL: Out of Africa into Malta and the 2 which we are to support this year Comfort Rwanda and Mary's Meals. Comfort Rwanda's work is to extend a project in which those who were responsible for the genocide that killed one million Rwandans in 100 days are building new homes for the survivors and Mary's Meals, works in Liberia, one of the poorest countries in the world, providing food and resources to children. Hundreds of children were recruited to fight in a war which has had long and devastating consequences for Liberia.

Guild evenings are full of fun, fellowship and fact finding. Why not come along and join us?

WHOSE WE ARE AND WHOM WE SERVE.

Eco Challenges for Malawi

Malawi is a very beautiful country but is not without its environmental challenges. As we think of and pray for our centres there, it's useful to know about the eco-situation in which they and their fellow Malawians live.

Deforestation is a serious problem, as most of the energy for cooking and making mudbricks comes from burning wood, and the growing population means more land is being cleared for agriculture. The trees are being used up faster than they grow; between 1990 and 2005 the country lost nearly 13% of its total forest cover. The team who visited this year saw many people carrying large loads of firewood on their heads or stacked on the back of their bikes, and sometimes people have to travel long distances to collect wood or to sell it at the market.

Deforestation causes other problems too. Soil erosion damages agricultural land, which reduces people's ability to grow food crops and cash crops. Siltation in Lake Malawi affects the fish spawning grounds in the lake and so endangers the fish population, which is also under pressure from overfishing. It is crucial to protect the lake, as 70% of

the animal protein that is consumed in the country comes from fish.

The loss of primary tropical forest also threatens Malawi's tremendous potential for eco-tourism, based on its famous lake and safari wildlife. There are a few excellent examples of eco-tourist developments already, but more could be done, e.g. walking tours. This would provide much-needed employment and earnings.

Water pollution from agricultural runoff, sewage and industrial wastes endangers health, as people who don't have access to bore water have to use untreated surface water. Our centres use bore water but the team saw people washing their clothes, dishes and themselves in river and lake water.

Solving these eco-problems amidst the poverty in Malawi is difficult, but not impossible. Please pray for wisdom and courage for Malawi's leaders in government and industry, so that they can tackle these challenges in a way that will both conserve Malawi's threatened environment and provide the basic resources for life for its people.

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER

Sunday 7

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 14

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 21

11 am - Worship Service;
with
Celebration of Communion
and week 1 of THE STORY
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 28

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

NOVEMBER

Sunday 4

11 am - Worship Service
Prayers for Persecuted
Christians Sunday
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 11

10.50 am - Worship Service
beginning with
Act of Remembrance
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 10.30 am.**

What is a Fairtrade Town?

Having become a Fairtrade Church recently, we are now celebrating that Arbroath has been awarded Fairtrade Town status. We are also part of a wider effort to make Angus a Fairtrade Zone, and Scotland a Fairtrade Nation.

Fairtrade Town is a status awarded by a recognised Fairtrade certification body – in the UK this is the Fairtrade Foundation - describing an area which is committed to the promotion of Fairtrade certified goods.

The Fairtrade Town campaign started in 2001 in Garstang, Lancashire, and was highly successful in raising awareness of Fairtrade. The Fairtrade Foundation then launched a set of Fairtrade Town goals and an action guide to encourage other towns to follow Garstang's lead. There are now 538 Fairtrade Towns in the UK, and many more in other countries around the world.

The 5 goals for becoming a Fairtrade Town are:

1. Local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade and agrees to serve Fairtrade tea and coffee at its meetings.
2. At least 2 Fairtrade products are available in a number

of retail and cafe/catering outlets, proportionate to the population of the town.

3. Fairtrade products are used in a number of local workplaces and community organisations.
4. Attract media coverage and popular support for the campaign.
5. Convene a local Fairtrade steering group to ensure continued commitment to Fairtrade Town status.

St Andrew's members have been heavily involved in making all this happen, as part of our commitment to serving our local and global communities. You can do your bit by supporting Fairtrade events that are organised by the Arbroath Fairtrade Action Group (such as last month's Fairtrade wine tasting evening) and gradually increasing the range of Fairtrade goods that you purchase in our local shops.

Becoming a Fairtrade Town is a beginning, not an end! We pray for the day that all trade will be fair, and there will be no need to have campaigns and action groups. But in the meantime, Arbroath is making a strong statement about how our community wants trade to work by being a Fairtrade Town. Our voices become louder when we speak together.

7th Arbroath B.B.

All sections started the session on Thursday 13th of September. We have 9 Anchor boys, 1 Junior Section boy and 14 Company boys. 8 company boys are currently working on their Queen's Badge.

Our Enrolment Service is on Thursday 25th October in the Church at 7.15 pm and a warm invitation is extended to

all Supporters of the Brigade, family and friends.

On Saturday 27th October we will hold our Coffee Morning in the church Halls. Usual stalls. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

We will be on holiday for the 2 weeks that the Schools are off and restart again on Thursday 18th October.

From all Officers of 7th Arbroath B.B.

Clerk's Corner

The Bulletin – being on time

The bulletin is a major cog in our communication wheel. Each week there is a large amount of information in it and you are able to take this away to remind yourselves of all the events/happenings/dates you might want to put in your diary. This next bit is for those of you who provide items of information and is a very strong plea for your help and consideration.

Compiling the bulletin takes time and is best done with minimum interruption. It is for this reason that the deadline for entries has been changed to 12 noon on a Tuesday. Perhaps this has not been realised by all the contributors. If you submit any entry after the deadline, then the only way it can be included is by shifting around the layout of such items. This results in the completion of the task being much delayed. So, now we are going to get tough!! 12 noon on Tuesday

means 12 noon on Tuesday – not Wednesday morning, Thursday evening or any other time after 12 noon on Tuesday!!!!!!!

Happy forward planning!

Notice board in the main hall.

As part of our drive towards better communication you will find some changes to the notice board in the main hall. Details of the Home Groups have been posted which show locations and the picture of the group leader. Most recently, the photographs of the Leadership Group, the Ministry Team and the Core Group leaders have been put up. These will allow you to identify key people in our organisational structures.

Pat Mill is now responsible for keeping the boards up to date and Ray Reaney took the photographs. It is hoped that fairly soon we will be able to show these details on the screen in the gallery – a real rogues gallery!



Naomi Dunphy



Joan Hainsworth



Linda McDonald



Mary Scott



Bill Marshall



Andrew Dawson

Malawi Evening

At our evening service, we had short reports from members of the team who visited Malawi in June. Naomi Dunphy set the tone for the evening with her passionate words about the contrast between the poverty of Malawi and our richness, and the difficulties which can be encountered in adjusting from one culture to the other.

Joan Hainsworth. Joan was very proud to see the decoration carried out by the youth group of 2009 in the residence at Kambilonjo. This included bible verses, and handprints of the young people. The children were very excited to receive the green and pink jumpers.

Linda McDonald. Linda, using her career knowledge about librarianship, focussed on the provision of books for the children. She mentioned the difficulty of ensuring that the books were always relevant for the children.

Mary Scott. The subject of Mary's reflections was the history behind the founding of the Dawn centre which cares for children with severe disabilities. There are currently 32 children in residence who are benefitting from the excellent care given.

Bill Marshall. Using the hymn 'O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder' as his inspiration, Bill indicated how our donations successfully dovetail with the work of AquAid.

Andrew Dawson. Through a factual account, Andrew presented graphic detail of the reasons for the poverty in Malawi. By us giving up some of our wealth, we support around 200 children who could be homeless, hungry, ill-clad or unable to attend school.

Martin Fair Every penny we are giving is going where it is needed and is making a difference. Our long term prayer must be that the day will come when the Malawian people won't need to rely on our charity.

Malawi Fundraisers

Bingo Night

We are holding a Bingo Night in The British Legion's Green Street Hall on Friday 19th October at 7.30pm. Entry is £2 and each book is 50p. Entry includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

St Andrew's Night Ceilidh

We are hoping to hold a ceilidh at the end of November. Watch out for details of date and venue!

Easy Fundraising

Do you shop on the internet? If you do then you can help raise money for Malawi with no extra cost to you. Before you start shopping then check out -

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

You need to choose a charity to support - so enter St Andrews Church (Arbroath) Malawi Fund. Once you have registered then you can start shopping. Basically you enter your favourite sites - Amazon,

Argos, Ebay and loads more - from this website and when you shop a percentage is added to our fund. Trust me it is painless and there are no hidden traps.

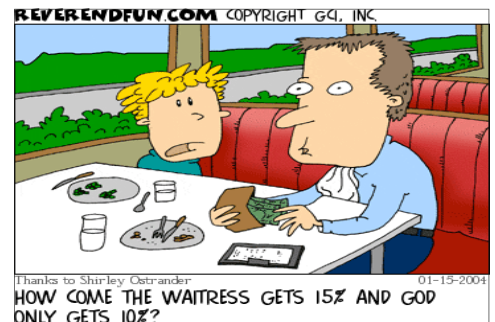
Watch out for next month's Quest for a few more online fundraising tips!

Alternative Gift Catalogue

Yes it's getting time to start thinking about Christmas presents. Don't forget about our Alternative gift catalogue where you have an opportunity to also buy a gift for the children we support in Malawi. Why not ask someone to pick something for you from the catalogue- instead of buying you a gift that you probably don't need you can give something to someone that has so little!

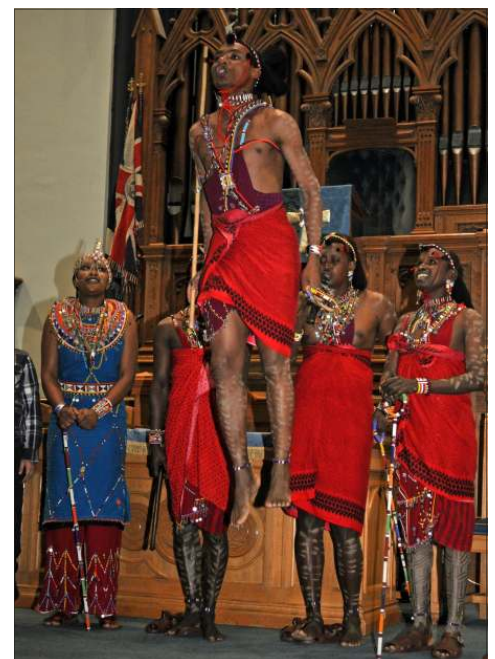
Malawi Calendars

The team that was out in Malawi in June of this year have put some of their photos together to make a lovely 2013 calendar. Cost is £5.



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Right - A mighty leap by an Osiligi Warrior at their concert on September 15th

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