



# Community Spirit

Now that most of the building work is done in the Community Spirit building we need to thank so many people for putting in so many hours of hard work to get us to this point..... but what now?

As you may already know for some time now the demand upon our Havilah Project has made it impossible for us to continue opening for only three days a week. This has now been rectified through the availability of Community Spirit and the recruitment of new volunteers, allowing the Project to open each day for two and a half hours from Monday to Friday. We continue to offer the same service that we always have but with our custom-built facility we now provide a room for the Tayside Substance Misuse Nurse and the Living Well Nurse both of whom work from Community Spirit one day a week. We also have an Adult Support Worker from the Drug and Alcohol Team who also works out of the Community Spirit building during the hours Havilah is in operation. All of these workers recognise the benefits of working in partnership with a successful project to help develop their own services.



**A transformed building - designed to transform lives**

All of this is, of course, a great work in our community, but Community Spirit was never solely about the development of the Havilah Project - it is about reaching further into our community and providing services where they are needed. This is a really exciting time and it would be easy to get caught up in this excitement, opening up a huge variety of services that are needed and not actually doing any of these particularly well. Therefore, through prayer and consultation, we have decided on three projects to focus on.

Firstly we are taking the next logical step from Havilah

and are to run a group for those who are in recovery from addiction. This is to be a peer led group and we have been working closely with the Drug and Alcohol Team to make this group as successful as possible. This work has resulted in the Drug and Alcohol Team developing a custom-made training programme for the peer mentors which will run until the beginning of next year when we will then be able to start a recovery group from Community Spirit.

We have also been working in partnership with Angus Council's Community Learning and Development Team who are training a number of our volunteers to have them

SQA accredited as ITAL literacy support workers. This is an 80 hour training programme made up of 40 hours theory work and 40 hours practical. Once trained these support workers will then work with those from our community who experience difficulty with their literacy including computer literacy. The literacy work will take place in Community Spirit's IT room which will soon be fully kitted out with the appro-

appropriate IT equipment.

The third development is really in response to the fact that younger people have been gathering outside the building in the evening. Therefore, the building will be opened on a Tuesday evening, on a drop-in basis, to see what might come from that.

This is just the beginning of St Andrew's community Spirit developing and growing in new ways and reaching out to those in need in our local community, so please hold these projects in your prayers.

Jim MacLeod.



**CONTACTS****CHURCH OFFICE : 431135****ADMINISTRATOR**

Lesley McColgan

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri  
9 am to noon**MINISTER**

Rev Dr W Martin Fair, BA, BD

**MINISTER EMERITUS**

David Searle : 872794

**SESSION CLERK**

Jane Miller : 875235

**TREASURER**

Susan Godsall : 430862

**FREEWILL ENVELOPES**

Ian Robertson : 877519

**CHURCH OFFICER**

Janis Clark : 878594

**PASTORAL CARE****CO-ORDINATOR**

Kim Marr : 430505

**YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR**

Sheila Dunphy : 873218

**HAVILAH PROJECT****WORKER**

Tracey McLeod : 434088

**ORGANIST**

Jane Miller : 875235

**FABRIC CONVENOR**

Ray Reaney : 07803 235418

**SUNDAY CLUB**

Elaine Fair : 873238

**SAFEGUARDING  
CO-ORDINATOR**

Eleanor Mands : 01382 477318

**FLOWER CONVENOR**

Margaret McIntosh : 876993

**PRAYER CO-ORDINATORS**

Judy Spink : 872395

Anne Matthew : 876008

**SUPPLIES CO-ORDINATOR**

Norma Beattie : 873442

**ADMINISTRATOR and  
BOOKINGS / ROLLKEEPER**

Lesley McColgan : 431135

**MAGAZINE EDITOR/CDs**

Ken Miller : 875235

**ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH****Parish Records****October 2012****Baptisms** - None**Blessings** - None**Weddings** - Donna Macfarlane and Keiran Mackie**Funerals** - Mairi Macdonald, Ella Watson**IMPORTANT DATES****DECEMBER EDITION****Handwritten articles should be handed in to the office by the first date and not to the Editor.****Word Processed files, as attachments, can be sent directly to the Editor by the second date.****Please avoid embedding articles in an email as these then need additional formatting work.**

Friday 16th November (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 20th November (Word-Processed file)

**CHRISTMAS  
BOOKSTALL**

The next two bookstalls on the 11th November and the 9th of December will have a range of Christmas items including cards, advent calendars, calendars and gift ideas.

Why not shop in comfort and be organised? We look forward to your custom.

**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

November 2012

Dear friends,

Following our Communion Service on Sunday 21st October, it was my privilege to visit some of our more senior and much-loved members to share communion with them, in the comfort of their homes. These are people who would want nothing more than to worship with the congregation in Church but for reasons of health and agedness are no longer able to do so.

In each case, I set out the elements of bread and wine on small tables, simply making use of what furniture was available in the respective rooms. But as I did so, it seemed very clear to me that these tables were in fact extensions of *'the'* table that sits on the chancel at the front of our church.

This is the beauty of communion. It brings us together, knowing no boundaries of either time or space. With these particular folks, I was sharing bread and wine in a different place and on a different day but they were, by the mystery of Christ, just as much part of the congregation as any of the rest of us who were gathered on the Sunday. And, as we thought together about some of our dear friends who are now in glory, we acknowledged that, as part of the same mystery, we were joining with them at the same table of our Lord.

Yes, this is the mystery of The Lord's Table around which we are all invited to gather. We may never fully understand how it *'works'* but by faith we are nourished at it and brought close to one another and to our Lord. Let's never take that for granted but instead treasure each and every opportunity that comes our way to partake of the bread and wine.

With God's blessing,

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

[martin.fair@sky.com](mailto:martin.fair@sky.com)

## Commitment to the Wider Church

Sometimes, church members make the mistake of thinking that their minister is, literally, 'theirs!' In fact, when a minister is inducted to a congregation, the following is made clear:

- 1) That he or she is being inducted to be minister to the parish, and
- 2) That he or she is required to play a part in the work of the church regionally and nationally.

The reality is that, as the years go by, and as experience is gained, more and more is expected of ministers. Given that some don't pull their weight, those who are willing and ready to take their responsibilities seriously are leaned on fairly heavily.

For our own minister, these responsibilities presently include:

### National Church

- ◇ Membership of the Mission & Discipleship Council of the Church of Scotland and, as part of that -
- ◇ Membership of the Faith Expressions sub-group
- ◇ Membership of one other sub-group yet to be agreed
- ◇ Membership of the Heart & Soul Planning Team
- ◇ Work for Ministries Council including: speaking annually at the conference for probationer ministers and

at the conference for students for the ministry

- ◇ Supervising training of student ministers as required
- ◇ Annually, leading review teams for newly-planted churches around the country.

### Regional Church

- ◇ Membership of Angus Presbytery involving monthly meetings and, as part of that
- ◇ Convenership of The Mission and Development Committee
- ◇ Membership of the Events Team with lead responsibility for the 'Big Day Out' event
- ◇ Trusteeship of The Duncan Trust with two meetings annually and visits to universities to visit students for the ministry

### Parish

- ◇ Chaplaincy to Warddykes PS, Arbroath Academy and occasional involvement, by invitation, at Hayshead PS
- ◇ Membership of the Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) of Angus Council and, as part of that
- ◇ Convenership of the Recovery Sub-group

And that list is just what came quickly to mind - there will be other things over and above! The point is that it's worth bearing in mind that being a minister involved much more than 'serving' a local congregation!

That said, from Martin's point of view, though he is happy to play his part regionally and nationally as he promised to do on the night of his ordination and induction, his first love remains being minister of OUR congregation!



## A Wee Bit Of Pampering

Community Spirit has been up and running for 4 months. We have been getting steadily busier and are constantly looking for activities to boost creativity etc. One of the things we are seeing as being important is the matter of self esteem. An idea we have come up with to try and boost self esteem, at least with the girls, is a wee bit of pampering time. We were wondering if any of you ladies have makeup sets in cupboards that have never been used; the type of things you get in gifts that just get put away and forgotten about. We are looking for makeup, makeup bags, perfume, cleansers, moisturisers, nail polishes, hair dye etc. For obvious reasons, the girls will not be able to share makeup so the more we can get the better so we can have makeover madness once or twice a week with no one being left out.

Crafts are as popular as ever and anything you have ly-

ing around the house that you think could be used for that purpose would be very welcome. Sticker sheets with some stickers missing are great, we can use the rest. A few sheets of coloured card left in a pack, fantastic. Christmas stickers, ribbon, tape, gift tags etc, all welcome. Any suggestions regarding crafts and activities are always welcome too.

Some other things you may be able to help us with are odds and ends of wool for knitting scarves and knitting needles, jigsaws, models, kids arts and crafts sets, puzzle books and DVDs (under 18s only). A very popular activity is scraper art. If you have any of these lying about the house, even if it's started, we would be most grateful.

We have a small activities committee and if you can help us with any of the above, can you please contact, Karen Reaney, Karen Ingram, Norma Cox, Isobel Reynolds or Elaine Kay. You can phone Havilah 01241 434088 or email havilah-cs@btconnect.com. Many thanks.

## Ask Theophilus

### Question :

Last year when we were reading through the Bible, I reached Revelation 13:18 where it says, 'The number of the beast is the number of a man, and his number is 666.' What does this mean? (1 Sam. 11:6; 16:14)?

### Theophilus answers :

Over the centuries many answers have been given to this question, but I prefer to ask another question: 'What did this mean to John's readers in the 1st century?'

The numbers 1, 2, 3 etc. had not started to be used. Instead, letters of the alphabet were used: e.g. in Hebrew, aleph = 1, beth = 2, gimel = 3 etc. In Revelation 13:12, the 'beast' probably refers to Caesar Nero who cruelly persecuted the Christians. In 13:11, the second beast probably refers to Domitian who restarted the persecution some years later when John was an old man.

The Greek word for 'beast' is 'therion' and when added up according to the numerical value of the letters in their names both 'therion' and 'Caesar Nero' total 666!

However, there's more to it than that. The number 666 is a trinity of 6 that falls short of the holy Trinity of 777, for in the Bible the number 7 stands for perfection. So by the number 666 John wants us to understand an unholy, unsuccessful trinity of evil, that always violates God's demands and falls far short of his divine character of grace.

By contrast, the Greek name for Jesus—'Iesous'—adds up to 888, a trinity of numbers in which each digit is one more than perfection! The contrast between Nero and Domitian on the one hand and Christ on the other hand, could not be more stark—888 compared to 666! Jesus (888) is beyond reproach, more than meeting the holy demands of the Father; Nero and the beast (both 666) persecuting the church are unholy, evil and without a shred of grace, love or truthfulness.

That's my understanding of the meaning of the number 666!

(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.**

## Youth Group

Since the summer the Youth Group has been meeting on Sunday nights from 7.30 – 9pm in the church hall after the Evening Service. This time seems to suit everyone better – especially all our sporty young people who are involved in club activities during the day on Sundays

We continue as before with a mixture of games, discussions and competitions. During the holidays we had a day at the Fringe in Edinburgh. It was a beautiful sunny day and everyone enjoyed wandering around the streets and catching some of the different shows that were performing. We ended the day with pizza at Becky's flat followed by ice

creams at Lucas in Musselburgh before heading back home.

The last Friday of the month, as we did last year, we meet to do a social activity together. In September we went to Noah's Ark in Perth where the group got a chance to go Go-Karting and play ten pin bowling.

October's trip was to Lunan Bay. We did this last year and everyone had great fun sledging down the dunes in the dark and playing catch with several light-up Frisbees and balls.

Any young person S1+ interested in joining would be made really welcome.

Contact Sheila Dunphy on 873218.

## MALAWI UPDATE

In Thyolo, school has just re-opened after a short break. The kids are all playing football constantly and classes are resuming as usual. The children's vegetable garden has been harvested and the staffs are going to let it have a break for a little while, since there is a water shortage in Thyolo at the moment. The weather is currently very hot and it's tough for anything to grow without lots of watering. So for the next little while, the vegetables will just have to be bought at the local market instead.

The Secondary School pupils are now back to school too and the new form ones are enjoying their new schools. Brian Phiri was especially excited to have started at one of the top schools in the area where we now have 5 pupils. This is very good for the centre as the more we are recognised by the schools, the better it is for pupils from the day-care centre who are selected for the school. Often orphans or pupils from less well off backgrounds are picked on by pupils and teachers at these school and there is a lot of discrimination against them. However as the day-care centre gains more recognition within the schools, Kiri our administrator gains more leverage within the school system and is able to stand up for our pupils.

All the new Secondary school pupils have been kitted out with their new uniforms and shoes and are looking very smart! We have just started a new system where the Secondary school pupils who are boarding at secondary schools in other parts of the district, are given some pocket money- (about £4 per month) This helps them to buy some vegetables from the school cafe (meals are provided but if you want vegetables you have to pay extra) and also to buy soap and toothpaste and any other essentials they need.

Modesta and Lilian our new members of the teaching staff, have been working very hard, teaching from 7am till 5pm with the children, working especially with the standard 8s. Modesta saved some extra money from the teaching budget and bought some exercise books, pens and chalk for the children to use - the chalk for the nursery kids! Lilian has also been helping the children to draw and encouraging them to use their imagination through their art and acting out bible stories with the children. The kids are loving this, especially the boarders, and are really engaging with the bible stories.

Everything is going well at the centre, although the staff are complaining that it's 'too hot'! I tried to explain to Kiri that it's better than the Scottish cold weather, but she was unconvinced! I guess the grass really is always greener on the other side!

## Nefarious: Merchant of Souls

On the evening of Friday 19th October, we hosted a screening of the documentary, Nefarious, to which around 65 people came, from our congregation and beyond. This film is concerned with the issue of modern-day slavery, or human trafficking as it now called. As was made abundantly clear, most of this trafficking is related to the sex industry with girls being taken from Eastern European countries like Moldova and then sold into prostitution in western countries, including our own.

The one country which was highlighted as having successfully tackled the problems associated with human trafficking was Sweden. They have changed their laws con-

cerning the 'buying' and 'selling' of sex in such a way as to drastically reduce the demand for prostitution.

The good news is that, Rhoda Grant, MSP, is currently trying to do the same thing in Scotland, through a private member's bill. A consultation is currently under way and if enough support can be gathered, it's possible that the proposed bill will have a chance to become law.

This is the kind of political activity that Christians should be involved in! Buying and selling people, as if they were commodities, cannot EVER be right!

**Why not make your voice be heard?** Visit [www.abolitionsotland.org](http://www.abolitionsotland.org) and find out how to register your support for the proposed change in the law.

## PEACE

*"All conflicts can be resolved. Wars and conflicts are not inevitable. They are caused by human beings. There are always interests that are furthered by war. Therefore those who have power and influence can also stop them. Peace is a question of will."*

These are the words of Martti Ahtisaari, former Prime Minister of Finland and Nobel Peace Laureate in 2008. He is a member of the Elders, an independent group of global leaders who work together for peace and human rights, brought together in 2007 by Nelson Mandela. You can be inspired by their stories and actions by visiting [www.theelders.org](http://www.theelders.org).

In this month when we remember the destruction and damage caused by armed conflict, the sacrifice and suffering of everyone caught up in it, and the ultimate futility of

"resolving" differences by power struggles, let us each put into practice the words of that lovely song, "Let peace begin on earth, and let it begin with me". Let us work for peaceful relationships within our families, our church, our network of friends and workmates, and look for ways to support peacemaking in the wider world.

Each year in November I wear a white poppy to show my hope for and commitment to the spread of peace across the world. I refuse to believe that the bad news of conflicts and wars that we are fed by the media is the only story. I choose to believe that for every act of violence, someone is also working for reconciliation, and I seek out and celebrate the stories of peacemaking.

I also give white poppies to anyone I know who also wants to wear one. Please contact me if you would like to show your commitment to peace in this way.

Linda McDonald

## Guild News

The first of our October meetings began with a very interesting and informative talk about the work of Alzheimer Scotland. This is a condition which affects many families and we could all relate to someone who lives with the difficulties that come with looking after someone who suffers from dementia.

Our second meeting was with our own Sheila Stewart. A Scottish theme was the order of the day. We had planned to have Scottish music to welcome everyone but this had to be abandoned after I fused the lights and electrics in the small halls and we had to move to the large hall. We shared in worship with hymns to traditional Scottish tunes, prayers and readings in the Scots tongue. We had a good attendance of members and visitors who came along to support Sheila who played Andy's music and shared with us her memories and events of the time.

## The Story

After much build-up and anticipation, we launched out on our year-long journey through 'The Story' on Sunday 21st October 2012.

The Story is a brand-new programme recently made available in the UK which will take us the whole way through the Bible from the beginning of Genesis to the final verses of Revelation. By focussing on the key passages of Scripture, 'The Story' allows its readers an uninterrupted view of God's creative and redeeming work. The Bible is, of course, widely acknowledged as the greatest story ever told - a story of love which will not stop in its quest to mend that which is bruised, battered and broken. Chiefly, this is the story of God's love for people - you and me.

As well as providing the focus for our Sunday mornings throughout this church year, our children and young people, together with our home group members will

## 7th Arbroath B.B.

As I write this report our events for October month have still to happen. We have our Re-dedication Service and our Coffee Morning which we will report on next month. We are having a Halloween Party on 1st of November. We are going to the local Panto at the Abbey Theatre on

This is a busy time for the Guild with our Annual Guild Week from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. We start events with the Guild participating in the morning worship and visits to various Guild events during the week. On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November we are hosting High Tea in the Church hall. Tickets at £9 can be purchased prior to the event with proceeds going towards our projects for this year, Mary's Meals and Comfort Rwanda.

Our meeting this month on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> begins with a talk about Laurel and Hardy by Dr Martin Hepworth and then on the 26<sup>th</sup> is a change to the syllabus and will be our Topic night. For our third meeting in October we look forward to hear from Michael Marr with his talk entitled "The Guy with two lives". I'll tell you more about that in the next magazine.

*Whose we are and whom we serve*

Shona

use 'The Story' resources as the subject matter for their discussions and learning, each of course at an age-appropriate level. Beyond that, everyone can read 'The Story', page by page, chapter by chapter, as part of their own personal devotions, reflecting along the way in their own place in the drama.

Our hope and prayer is that our use of 'The Story' will result in a collective moving forward in terms of our grasp of the Bible and an ever-deepening of our relationship with the God made known in Jesus Christ who is, at once, the author of the story and its central character.

Though we have now started out on this journey, it's not too late to catch up and join in. Even if you don't have a copy of the actual book, daily readings are printed in our weekly bulletin which will allow you to keep up with the reading and reflecting programme.

In the beginning.....

Thursday 13th of December to see Flash Gordon. Tickets are £7. We have booked the whole theatre for the night and would invite any Church family member who would like to join us to book their ticket soon. Please see Wilma Ewart if interested. A few of our Officers are to attend a training course in Dundee on 3rd and 4th of November.

Captain Wilma H. Ewart.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### NOVEMBER

Sunday 4

11 am - Worship Service  
with prayers for  
Persecuted Christians  
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;  
Guild Sunday  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 25

11 am - Worship Service;  
4 pm - MESSY CHURCH  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

### DECEMBER

Sunday 2

11 am - Worship Service;  
First Sunday in Advent and  
All-age Communion  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 9

11 am - Worship Service  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship  
(in Community Spirit)

Sunday 16

11 am - Worship Service  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship  
(in Community Spirit)

Sunday 23

11 am - Worship Service  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Monday 24

6.30 pm - Nativity and  
Christingle Service  
11.15 pm - Traditional  
Watchnight Service

Tuesday 25th

10.30 am - Christmas Day  
Service for the whole family

Thursday 27th

6.30 pm  
Service of Memorial and  
Thanksgiving

Sunday 30

11 am - Worship Service;  
Seeing out the old year

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

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



## The Great Christmas Tree Debate Real vs Fake – which is the greener?

More than 8 million Christmas trees will be purchased in the UK this Christmas, so choosing the environmentally friendly option on this scale could make a real difference. Real trees are the more eco friendly choice. Although artificial trees may last for many years and save real trees from being cut down in their prime, this is outweighed by the fact that most artificial trees are made from metal and derivatives of PVC. Producing Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) requires large amounts of energy and also creates by-products (e.g. lead - used to 'stabilise' the PVC) which can be harmful to both the environment and human health. They are not naturally bio-degradable, so they will potentially pollute from landfill sites when discarded. Most artificial trees sold in the U.K. are made in Taiwan and China and so have additional energy costs associated with transport.

Real trees are carbon-neutral - they absorb as much carbon dioxide during growth as they emit when burnt or left to decompose. They are also a wildlife habitat and a naturally renewable resource. But not all real Christmas trees are whiter than white when it comes to the environment. Some are taken from unmanaged woodland and are often cut down in early stages of their growth to meet our demands for a range of home friendly sizes. This can severely disrupt dependent wildlife and many of those that are grown on a commercial scale will have been sprayed

with potentially harmful pesticides and herbicides.

If you want to be really green, you could dispense with the indoor tree altogether and decorate an outside tree or a large houseplant, or even make a DIY structure from branches and twigs. A few fortunate communities in the UK even have access to a live Christmas tree rental service! However, for most of us a traditional Christmas tree is an essential part of the festivities, so here are a few guidelines to help if you want to make this a more eco-friendly choice:

- \* If you have the garden space, consider a living tree with roots so you can plant it out in the New Year.
- \* When choosing your tree supplier, look for an organic or sustainably-managed producer, and buy a tree that has been grown locally – many trees sold in the UK are from Ireland, Denmark or Norway.
- \* Don't use preservative sprays to stop needle fall. Buy one of the varieties that holds its needles for longer, and keep it as cool as possible over the holiday. Trees that have been recently cut down in the UK will hold their needles better than imported varieties cut down weeks before so they can be shipped here in time.
- \* Take the tree to the recycling centre in the New Year, or chop it up yourself and put it in your green bin.
- \* Consider planting a replacement tree or bush, or make a donation to a reforestation scheme – even better if it's in a developing country, where the schemes supply trees for firewood and also provide local employment.

## Heart and Soul 2013

Many of you thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Edinburgh for Heart & Soul 2012, which took place in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh, in May earlier this year. The good news is that The Church of Scotland has decided to stage the event again next year, on May 19th 2013. Doubtless, you'll want to get the date in your diary now!

As last year, our own minister has been asked to coordinate

the closing worship and already he is at work to put that together in such a way as to provide a great finale for the days celebration.

2013 marks the 1450th anniversary of Columba coming to Scotland with the Gospel and so the event will have a Celtic theme running through it. While plans are progressing well at this stage, the main hope is that we'll be blessed with another day filled with warmth, sunshine and wonderful Christian spirit!

## Clerk's Corner

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

### The Bulletin – being on time.

This was a heading in the October Quest with a fairly strongly worded request for items to be submitted by 12 noon on Tuesdays. You have responded magnificently and made the life of the compiler of the bulletin so much better. This is so much appreciated. Keep up the good work. The deadline will remain the same!

### Appeals for volunteers.

It is heart-warming and encouraging when folks respond to requests for help. We have had two volunteers for cleaning and one for the grass cutting. They will be able to help with easing the pressure on those who also undertake this task. However, help is still required with the cleaning of the church. The teams who each have a slot once a month have either three or four members. This is not really enough because of illness, holidays etc. Could you add your name

to one of the teams? Janis Clark will be able to arrange a day to suit.

### Events Team

This team provides stewards for events held in the church by outside organisations. They provide the welcoming face of St Andrew's and contribute to the comfort and well-being of audiences. A few more volunteers would ensure that none of the current team has to be asked too often. What do you have to do? You can welcome people at the door, show them to their seats, be in the gallery area when conferences are on and participants are moving between the various halls, and generally be on hand to be helpful. When there is a big all-day event, then several members of the team will be allocated a time slot to be on duty. No-one ever has to be there for the whole day. Please hand your name in to the office if you feel able to help in any of the above.

Thank you to the existing loyal band of volunteers who contribute so much.



Fat Cat and his Mum (Elaine Anderson) created some fun with the Creation Story and were helped by - Emily Mineard, Gregor Milne, Eilidh Hammond, Heather Whyte, William Proctor, Visitor, Niamh Hammond and Chloe Beale.

## Malawi Fundraisers

### Bingo Night.

Thanks to those who came along and helped us raise just under £300.

### St Andrew's Night Ceilidh

We are holding a ceilidh on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 at the Cliffrun Hotel. Tickets are £5 and include stovies.

### 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



Two of the pictures in our Malawi Calendar

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 who 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.

### Internet Fundraising for Malawi - Easy Fundraising

Do you shop on the internet? If you do then you can help

raise money for Malawi at no extra cost to you. Before you start shopping then check out -[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

You need to choose a charity to support - so enter St Andrew's 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.



### Affilyon

Affilyon is a simple, effective, and easily implemented way for you to generate fundraising revenue just by doing something you do everyday already... searching the internet and there is no cost or

obligation to you or them.

You MUST search through our Supporters Page in order to generate revenue for Malawi. Whenever you search the internet through any search engine, advertising revenue is raised, but only by using our Yahoo! Supporters Page you can direct a portion of it to the Malawi fund.

Go to the following webpage and register as a supporter then save page. Web Address- <http://sites.affilyon.co.uk/standrewschurchmalawiproject> Thank you for your wonderful and continuing support.



Bowling night for our Men's Group - Alfie Dickson, Jack Clarke, Dave Martin and Angus Milne



The beautiful display of flowers which has graced the front of our church this summer was provided and tended to by Jack Clarke, seen here in action on our Men's Bowling night.

