



May 2013

Reverend Stuart Irvin



Most services of Ordination are a little bit special; Stuart's was a BIG BIT special! What a wonderful evening it was!

By 7pm, the sanctuary was virtually full and our stewards had to work hard to find seats for those who were arriving at the last minute. In the meantime, The Presbytery of Angus had convened in the Session Room and had agreed, given that no objections had been raised, to proceed with ordaining Stuart D. Irvin. And so, a few minutes later than planned because of the bigger than anticipated congregation, the members of the Presbytery processed into the church and the service began. (Continued inside.)

Space Academy Holiday Club Successfully Takes Off!

One of my favourite topics of conversation is chatting with our now grown-up young people about what their favourite ever Holiday Club was! Their memories are amazing, with some of them remembering back over twenty years to

when these clubs were first launched. But of this I'm sure: in twenty years time, lots of children will still be cherishing fond memories of their time at **Space Academy** Holiday Club! (Continued on pages 7 and 8.)



Invitation

You are warmly invited to a meal in the company of your brothers and sisters.

Venue : St Andrew's Church Hall
Date : June 2013
Time : Choice of Lunch or Evening Meal

RSVP
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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Parish Records****April 2013****Baptisms** - None**Blessings** - None**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - None

Christian Aid Week

The Christian Aid Coffee Morning will be held in Arbroath Town Mission on

Saturday 11th May 2013 10-12noon

St Andrew's Church is responsible for the Fruit, Flowers and Vegetable stall. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

We will also have a retiring collection as our further contribution later in May.

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 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 17th May (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 21st May (Word-Processed file)

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 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 – Shona Kemp (878526)

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

May 2013

Dear friends,

I'm delighted to be able to use this letter to introduce the **St. Andrew's Church Stewardship Programme 2013**.

It's been six years since we last ran such a programme and, in my mind, there is no doubt that the time is ripe for us to do so again.

Most often when churches talk about stewardship, what's being described is a reaction to the congregation being in financial deficit and finding themselves unable to balance the books and meet their commitments. Put simply, they need to get more money in!

But our **Stewardship Programme** is light years away from that. We ARE able to balance the books and not once in the time that I've been minister have we found ourselves in deficit at the end of the year. We've managed that whilst not being a congregation filled with high earners AND whilst giving in excess of £200,000 to support the work we're involved in with our partners in Malawi AND whilst undertaking a £600,000 once-in-a-lifetime refurbishment of our buildings. How have we managed it? We've managed it because we've recognised that God is the giver and, in response to that you, the congregation, have been immensely generous – many of you in very sacrificial ways.

The reason that we're running a **Stewardship Programme** this year is in response to our continued vision for the growth of the ministry and mission of the congregation. In other words, we're not content to stand still. We want to see St. Andrew's growing and, passionately, we want to expand our involvement and impact in the world beyond our doorstep.

Church membership and attendance across our nation continue in a steady but seemingly-unstoppable downward spiral. Congregations find themselves less and less 'in touch' with their communities, more and more irrelevant to the many. At St. Andrew's we're not prepared to sit back and accept such a fate – at least not without putting up a fight!

We want to go on to the front foot, to be on the offensive. Rather than circling the wagons, we want all the more to step out. Right there you have the reasoning behind our decision to appoint an Associate Minister!

This is why I'm thrilled to be able to introduce our **Stewardship Programme 2013** to you now. It's a sign of our vitality and vision – our desire to be all that God wants us to be and to see his Kingdom established among us and around us. I commend it to you in the warmest possible terms and encourage you to participate fully as explained below.

God bless,

Martin

martin.fair@sky.com

Invitation and RSVP

Clerk's Corner May 2013

Stewardship with Vitality and Vision

You will see from Martin's letter in this edition of Quest that we are embarking on a Stewardship Programme. Here at St Andrew's we are not alone in this, because every congregation in Scotland will be undertaking this at a time of their choice in 2013/14. We are excited and energised that our time is rapidly approaching when we will be able to share with you all the vision for the future.

Eating together has proved to be a major way of successfully coming together in fellowship and so this approach will be used to launch our programme. This begins with an invitation to each one of you to come for a meal followed by a visionary presentation on the hopes for what Martin describes as 'expanding our involvement and impact in the world beyond our doorstep'. We are able to offer you the following dates to choose from, and you will see that there is a daytime option for those of you who might prefer

this.

Tuesday 4th June at 7pm for 7.30

**Wednesday 5th June at 12.30pm for 1 pm
and again at 7pm for 7.30pm**

Thursday 6th June at 7pm for 7.30pm

If you have never previously had the opportunity to sample the meals which are prepared and served by Doris and her team, now is your chance to see at first hand how efficient the team is and how good their culinary efforts are. Menus are already planned, and the teams to cook, serve and clear up are already in place. All we need now is the essential ingredient - YOU!

Please sign up for the date of your choice. You will be able to do this in the Main Hall after the morning service on 12th, 19th and 26th May. Alternatively, contact the office to book a place – phone 01241 431135 or send an email to office@arbroathstandrews.org.uk.

Very soon after this meal you will receive a letter which will give you all the relevant information for your response to our Stewardship Programme.

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The Moderator of Presbytery, Peter Phillips from Inverkeilor, led the service and Dale London, minister at Letham, preached an excellent message based on the well-known story of Zacchaeus.

The act of ordination, itself, was very special and the sense of the Spirit of God being present was palpable. At the appointed time, the ministers and elders of the Presbytery gathered around Stuart and, in the traditional way, laid

hands upon him symbolising his calling to ministry and God's blessing resting upon him.

I'm sure Stuart will remember his evening for the whole of his life but hopefully the same will be true for all of us who were there. It was a special evening for Stuart, of course, but so too for St. Andrew's Church. We see it as the culmination of much of our planning and praying. We have committed ourselves to making this possible and now, here we are! We have been richly blessed indeed and of those to whom much has been given, much is expected.

A Word of Thanks

Thursday the 18th of April was a very special evening for Lynne and me and I want to take the opportunity to thank the people at St Andrew's for helping to make the night so special.

From the word go we have been made to feel so welcome and I really feel that it was as a family that we celebrated together that evening. We heard of – in both a formal wording during the service and with more of a personal flair from Scott after the food – the journey that St Andrew's has been on with the vision for, and the creation of, this post. Scott shared so well how this had been a spiritual exercise that called for a trust in the Lord. Prior to, and in the course of the evening I was reflecting a lot personally on the journey that God has had me on which led to that point. It was very humbling and affirming to see these two journeys overlapping and coming together – and what a great cause it was for us all to join in the celebration.

We sang praises with gusto and enthusiasm (a word of

thanks to the musicians involved); we heard from the word of God and were challenged and encouraged (a word of thanks to our readers Kieran and Cailin and also Rev Dale London from Letham); with grace and sincerity we were led through the formalities and technicalities (a word of thanks to Peter Philips and the Presbytery) and I as an individual and we as a congregation all took vows (a word of praise and gratitude to God who sustains us in these things!).

The food was fantastic and I'd personally like to thank all those who were involved in that. I know that our guests that evening were really impressed. Likewise I know that our guests were really positive about the way in which they were made to feel so welcome.

After an evening that has been such a blessing and an encouragement I am enthused and excited for the journey ahead and I hope that you are too.

God Bless

Rev. (still getting used to saying that) Stuart Irvin

Malawi Fundraisers

**St Andrews' Got Talent
Friday 17h May at 7.00pm – Entry £5**

This was a great night last year for young and old and both participants and spectators. We are hoping to have a varied programme again this year. We will have a panel of 4 judges giving us their expert opinions and then the audience will get a chance to vote! So make sure you come along!

If you would like to take part please give your name and details to Sheila – sheila@finessecs.com or 01241 873218.

Please don't be shy whatever your age or talent!

**Coffee Morning
Saturday 8th June – Tickets - £1**

The Heart of Wisdom

A teacher's infant class was discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair colour than the other members of his family, and one of the

children suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoption - I was adopted". What does it mean to be adopted?", asked another child. "It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mummy's heart instead of her tummy!"

**Bag Pack at Morrisons
Saturday 10th August**

Could anyone willing to help speak to Sheila.

**Concert with Pupils of Sheena Guthrie
Friday 16th August**

This will be a fundraiser for Malawi and the Music Festival.

Soup Lunch – September

Bingo Night – October

Soup Lunch – November

Ceilidh – Saturday 30th November.

Guild News

Well, it's the end of another Guild year and time passes so quickly that I guess it's true when they say it's a sign of age.

We finished our session with our Annual General Meeting which was well attended. Reports were presented showing a varied programme throughout the year - hopefully something for everyone. The Guild funds were dispersed as follows:- Guild Projects - Comfort Rwanda - £500, Mary's Meals Liberia - £500. Also receiving donations were our sponsored child Paul in Malawi, Messy Church, Mum & Me, Youth Group and Leprosy Mission.

We finished the evening by watching the DVD of the Guild Annual Conference held in Dundee last year. All members then received a 125th year Guild Fridge magnet to commemorate this anniversary.

We had a successful Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th April when the sun was shining, the daffodils were in bloom and coffee and rock cakes were enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to Joyce and Doris who made all the rock cakes and to everyone who donated and supported us on the day - we raised £550.

The Guild year may have formally stopped over the summer but we still have our annual bus drive and this year we are going to visit Elgin the continue to Huntly for high tea. Anyone who wishes to join us should contact Shona or Isobel.

General Assembly 2013

This year our minister, Martin, will be attending the General Assembly of The Church of Scotland which, as always, takes place in Edinburgh during the third week of May. This opportunity comes around every four years and alternating with our minister attending, one of our elders attends in every other four-year period. That way, every congregation in the land is fairly represented at what is the primary decision-making body of the Church.

Most people thoroughly enjoy the Assembly. Over and above the debates and speeches etc., it's an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones and to learn more widely about what's going on in the life of the Church across Scotland. And as for the worship? Well few people who experience it ever forget the first time they hear the members of the General Assembly breaking into song (usually beginning with a traditional Psalm.)

This year, the media will be focussing on one thing and one thing only - the debate on whether or not the Church will decide to allow the ordination of practising gay people. Regardless of the outcome, the decision will be far-reaching and will have consequences which none of us can entirely foresee.

As the Assembly approaches, and during the week of it, please be committed to praying for the Church, that God would be gracious to us in these days and that his guiding hand would be evident in everything.

7th Arbroath B.B.

All sections have been busy with their achievement programme. We have increased our anchor boy number to 11. We have 3 Junior Section boys, and 14 Company boys.

5 Company boys will have attended their completion course at Carronvale House to gain their Queen's Badge during the Easter holidays and we will look forward to making these presentations in the near future.

Our last evening of our winter session consisted of an Easter Egg hunt around the Church gardens, dressed in our finest winter coats and hats. We should have been looking for Snowmen!!

Company boys held a games evening at OB'S - indoors, and a wise move considering the weather! - to finish off their winter session.

Our end of year trip this year will be to the new Transport Museum in Glasgow on Sunday 12th of May.

Our Display and Awards night is to be held on Thursday 16th of May at 7pm when the boys will be presented with their awards for the year. We extend a warm welcome to all who wish to attend this evening in our Church Halls. A formal presentation to 5 Queen's Men will be made in the Church at the morning service on Sunday 2nd of June.

Captain W.H.Ewart

Heart & Soul 2013

Many of us are looking forward greatly to this year's **Heart & Soul** event in Edinburgh on Sunday, May 19th. As in 2012, buses will travel from Arbroath taking members of our congregation (and others) to Princes Street Gardens for the afternoon celebration of the life of the church in Scotland today.

The range of activities and exhibitions is vast, covering almost every aspect of the ministry and mission of the church and related groups and organisations, meaning that there really will be something for everyone! Children are catered for with their own programme and for those who want to take things at a more leisurely pace, there are tented cafes serving hot and cold drinks and snacks, these being available throughout the day.

Our own minister, Martin, is responsible for the closing worship which will run from 5pm to about 5.45pm, after which buses will return to Arbroath. The closing worship will feature a message from The Rev. Lorna Hood who, by then, will be the Moderator of the General Assembly, and the praise will be led by the Celtic-style Christian band, Iona, who earlier in the day will have offered their own forty-five minutes set. Among the others appearing on the main stage will be perennial favourites, **Fischy Music**, and, this year as a special guest, **Karen Mathieson**, singer with the band Capercaillie, and one of Scotland's most-loved vocalists in both English and Gaelic.

If you haven't already booked your seat on one of our buses, now is the time to be doing so - while seats are still available! Make Heart & Soul one of the highlights of your 2013.

Waste not, Want not...

Take a look at your clothing footprint

You've probably heard about carbon footprints - how about your clothing footprint? It might seem like a strange term, but it's a useful catch-all for the land, water, chemicals, resources and emissions embodied in our clothing. It includes growing the fibres, manufacturing the garment, washing it, and then finally disposing it.

WRAP is a UK organisation dedicated to minimizing resource use and diverting materials from landfill. Last year they reported some startling facts about clothing, water and waste:

- The average Briton owns £4,000 worth of clothes
 - 30% of the clothes in our wardrobes haven't been worn in the last year
 - We spend an average of £1,700 on clothes every year, and £130 on washing them
 - 350,000 tonnes of clothing goes into landfill in Britain every year
 - Those clothes would be worth £140 million if sold on rather than binned
 - Half the population admits to throwing clothes in the bin
- Two thirds of us wear second hand clothes
 - Producing and washing clothes makes up 5% of Britain's carbon and water footprint
 - The carbon footprint of a British household's clothing for the year is equivalent to driving 6,000 miles in a car.

So what can we do to reduce our clothing footprint?

- * Buy less and keep them longer – don't be dragged into the consumer fashion mentality
- * Buy good quality clothes – they last longer
- * Buy secondhand clothes, and help fund a charity at the same time
- * Wash them only when they need it – don't just dump them in the laundry basket because you can't be bothered to put them away
- * Dry them outside whenever you can, or hang them up inside – use the dryer less
- * Give away or swap things you don't wear any more
- * Recycle them when they're worn out – don't just bin them.

(With thanks to makewealthhistory.org)

Together We Can Make Food Fair

We are blessed to live in a society where we can make our voice heard without fear of reprisal. With that blessing comes responsibility! We are called to use our democratic systems to make those we elect aware of issues that need attention.

At the end of last month we at St Andrew's did just that, by adding our names to a national petition to Make Food Fair. Here's what the petition said:

"Despite producing 70% of the world's food, over half of the world's hungriest people are smallholder farmers. I am calling on David Cameron to go further and champion a better deal for the world's smallholder farmers at this year's G8 meeting. I support the campaign for a sustainable food system, which works for everyone and ensures that farmers get a decent livelihood from the crops that they grow."

The G8, otherwise known as the Group of Eight, is a forum for the governments of the world's eight wealthiest countries. They take turns to chair the G8 meeting, and this year it's the turn of the UK. Fair Trade campaigners are using World Fair Trade Day on Saturday 11th May to hand in our Make Food Fair petition at Downing Street, hopefully to David Cameron himself.

If you missed signing the petition at church and you're reading this before 11th May, please add your voice by signing the online petition at step.fairtrade.org.uk.

Together we can tell world leaders that we want them to create change that improves the lives and livelihoods of millions of smallholder farmers.

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

Sunday 5
9.30 am - Monthly Traditional Service

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

Sunday 12

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 19

10.30 am - Worship Service
(N.B. Early start to allow for travel to Edinburgh for 'Heart & Soul 2013' event.)
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 26

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

JUNE

Sunday 2

9.30 am - Monthly Traditional Service

11 am - Worship Service; inc. Presentation of Queen's Badges
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 9

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 16

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

Sunday 23

11 am - Worship Service; inc. Sunday Club Prizegiving!
Followed by Church Family Outing to Wellbank
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 30

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

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

A 40 minute service every Wednesday morning at 10.30 am.

Space Academy

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What a wonderful week we had with eighty enthusiastic children and a twenty-five strong team of our own to make the whole thing happen.

In the course of each day, the children travelled into outer space!, took part in space-related games and activities, made great fun crafts AND learned loads of the story of Daniel. Almost from the beginning of the week, parents were coming to us reporting how much the children were enjoying themselves and thanking us profusely for our efforts.

The truth is that we'll never know the full impact of these clubs. They come into the category of 'seed scattering' ministries and it may be that others will reap the harvest in years to come.

But in an age when children are conspicuous mostly by their absence from churches across Scotland, it is vital that we find every possible means of engaging with them, and with younger families in general. If traditional Sunday Schools are not working as once they were then it requires of us imagination and creativity to find new, relevant and exciting ways through which to engage. You can be sure that, at St. Andrew's, that's exactly what we'll be doing.

WHAT I OWE MY MOTHER

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. 'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.' 2 My mother taught me RELIGION . You better pray that this will come out of the carpet.' 3 My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. 'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!' 4 My mother taught me LOGIC. 'Because I said so, that's why.' 5 My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. 'If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.' 6 My mother taught me FORESIGHT. 'Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.' 7 My mother taught me IRONY. 'Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about.' 8 My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. 'Shut your mouth and eat your supper.' 9 My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. 'Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!' 10 My mother taught me about STAMINA. 'You'll sit there until all that SOUP is gone.' | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11 My mother taught me about WEATHER. 'This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.' 12 My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. 'If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!' 13 My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. 'I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.' 14 My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION. 'Stop acting like your father!' 15 My mother taught me WISDOM. 'When you get to be my age, you'll understand.' 16 My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. 'Just wait until we get home.' 17 My mother taught me GENETICS. 'You're just like your father.' 18 My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. 'If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way.' 19 My mother taught me ESP. 'Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?' 20 My mother taught me HUMOUR. 'When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.' 21 And my favourite:
My mother taught me about JUSTICE. 'One day you'll have kids, and I hope' |
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Maintenance and the Found-it Fix-it book

A light bulb is not working, the sink is blocked, the door is squeaking, the tap is dripping so who do I tell?

YES

Ray Reaney

(Fabric Convenor and Maintenance)

NO

Ken Miller

(Leadership Group - Fabric Link Person)

(or please write it in the Found-it Fix-it book in the Gallery)



**Ready for
take-off
Mr Spock**



Easter Service Celebrations

At the morning service, a large congregation gathered around our Lord's table to celebrate the Risen Christ. In the evening service a presentation was given which included dancing and Lawrie Harris creating a fine painting of the events of Easter.

