



Champions Holiday Club Success

Ordinarily, our holiday clubs have taken place only during the Easter holidays but this year we decided to go for it during the October holidays as well. Essentially, this was possible because, as you all know, we have an Associate Minister. Stuart organised and ran this club and the good news is that it was a success; the children who came LOVED IT! But these clubs are about much more than fun and games. Through the activities, we have opportunity to introduce the children to the truths of the Christian faith. One might say that we are planting seeds.

This is just one of the ways in which having



an Associate Minister is making a difference. Of course it's a huge commitment on the part of our congregation and its members. We don't get any help to employ Stuart; it's all down to us. But we've gone down this road because we believe absolutely that we're called to mission – not just to standing still. Churches are closing and declining all over the country. We don't want to sign up to that kind of demise.

There's no promise that we'll see overnight change but we believe that what we're doing now will ensure a bright future for the church – and therefore for our community.

Let's be Champions!

Our Senior Champions!

While there is an emphasis on children, families and young people at St. Andrew's - because if there isn't there won't be a church in twenty years time! - that doesn't mean that older people are forgotten about. Indeed, our Friends Club, which is for seniors and meets on the first Thursday of every month, is amongst the most vibrant of groups that we run! And where would we be without the many seniors who give support for, and help with, the running of St Andrew's Church?!



The Friends Club recently enjoyed a concert of popular music sung by Danny Laverty

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Parish Records****October 2013****Baptisms** - Noah Smith**Blessings** - None**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - None**CDs of Services**

These are available for any household members who are unable to attend either Sunday or Wednesday services. If interested, please contact Ken Miller.

For all other members, please note that the weekly sermons go on our website and are therefore accessible for those who may miss some due to being on holidays etc.

IMPORTANT DATES**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 15th November (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 19th November (Word-Processed file)

WANTED!**Artificial Christmas Trees!**

Do you have an old artificial Christmas tree that has seen better days? Then perhaps you will consider donating it to our Havilah work. Also useful would be any ornaments and decorations that you may no longer use. We are trying to economise on craft materials and these items could make ideal material when cut up and 're-cycled'. Thank you.
Karen Reaney.

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

Dear friends,

November 2013

My work with the wider church affords me plenty of opportunities to visit other churches – to meet with their ministers, Kirk Sessions and members. It doesn't take long to build up an impression of what these congregations are like and to work out whether they're in a 'good place' or not.

But regardless of what I find in other places, I ALWAYS come away finding myself glad that I'm the minister of St. Andrew's Church, Arbroath! Of course we don't have it all worked out. Of course there are things we could be better at. I know that more than anyone. But there are lots of things that we're getting right! We've come a long way and we're in a good place. We're a congregation in good health and we've got much to be thankful for. We have known God's blessing abundantly.

Even so, we haven't arrived. Indeed there's no such thing as 'arriving.' We'll always be journeying. What's important is that we keep moving in the right direction, exploring further the mysteries of a holy God and asking ourselves more and more what He requires of us.

To that end, we are going to give over the rest of this year – in terms of our Sunday morning worship services – to an in-depth study of the Holy Spirit, so often the forgotten third person of the Trinity. But we want it to be much more than an intellectual study. Yes, we want to grow in our understanding but, equally so, in our experience of LIFE IN THE SPIRIT. After all, without the in-dwelling power of the Spirit of God, there will be no journeying anywhere! We won't be going anywhere, and certainly not in the fast lane.

So I invite you all to participate fully in this programme that together we might come to know more fully what is meant by 'Life in the Power of the Holy Spirit.'

With every blessing,

Martin and Elaine

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A New Event at St Andrew's Church

BUBBLEGUM 'N' FLUFF

Last Easter, with great success, we ran an event called Easter Code. We hosted primary sevens from local schools and in an interactive way we helped them to learn about and reflect upon the Easter Message. You may recall seeing some of the photos in Quest.

Spurred on by the success of this event and enthused by the positive feedback that we received, we have set out to run a Christmas themed event called 'Bubblegum 'n' Fluff'. The concept behind the event is to ask how we get past the 'fluff' that often gets associated with Christmas and get to

the core message. I am confident that it will prove to be a great success and an invaluable resource for continuing to build good links with our local schools and community.

Over the coming weeks, on Sundays you'll hear different ways that you can help and support this event. I'd encourage you to consider how you might do so, but likewise, I'd also encourage you to think how we might be inspired by the effort that we are making in this way. I know that in many different walks of life there is great value in pointing to the core message of Christmas and helping people not to get caught up in the 'fluff'. Watch this space and likewise I look forward to watching how we can be an impact on our community around as Advent approaches!

Your friend,

Rev Stuart Irvin

Maize for Malawi

As last year, our Harvest Thanksgiving gift-offering this year took the form of monetary gifts for maize to be bought for the centres we support in Malawi. Your support for this project was, as always, more than generous. We have learned as a congregation that the giving required of us as Christians is of a sacrificial nature – not just the scraps and left-overs. The total raised for this particular cause was £3,259 (inc. gift aid.)

Again, we need to remind ourselves that this is not 'extra' or in some sense a 'luxury' item. On the contrary, for most rural Malawians, maize is all that they have to eat. For many of them, harvesting enough maize to feed their families for the whole year is not possible. Therefore, our Harvest giving really will make the difference again this year – ensuring that families can survive.

Christians believe in life after death. But so too we believe in LIFE BEFORE DEATH and that all of the people of the world should have that opportunity!

Ask Theophilus

Question :

The dictionary says 'atonement' means 'to make amends'. Is that what it means in the Bible?

Theophilus answers :

The original meaning of 'to atone' was 'to cover'. In the Old Testament, 'the atonement' was the name of the lid on top of the ark of the covenant, the sacred casket which contained the stone tablets on which were chiselled the Ten Commandments. It was kept in the Holy of Holies in the Tent of Meeting, and then later in the Temple. Those commandments reminded worshippers of the sins they had committed, but 'the atonement' (the 'cover') covered their sins. On 'Yom Kippur', the annual Jewish 'Day of Atonement', the High Priest sprinkled blood from the Passover Lamb on the 'cover' to symbolize that through the Lamb's sacrifice, sins had been 'covered' or atoned for.

Some of you knew a minister of the old Original Session

Church in Arbroath, the Revd Donald Cox. When his son was only 3 years old, one morning he climbed on to the bonnet of his father's car parked on the gravel outside the manse front door, and there he made a race-track for his dinky cars with chuckies from the gravel and had a great time playing. But the bonnet of the (almost new) car was very scratched.

When Donald arrived home he was—to put it mildly—extremely annoyed. Very few people had cars in those days and his modest little vehicle was a prized possession. His son was 'in the dog house', as we say. But Mrs Cox took the car to a body spray shop down the road, and two days later the job was done: the bonnet was re-sprayed and as good as new. The damage had been 'covered'! In other words, 'atonement' had been made. Donald's anger with his three-year-old toddler was gone. All was forgiven.

The good news of the gospel is that through the sacrifice of our Passover Lamb Jesus, atonement is made for all our shortcomings and foolish sins. As God sees us, we are spotless—even more so than the re-sprayed bonnet of Donald's

An 'every day of the week' Church

For those of you who are not used to being around our church buildings, or who are usually only there on Sundays, you'd probably be surprised by the level of activity that takes place. Indeed, more often than not, our church buildings are in use – whether by our own groups and organisations or by outside agencies.

In all of this, we see St. Andrew's Church giving expression to the first part of our three-fold purpose statement: **Welcome** – Worship – Witness. First and foremost, we have a lovely suite of buildings but they are not 'ours' in a possessive sense. Rather, we hold them in trust that through them we might serve the wider community. Hospitality is required of us in the living out of our faith and so at all times we try to ensure that our buildings are clean and neat and tidy and, even more importantly, that those who are

coming in from outside our church family experience a warmth of welcome that will be truly noteworthy.

To this end, our Fellowship Core Group – and its catering team headed up by Doris – and our Events Team are the ones charged with making sure that the **welcome** works well. And the great news is that it works! Time and again, we receive positive feedback from people who find themselves in our buildings – comments not just about the facilities but about the wonderful hospitality of our teams.

No one gets paid to do this. As with most of what happens around the church, we rely on willing and able volunteers. But this for sure: we hugely appreciate their efforts and don't in any way take their service for granted.

When you add to this the fact that some £10,000 comes in annually from outside agencies using our buildings you begin to see how important a form of ministry it is. We do it in loving service, not as a means of generating income. But in the current climate, we all need to be realistic and to appreciate that every penny counts.

(PS For more about volunteers - see Clerk's Corner)

Malawi Fundraisers

Sunday 10th November

SOUP LUNCH

after morning service in the Main Hall

Friday 29th November

CEILIDH

at Meadowbank

Saturday 30th November

CHURCH CRAFT FAIR

The Malawi team will be offering a
Soup & Pudding Lunch.

CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR GROUPS

Would any group be interested in having their Christmas Meal at the Church and at the same time raise money for Malawi? We would be willing to host an evening for groups at the beginning of December when we will provide a 2 or 3 course Christmas Meal. Anyone interested should speak to Doris or Sheila to find out more info.

COMING IN 2014

Quiz Night, Wine Tasting, Coffee Morning, Great St Andrews Bake off?

And our famous **Murder Mystery**..... Watch out for more info!

Our Church Officer

In a busy church there is much work which goes on unseen and the person doing it is often unseen. We have one such person who is an essential cog in keeping the machinery of St Andrew's working. She is our Church officer, Janis Clark. Obviously, on a Sunday morning she is very much to be seen, and on a Friday morning she produces the best coffee in Arbroath. However, at many other times she is in the building alone making sure that everything is ready for organisations. She is a bit of a weight-lifter as she lugs tables and chairs around, constantly resetting for the requirements of our own groups and also for the needs of those who let our premises. She does all this with the thoroughly modern touch of having her earphones firmly glued to her head and you could be forgiven for thinking that she is very deaf as it can be very difficult to get her attention if you have not caught her eye!

If there was to be a prize for recycling in the church then she would be the outright winner by a mile. Do you know that no waste bin is ever emptied directly into the outside bins? Instead, the contents are meticulously gone through and sorted into the appropriate recycling piles. These are

then transported to her own garage prior to being taken by Janis and her husband to the Council recycling depot. Recently when her husband was in hospital it took three trips in another car to take away what had built up in a three-week period!

Keeping up-to-date with tidying is a major part of her work as many of us must try her patience when we do not always put things away after meetings, events etc. Finding places for all the church 'stuff' is a major time-consuming challenge which is achieved by being constantly vigilant. After reading this, you will not be surprised to learn that the hours stated for the job are greatly exceeded by an amount which indicates her personal commitment to the work of St Andrew's.

Janis is supported in all of this by her husband who is a skilled handyman and is able to undertake many property repair tasks which are carried out quietly and unseen. He is also extremely knowledgeable in electronics and sound systems and is currently heavily involved in the current update to our own equipment.

Together the Clarks are an invaluable team – quietly working in the background. Our appreciation of them is enormous.

7th Arbroath B.B.

We have started back again following our Autumn break and we held our Re-dedication Service and enrolment on 24th of October. The boys made their commitment to the Boys Brigade movement when the company chaplain, Rev. W. Martin Fair led the short worship service within the Church

sanctuary. In this service we also gave thanks for the Boys Brigade in its 130 years. With this milestone in mind we planted 130 crocus bulbs in the Church back garden.

Sheila Dunphy came along and told us about our sponsored child Grey Lewis and the Company presented a cheque for £130 pounds for the Malawi project.

We are holding a fund raiser on -

Friday 8th of November
BEETLE DRIVE
with bring and buy,
Cake and Candy Stall
Adults £2, Child £1

All are welcome to support this event.

Captain W.H. Ewart

Praying Together

In his teaching, Jesus makes it clear that there are times when praying should be done privately. But this is not to say that prayer should only take place in private! Elsewhere in the New Testament, it becomes obvious to us that the early Christians met to pray together on a very regular basis.

There are various opportunities for people to pray together at St. Andrew's but the principal one is on Thursday evenings from 7 till 8pm. Those who gather for this prayer time have come to value it enormously. Apart from anything else, it is a huge privilege to be able to pray with others! Usually, we pray in the following ways:

- We pray for members of the church and others known to us who are ill or who have been bereaved
- We pray for the life of our congregation; for our many ministries and activities, for our staff members and for our mission to the wider world
- We pray for the world-wide Church, focussing especially on those parts of the church which suffer persecution
- We pray for our town, for the practical issues facing it on a week-to-week basis

- We pray for our nation; Scotland and the whole of the UK. Under this heading, we've been praying, for example, for economic upturn and for politicians and local councillors
- We pray for the world at large, according to what needs arise in any given week.

Of course, no one NEEDS to come to such a meeting. You can pray on your own, covering the same topics as listed above. Indeed the prayer topics are posted on our website (most) Thursday evenings making it possible for any of us to pray at home if we can't come to the group. But coming to such a group time instils a certain discipline meaning that our prayer life isn't subject to trying by ourselves to remember!

Sometimes people worry about praying in a group, fearing that their prayers wouldn't be as eloquent as those of other people or that they'd become tongue-tied. The good news is that no-one has to pray out loud but most find that after a little while they find themselves wanting to pray audibly and becoming more confident in doing so.

There really is nothing more important than that a church is alive in prayer.

With all of this in mind, our evening worship times throughout the remainder of this session will focus on PRAYER. Is it time for you to come alive in prayer?

Clerk's Corner

'To see ourselves as others see us'

Sometimes this can be an uncomfortable experience, but there have been several occasions in the last weeks when we could be forgiven for feeling very proud of some of the things that we do at St Andrew's. While boasting is not an attractive trait, it is very important for human beings to know that they are appreciated and that they are contributing successfully. What follows shows some of the areas where we can be justifiably proud of the impressions we give to others who visit us or read about us.

We have had visits from two churches, who on seeing the photos on the walls of the Leadership Group, Ministry Team, Home Group leaders and others, have been very keen to find out how we set about forming all our current structures. Some of the paper work that was involved in this has been sent to them and it is good to see the replies received which indicate their admiration for the amount of work that has gone into the setting up of all the groups. They are particularly impressed by the fact that such a major part of this is undertaken by volunteers and want to know how you have been persuaded to undertake so much work!

A meeting of the Session Clerks in the Presbytery was a lively one and very useful in enabling information on different practices to be shared. As we are one of the few congregations who do not have elders' districts as such, much interest was shown in

how we manage to communicate with and pastorally care for our members. Details were provided of how our Contact Team visits each household every month and how information gathered then gets acted upon by the Pastoral Care Team. Again, it was clear that a large number of volunteers is required for this.

Volunteers are a major part of the outreach work which has recently been reported very well in the press and also in Life and Work and initiatives in work with children have also received publicity.

This past month has been busy with our premises being used by outside agencies and it will be good to report to you after the end of the year the financial success of this. Four years after the refurbishment there is still a very strong feel-good factor when visitors admire the beauty of the sanctuary and comment on what a wonderful venue our premises make for a wide range of events. We are already seeing many repeat visits from groups who continue to be impressed by the care and attention to detail we offer. The catering comes in for very high praise and the volunteers who do this work are frequently on duty for many hours at a time.

You will see that the common factor in the above is the marvellous work carried out by volunteers – the work is so enriched by the hours you give unconditionally to further the work and witness of St Andrew's Church both locally and globally. May you be blessed in the work you do.

Jane Miller.

Guild

We had a good attendance at our meeting on the 14th October where we had discussion on our theme for this year "A Fellowship to Build", breaking into small groups where everyone could have an opportunity to discuss and listen to other's view points.

This is a busy time for the Guild as we have our annual Guild Week from Sunday 17th to Saturday 23rd November. This is a national week when the Guild is promoted. We start our week with an active part in the morning worship. During this week we have received wide and varied invitations to attend other Guilds in our area. We finish

the week by hosting High tea in our Church Hall. Tickets will be on sale from the 3rd of November after the morning Service at a cost of £9 with the proceeds going towards our projects for this year - A Passage From India and The Julius Project.

At our planned meeting for 11th November we have an invited speaker from the project - Passage from India - when we have invited local Guilds to join us.

Monday the 25th November is a St Andrew's Night when we have the Carnoustie Traditional providing the entertainment. This is an open evening and all are invited to join us.

Whose we are and whom we serve

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

Sunday 3
9.30 am - Traditional Service
11 am - Worship Service, inc.
Sacrament of Baptism
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 10
11 am - Worship Service
3 pm - SWEATY CHURCH
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 17
11 am - Worship Service
Main service followed by
short celebration of
Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship
(Guest speaker - Jim Stewart,
St Mark's Church, Perth)

Sunday 24
11 am - Worship Service
4 pm - MESSY CHURCH
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

DECEMBER

Sunday 1
9.30 am - Traditional Service;
1st Sunday in Advent
11 am - Worship Service; inc.
all-age Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 8
11 am - Worship Service;
2nd Sunday in Advent
3 pm - SWEATY CHURCH
6.30 pm - Evening Worship
(in Community Spirit)

Sunday 15
11 am - Worship Service;
3rd Sunday in Advent
Service led by the magnificent
Salvation Army Brass Band
from Bellshill
6.30 pm - Evening Worship
(in Community Spirit)

Sunday 22
11 am - Worship Service;
4th Sunday in Advent
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Tuesday 24
6.30 pm - Nativity and
Christingle Service
11.15pm - Traditional
Watchnight Service

Wednesday 25
10.30 am - Christmas Day
Celebration for all the family

Sunday 29
11 am - Worship Service
(No 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.**

Malawi Update

By the time you read this the Container should have left for Malawi. It is being picked up on Wednesday 30th October and should arrive round about Christmas. It will be carrying about 387 boxes containing things from clothes, shoes, toys, books, bedding, blankets, wool, material, tools, knitting and sewing machines, guitars, bikes, blackboards, tables, chairs, football kits and boots, wheelchairs and body boards to a table tennis table and some solar panels.

Thanks to all who have donated goods and to those who sponsored the transport – 2 of the Managers from Ocean Rig, Soutar Foundation and Gannochy. Thanks to the squad of marines who are coming along to help us load the

container on the 30th and to all who have helped pack boxes - especially the squad who came along after the container leaked. Our thanks also goes to Ally Leuchars and Forfar Removals for all the packing boxes that they have donated and for their help in moving so many boxes out to the Skeas earlier this year

Our final thanks goes to Angus Council for allowing us space to store boxes for so long and especially to the Skea family who stepped in at such short notice to allow us to move all those boxes out to them and virtually take over their premises!

Lets all pray now that everything gets there safely and that there is not too much red tape for us to cut through when the container gets to Malawi!

Our Most Senior Champion!

Earl Matthew is a champion of good causes! He has had a lifetime of supporting St Andrew's, not least in his outstanding service as an elder. He welcomed the first minister, Rev Ian McLeod, on his arrival to take up the post of minister of the joint congregations of the former Hope-mount and St Ninian's churches and thereafter continued his faithful service to the Kirk Session and as a committed district elder. He attained 60 years of service in this area.

His work in the BBs gave him the opportunity to help boys to mature into responsible young adults in the company, where his dedication was outstanding and a lasting influence on many.

Recognition at national level is evident in his holding of the MBE and now he has been honoured here in Arbroath with the naming of one of the new streets in our parish area as Earl Matthew Avenue (see picture on back page.). This is a well-deserved honour. Congratulations and thank you for being a truly great champion!

How The Bible Foretold The Computer Age

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long on this and then decided that he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a

language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or *eBay* as it came to be known, and said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began. And I swear that's the truth.



*Left : Earl Matthew pictured with the street name.
 Above : Another Senior Champion, Lawrie Harris,
 drawing a face for the Champions Holiday Club.
 Below : Messy church is definitely very messy!*

