



Never Too Young - Never Too Old!

At St. Andrew's, it doesn't matter who you are - or how old you are - there will be an opportunity for you to serve! Ese, one of our young mums, is on the cleaning rota, meaning that she comes as part of a team to clean the sanctuary on a monthly basis. But she doesn't come alone; young Connor comes to help his mum and to lend a hand! As you can see in this picture, he's a dab hand when it comes to dusting!

All joking aside, our congregation employs several staff members but would collapse in a heap without its army of volunteers! We have an ethos which leads to people doing their bit THEN GOING THE EXTRA MILE - all for no reward, save that of serving.

So, next time you hear of a request for volunteers, why don't you step forward and offer your help. And if it happens to be on a cleaning team, young Connor will show you how it's done!

(Photo with name is printed with permission.)



Malawi Quiz Winners

Thanks to all who attended our Malawi Quiz night. A great night was enjoyed by all the teams who entered and to most people's delight Martin's team didn't win!

One of the teams from the Carnoustie Homegroup won a close fought competition and so well done to them! They can proudly claim to be the first winners of the Malawi Challenge Cup. We raised the excellent sum of £530 for our work in Malawi.

We also had a good attendance again at the Soup Lunch when £307 was raised.

Pictured are the winning team of Fiona Mineard, Lesley McColgan, and Bill and Hazel Nimmo.

Christmas In Malawi

As many of you know, a container left Scotland at the beginning of November and arrived in Blantyre, Malawi on the 9th January. It eventually made its way to Namisu Orphan village (Aquaid headquarters) shortly afterwards. A quick offload followed where every available storage space was cleared to make room for the 300+ boxes/ bikes/sewing machines etc which had been sent from Scotland. Thanks again to all who contributed to the container and if we can secure funding we will be sending another container in the future so keep any bikes/ old clothes etc that are in decent nick and the folk in Malawi will get the benefit of them!

They were incredibly grateful for all the things in the container and the children were especially glad for their Christmas parcels. I will forward some of the photos which we were sent from Malawi for you to have a look at.

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Parish Records****February 2014****Baptisms** - Adam Brewster**Blessings** - Kiara Girdwood**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - Cathy Fairweather, Flo Burnett (West Kirk)**HAVILAH TIMES
CHANGED**

We have moved on an hour as it was very quiet between 11 and 12. On the first day of change, most stayed the full time - which was good.

**Office hours are 10.30am to 2.30pm
and
the Drop-in is open 12 to 2.30pm.**

IMPORTANT DATES**APRIL 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 21st March (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 25th March (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

March 2014

Dear friends,

Elaine and I have just returned from a wonderful weekend in Rome, a city that I'd recommend to anyone. There can be few places to match it in terms of history, magnificent buildings both ancient and modern, religious interest AND great cafés and restaurants!! If you only saw the Coliseum and St. Peter's Square and enjoyed an espresso overlooking the Piazza Venezia you'd come home fully satisfied! And that's from someone who's never drunk a cup of coffee in his life!

Perhaps the highlight of our trip - not least because it was so unexpected - was to be in St. Peter's Square on Sunday morning, just in time to hear Pope Francis deliver a devotional message and prayer of blessing. Of course, the Pope spoke exclusively in Italian and so we understood not a word! But it didn't seem to matter. Those around us in the crowd (which numbered tens of thousands) listened attentively, joined in with the prayer and were so obviously filled with adoration and love that we became part of the whole experience in a way that left us feeling lucky to have been there and richly blessed.

Those of you who are regular in worship at St. Andrew's will have heard on several occasions as I have quoted something or other that this particular Pope has had occasion to say or write. To my mind, he's been a breath of fresh air - a man who has, in a very short space of time, displayed true Christ-like humility and wisdom along with a common touch. My hope is that he will do much to repair the damage done in recent years to the reputation of the Catholic Church and in so doing that he will advance the cause of the Gospel itself. Here is a man, we must hope, who might truly influence the ways of the world.

You wouldn't have to go back too many years to find a time when it would have been unthinkable for me to commit such as this to print. There was a sense among some Protestants that the Pope was not much short of the anti-Christ and that the Catholic version of the faith was an abhorrent thing, full of error and corruption. I knew of one minister who, during his time on the south-west side of Glasgow, was virtually run out of town because it was concluded that he had 'gone over to Rome' - for the crime of lighting candles in the church!

There would certainly be points of doctrine over which Catholics and Protestants would disagree. But thanks be to God, we have come to realise for our own part that there is much that we can learn from our Catholic brothers and sisters in terms of the devotional life and the commitment to Christ that is so evident in much of their spirituality. God forgive us that we have allowed our differences to keep us from one another - worse still, to be divided from one another such as was the case in Northern Ireland and places similar to it.

I am not a Catholic. But I rejoice to have Catholics as my friends in Christ. May God continue to bring us closer together for the sake of his Kingdom.

May God bless you all,

Martin

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Legal Highs A step in the right direction

It was with quiet contentment that we noted the closure of the Misty Heaven shop on 10th February. Though still with the old shop front 'Linefield Graphics' above the door, this shop had been, for the better part of the last year, selling so-called 'legal highs,' otherwise known as New Psychoactive Substances, and other drug paraphernalia to the young people (and others) of our town. That it was located next to our Community Spirit building only made things worse.

And so for nine months, we have worked hard to see the shop closed - and with it, hopefully soon, The Declaration, situated on Brothock Bridge which deals in the same trade. We have built alliances with other like-minded groups and individuals and have met with councillors and council offi-

cial, our MSPs, the police and all such agencies as have any kind of jurisdiction over this matter. We've been to the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood and to speak to Angus Council - all to raise awareness and bring pressure to bear on decision-makers to bring forward a resolution to this problem.

Some will question whether our campaigning made any difference. But this much we know; Misty Heaven is gone and the likelihood of another such shop opening in that place is much reduced.

Why did it matter? Because as a parish church we are called to serve the community in which we are set and to work for the greater good of those who live within it. By no stretch of the imagination was the existence of this shop beneficial to our community.

May we never be afraid to speak out against that which is just wrong.

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Although the container didn't quite arrive in time for Christmas, the children enjoyed a Christmas party with a big feast of rice, chicken, vegetables, maize crisps and fizzy juice! They had a great time with music, dancing and games. They all wanted to thank you for making that possible and for giving them 'such a wonderful day'.

Thyolo daycare continues to go well, with the rains being slightly better than last year and the maize having been planted and growing quite well. The children still have their own maize garden to look after and their maize is the best, strongest, fattest maize (the most lovingly watered maize in Aquaid). The carpentry skills workshop continues to go well, with plans for more tools soon so that the children can learn to make more complex items. The new teacher who is providing the extra tuition is very dedicated and the staff are hopeful that the Standard 7s and 8s will see a big improvement in their exam results this year. Last year's results were very poor throughout Thyolo district, affecting many of our exam candidates. In the UK, if an exam paper is deemed to be too hard, and there is a much higher percentage of fails, the exam board will lower the pass rate. However, in Malawi if everyone fails an exam then everyone has to resit - there are no thoughts that the paper might have been exceptionally hard.

In Kambilonjo things are very bright. The new couple -

the Lundus - are building great relationships with the local tribal authorities. They have managed to get the community on board and helping the centre with all the things that are going on. The local church is also helping with the use of extra space for extra classes (Mr Lundu is a teacher to trade) and also generally in the garden and cooking etc. Kambilonjo, despite being a very cold and poor area, has the potential to do very well agriculturally. Here potatoes can be grown, which are an unusual commodity in Malawi, but highly sought after (Malawians also love chips!). In Kambilonjo we have grown potatoes for the last few years with varying yields but this year another push has been placed on the potato gardens which could result in the centre being able to sell some potatoes (in the past they have only grown enough for eating). The children are also very happy with their new house parents who have been in post for about 9 months now.

Thanks again for your continued support. Please pray for our managerial staff and their families (Charles Lundu and his wife and children and Christina (Kiri) Kunsauka, her husband Millward and their daughter Miriam), as they guide the centres to facilitate the best possible care for our children.

Photos to follow!

Becky

St. Andrew's Church Friends Club

We had a busy first half with music and talks, finishing off with our Christmas Party with Johnny Mac at the Meadowbank. We started off with Carnoustie Traditional in February and a nice afternoon of music, stories and songs.

Upcoming schedule:

6th March – Rev. Dale London, minister at Letham who comes from Alaska.

3rd April – Doug Ford (musical)

19th April – Coffee morning

1st May – Birthday Party (our 52nd) with Mike McEwan

5th June – AGM and guest Bill Beadie & friend

We meet on the first Thursday of the month from 2 to 4 pm. Come along for an afternoon of fellowship and a cuppie and chat. All welcome.

Ask Theophilus

Question :

Are the 'Magi' (Mt. 2:1-12) the same as the 'Nephilim' (Gen. 6:4

Theophilus answers :

In the February edition of Quest, we discussed the 'Magi'. So now we come to the 'Nephilim'. They are only mentioned twice in the Bible. First Genesis 6:4: 'The Nephilim were on the earth in those days... These were the mighty men of old, the men of renown'. The name 'Nephilim' comes from a Hebrew verb *naphal* which means 'to fall upon', that is, 'to attack'. The phrase 'men of renown' probably means they were once famous.

Second Numbers 13:33. When the spies who were sent by Moses to reconnoitre the land of Canaan reported back, they said they had seen descendants of these 'Nephilim' who had struck fear into them: 'There we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to

them.' Their expression 'we seemed like grasshoppers' has been understood by some translators to mean that they were giants. But I think it means this clan of Anak were tall merciless robbers.

Therefore, it seems best to understand the Nephilim to have been powerfully built men who were bandits and whose reputation struck fear into men's hearts. As far as their height is concerned, geneticists have found among Palestinian records evidence of a strain of unusually tall men of about seven to eight feet in height. The Koran has references to primeval races noted for their tall stature and daring impiety, and Phoenician records also have obscure references which could well be referring to the statement in Genesis 6:4. Possible archaeological evidence for the Nephilim might be Neanderthal skeletons from the Palaeolithic period which have been found in caves on Mount Carmel.

So we can be sure that there is no connection at all between the 'Magi' the astronomer-priests who came to worship the new-born King, and the Nephilim who apparently lived in prehistoric times.

Guild

February is a short month and it is good to see that the days are getting longer - daylight when I go to work in the morning and still light in the evening when I finish. We have had some glimpses of spring with sunshine at the weekends. Could we want anything better?

We were delighted to welcome our speaker Morag Donaldson (from the Scottish Churches Housing Action, supporting the Julius project) to our first meeting in February. They offer Christian and non-judgemental support to young and homeless people and are in the process of opening a support unit in Dundee. Morag was an excellent speaker and the evening was most informative.

Our second meeting was an Agape meal - which is the sharing of love and fellowship. We enjoyed juice and scripture cake. The details for the ingredients are to be found in the scriptures. Members were given homework to find which ingredients they were to bring to help make the cake. I'm pleased to report that all the ingredients were located and the baked cake was enjoyed by all. Our guest for the evening was Robert Matthew, speaking, with love and conviction, about his work as a Workplace Chaplain - a role he undertakes with much enthusiasm.

We have three meetings in March. On Monday 3rd, we are joined by the Rev. Rhona Phillips, a chaplain working in the NHS.

On Monday 17th March our topic night is entitled "Finding the Right Way" - a night of discussion. We will have a sales table for funds towards the Guild projects.

Monday 31st March will be a DIY night - intrigued? - well come along and see what we have to offer.

Finally it is that time of year again for the collection of the Guild Boxes. Any boxes can be handed in to the office or given to our treasurer Joyce McPherson Tel: 431681 or Shona Kemp Tel: 878526. Collection can be arranged. We would ask that all boxes be returned by Sunday 16th March.

Go Bananas in Fairtrade Fortnight!

Bananas are now sold so cheaply by most UK supermarkets that many farmers and workers who produce them are being trapped in a cycle of poverty - with many still unable to afford to put enough food on the table for their families, or provide the basics such as education or healthcare.

In the UK, we eat over **5 billion** bananas a year; that's **13 million each day**. Of these, over 1.2 billion are Fairtrade, so our consumer choices are definitely having an impact.

80% of the bananas bought in the UK are bought in supermarkets, most of whom are battling each other to keep their customers in a highly-competitive and public price war. In the last 10 years, the UK supermarket sector

Easter Means - Welcoming Children to St. Andrew's

As we continue to build up our work among children and families - reaching out beyond the walls of the church - we're going to be engaged in a proverbial flurry of activity this Easter season. And, the best bit is, you can get involved!

Last year, we launched The Easter Code for the first time here in Arbroath and it was an overwhelming success with the feedback from the P7 pupils and teachers who came unanimously positive. The programme fits perfectly with the current Religious and Moral Education curriculum, in both form and content. Children leave with a much better grasp of the meaning of the Easter story and having had a brilliantly hands-on, interactive learning experience. So far, five schools are signed up to come this year. What a fantastic opportunity to welcome nearly 200 children into our church!

To make this happen, we'll need a team of volunteers to help run the programme and welcome pupils and staff and we'll need support with putting together all of the necessary resources. Thankfully, many of these are in place from last year and simply need to be un-boxed and set up. Your support with buying the consumables is, as always, much appreciated.

Following on from The Easter Code, during the first week of the school holidays, we'll offer our ever popular Holiday Club - this year, entitled Mega Makers! Though the theme of these clubs changes each year, the essentials remain: simple Bible learning in an atmosphere soaked with fun and laughter!

As with The Easter Code, we'll be recruiting our team, preparing the resources and advertising this club in coming weeks. Why not get involved - join the team (as a veteran or a rookie!) offer to make soup, provide craft resources or a financial donation? And, as a matter of course, start to pray for the club (and The Easter Code) that they would go tremendously well and that lots of children would attend and would come face to face with the truths about Jesus.

has almost halved the price of loose bananas while the cost of producing them has doubled. This is trapping many of the farmers and workers who grow them in poverty.

Fairtrade alone is not enough to end the price wars. We have to go further to ensure the price we pay for our bananas is sustainable for all farmers and workers. The Fairtrade Foundation is raising a petition about the issue with Vince Cable, the UK's Secretary of State for Business. The petition calls on him to urgently investigate the grave impact of unsustainable supermarket pricing practices and act to protect the millions of poor farmers and workers who grow the UK's favourite fruit.

You can support this campaign by:

- only buying Fairtrade bananas, and complaining to your supermarket if they don't have them available
- signing the petition to Vince Cable - you can find it online at foncho.fairtrade.org.uk

Malawi Fundraisers

Quiz Night -

Thanks to all who attended. It was a great night and to most people's delight Martin's team didn't win. The winning team was one of the ones from The Carnoustie Homegroup. Well done to them! And so they were the first winners of the Malawi Challenge Cup. We raised £530.

Soup Lunch -

A good attendance again at the Soup Lunch when £307 was raised.

Next Fundraisers:

Sunday 9th March -

Soup Lunch after the morning service in the church hall. - The usual wide selection of homemade soups. Cost – Donations please.

Friday 21st March at 7pm -

Our famous **Murder Mystery**. A great fun evening when you are entertained and fed at the same time! A murder has taken place and with the group at your table you have to decide which of the characters the murderer is. As information is given you will also be treated a delicious 3 course meal. If you haven't been to one before you won't want to miss it so make sure you buy your ticket early. Tickets including meal are £12.

Saturday 10th May -

Australian Wine Tasting Evening. Linda McDonald has kindly agreed to lead this before she leaves to return home to Australia for good.

June -

Coffee Morning and Great St Andrew's Bake Off.

Please note we still recycle old mobiles, foreign coins and ink cartridges. We are now also able to recycle toner cartridges.

Clerk's Corner

We are part of a very busy church which has many organisational structures. The Core Groups are a very important part of these and it is essential that the element of communication among them and the wider congregation is kept open. Some time ago we published the work of each group and this year we will give you the names of the members of one of the groups each month. We are going to start with the Fabric Core

Spend an hour - in the dark!

Earth Hour is the world's largest call to action to protect our planet, and you can take part this year starting at 8.30pm on Saturday 29th March.

Earth Hour started in Australia in 2007, and has grown rapidly since then – last year over 150 countries and territories took part. In 2013 thousands of people in Scotland joined millions around the world in turning off their lights in a huge, symbolic show of support for action on climate change and for a more sustainable future. Last year some of Scotland's most iconic landmarks went dark for Earth Hour including Edinburgh Castle, Forth Rail Bridge and the Falkirk Wheel. They joined global landmarks such as Sydney Opera House, Table Mountain, the Petronas Towers, the Brandenburg Gate, Tokyo Tower and the Empire State Building, as the lights switched off around the world.

What could you do for an hour in the dark? If it's a fine night, why not wrap up warm and go for a stroll – do some stargazing, listen to nature's night sounds, have a conversation in the dark with a friend. If you stay in, how about dancing in the dark, or picking out a set of CDs you haven't listened to in a while and enjoy them with your favourite drink in hand. Share a candlelit coffee and dessert night with friends, or have a family game of hide-and-seek in the dark.

Whichever way you choose to mark Earth Hour, be sure to give thanks to God for the gift of light, and ask for guidance about how we can be better stewards of His creation so that our planet has a sustainable future. There are more than 200 references to light in the Bible – perhaps the best way to spend Earth Hour is to read and reflect on some of those references.

Group, whose members maintain our buildings in good order.

Core Group Leader – Ray Reaney

Leadership Group Link members – Ian Cameron, Ken Miller

Session Members – Roberta Brand, Ian Clark, Alan McSkimming

Congregation Members – Ian Martin who has particular responsibility for Community Spirit, Sandy Bowie, John Cargill, Tom Cargill, Sandy Kay

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH

Sunday 2

9.30 am - Traditional Service, with Holy Communion
11 am - Service of Holy Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 9

11 am - Worship Service
4 pm - **SWEATY CHURCH**
6.30 pm - Evening Worship with guest Kenny Stott

Sunday 16

11 am - Worship Service (service followed by Annual Stated Meeting)
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 23

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 30

11 am - Worship Service;
4 pm - **MESSY CHURCH**
6.30 pm - Evening Worship with guest Aftab Gohar

APRIL

Sunday 6

9.30 am - Traditional Service
11 am - Worship Service,
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 13

11 am - Palm Sunday Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Thursday 17

7 to 9 pm - Church open for Maundy Thursday reflections

Friday 18

12 noon to 3pm - Church open for 'Hours of Darkness' reflections
7 to 9 pm - Church open for Good Friday reflections

Sunday 20

8 am - Sunrise Service In the Abbey
11 am - Easter Day Celebration
6.30 pm - Easter Evening Resurrection Special!

Sunday 27

11 am - Worship Service
4 pm - **MESSY CHURCH**
6.30 pm - Evening Worship (In Community Spirit)

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

A 40 minute service every Wednesday morning at 10.30 am.

STOP PRESS!!!

St Andrew's Church fails in its quest for Eco -Status on two counts.

Count 1 - Significant amounts of gas and electricity are being wasted.

Count 2 – The beautiful building is being mistreated.

Did this headline make you look twice? **Hopefully it does, because we have NOT failed in our quest for Eco-status and are currently working hard to achieve the requirements for this, with high hopes for it to be granted fairly soon, BUT**

Our fuel bill for 2013 was **£10,000**. Now, obviously the busier we get with more church related activities, lets etc, then the higher the bills will be. (The income, of course, covers those costs.) However, it is incumbent on every one of us to ensure that we do not contribute to any unnecessary use of power at any time. Here are the possible places for us to be aware of this:

Gallery

Avoid *automatically* switching on all the lights in this area, no matter what kind of day it is. If you are at a meeting in this area which then transfers to another area, **then switch off** the gallery lights. Most importantly, switch off all lights when you leave. Ensure that the water heater has been switched off and if the roof vents have been opened that they are closed before leaving. Please check that the plasma display has been switched off.

Main Hall

Only put on all the lights if you need them and avoid putting them on far too early. The new switches which have been installed make it very easy to light the hall in sections. Think about whether you really need **all** the lighting. Remember to put the lights off when you leave. Think about when and for how long the electric overhead heaters are needed and make sure that they get switched off. Make sure that the doors are closed when you leave, because there may be heating timed for the next day and if the doors are left open, extra power is needed to bring the area to the required temperature. The lighting tubes are the most modern available, and it is now **false economy** to believe that they use more power by being switched off and on again over short periods of time (that was some-

times true for old style tubes). **Always switch off when not needed, even for a short time.**

Small halls

Ensure that all lights are off before leaving and that, again, the door has not been left jammed open. If not in use, then heat from the gallery escapes into the halls and is lost. Again, these are modern tubes so always switch off when not needed.

Kitchen

Check before leaving that the water heater, oven fans/ switches are off. Close the hatch doors on leaving.

Session Room – think about when and for how long the overhead heaters are needed and switch off accordingly, checking that this has been done before you leave.

Sanctuary

Having all the lights on is the equivalent of having four bars of an electric fire burning! If you are having a meeting then only put on the lighting that is necessary. Switches are clearly labelled, but if you are not sure about this, then ask for the switch system to be explained. Remember to switch off all lights at the end. It is hard to believe that any could be left on after use, but it does happen! Make sure that all doors are closed. Heat loss to the passageway behind the organ can be considerable.

Vestibule areas/ external areas

The light switches for these areas are named and, for the front of church floodlighting, there is now a new switch that has a red neon light on it for easier identification when it is on. We have, on occasions, been lighting up Hamilton Green through the night!

Do you find all this depressing, picky, petty, and unnecessary? Hopefully not, and instead you will feel that you will be able to play your part in looking after God's house in the way that you look after your own.

The leaders of all organisations will receive a copy of this and will be asked to delegate someone to have responsibility for the relevant areas. We can do this!

Jane Miller - Session Clerk

Ray Reaney - Fabric Core Group Leader

Pam Drever- Service Core Group Leader

PS Count 2 will be in the April edition. Start guessing now! Hint—anything from chewing gum ground into the sanctuary carpet (yes, really, and several times now!) to ... guess what!

7th Arbroath BB

All sections have been busy with their awards over the dark winter nights. Hopefully we can soon see our bulb planting last year coming forth. The lighter nights will bring some outdoor activities as well.

Our numbers in the Anchor and Junior Section have grown in the past year and hope the trend will continue. We

have three Company Section boys who are going on the Queen's Badge Completion course in April and who will be awarded with it at the end of the session.

We took part in the Malawi Quiz Night and came out with a top ten finish. It was a great night and we support our friend Grey Lewis in Malawi and enjoy hearing how he is doing.

Wilma H. Ewart (Captain)

Steph Macleod

We were delighted to eventually be able to bring Steph Macleod to Arbroath to perform a concert on 31st January. Steph is fast gaining a reputation as a leading light in the world of Christian music, with three CDs now produced and concert tours across the UK, Europe and beyond behind him. Those of us who were present for his Arbroath concert were left in no doubt as to the reason why! Steph is a superb performer - a classically trained guitarist and soulful singer. But what makes his music work is that it flows naturally out of his life and experiences. There's a rawness and honesty to his lyrics that make it possible for everyone to connect.

Here's a young man, with a wife and three children, who has stepped out in faith believing that his music is his God-given ministry. We will watch with interest, and will hope and pray, that his career goes from strength to strength and that God does indeed use him powerfully as a witness to his own saving love in Jesus.



Our children willingly help with giving a message to young and old alike.



Fun at Sweaty Church

