



New Life At Easter Services

Our Easter Day services were special indeed. The early morning service saw, for the first time, other congregations coming together to join ourselves and members from Old & Abbey. What a joy to welcome brothers and sisters from Knox's and St. Vigean's and others from the Town Mission! We hope that such positive steps might lead to greater togetherness across the churches of our town - for the good of the Kingdom.



Our 11am family celebration included, as always, an all-age celebration of Holy Communion. Many sense that these services speak most clearly about what our congregation is all about - togetherness. Added to the mix this year, we witnessed an infant blessing AND two adult baptisms AND two brand new professions of faith! What better than that we rejoice in newness of life on Easter Sunday!

As always the band took the lead in the evening in what was a full-on contemporary celebration of praise and thanksgiving. Put together, our three services offered something for everyone and, most importantly, a fitting thanksgiving for the truth that our Lord is alive!



Mega Makers

This year, our holiday club was set in the imaginary world of an inventor's workshop - and how the children rose to the challenge and took on the part of being 'mad scientists'! With almost seventy children signed up in all, the hall was bursting with life and laughter as the team went about the business of sharing the Gospel story. With over three-quarters of the children having no church background whatsoever, the club proved to be a marvellous opportunity to share the stories of Jesus and to make sure that every child knew him or herself to be welcomed and valued.



The Holiday Club Mega-machine was shown to the children at the Easter service and they were delighted when it started to blow bubbles! (More pictures on back page.)

This kind of work among children is essentially a work of seed-planting. We may never know the full outcome of our endeavours but we are sure that our work is not in vain and that God will bless everything done for His glory. Therefore, in finishing, we say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who made this club such a success - the twenty-strong volunteer team, the kitchen squad and everyone who provided or prayed for or supported the work in any way.

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH

Parish Records

April 2014

Baptisms - Rachel Brown, Louise Ramage

Blessings - Charlotte Cowling

Weddings - Leonie Bowie & Ufuk Atalay
(married in Turkey)

Funerals - Greta Jolly, Anice Shepherd

An Invitation

From

Lowson Memorial Church, Forfar

We have received an invitation from Lowson Memorial Church to attend their Centenary Service on Wednesday 14th May at 7pm. The Moderator of the General Assembly, The Right Reverend Lorna hood will address the congregation.

If you would like to attend this event, please give your name to the Session Clerk as soon as possible.

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 16th May (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 20th 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 (07938 340534)

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 2014

Dear friends,

I'm trying hard to remember a busier time than what we've enjoyed at St. Andrew's over the last couple of months! Busyness is, in itself, of little merit. Some people are permanently busy but achieve nothing! But it seems to me that we've been busy doing lots of the right things.

Take for example, the weeks when we ran the Easter Code and then the Mega Makers Holiday Club. These weeks were busy in the extreme but, as far as I'm concerned, they represented our congregation being productively busy - doing what we're called to do. That the overwhelming majority of children today are far removed from the life of the church is for all of us a cause of great sadness but it shouldn't cause us to throw our hands up in horror and wish that things were like they were in the past. Nice as that might sound, the past is just that - past.

Rather, it is for the church today to find creative and imaginative and exciting ways to share the Christian narrative with this young generation - and that describes exactly what we did. There's nothing to beat being busy sharing the Good News of Jesus crucified and risen!

But those who are busy need to be deliberate about making times for stillness. Our 'Easter Footsteps' labyrinth offered such an opportunity and it was good to see many coming along to share that experience. By their comments, it seems that those who did found it to be hugely helpful. There's something magical about being in our sanctuary when there are only a few others around and when it's just about you and your maker.

So let us continue to seek busyness in all the right ways and to combine that with seasons of stillness and reflection. In finding that balance, we find the life of Christ being born among us.

May God bless you all,

Martin

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A Chocolate Egg 'Dunter'

After our Easter services I was chatting with various different people about the best way to crack a chocolate Easter egg so that you can start eating it. Some opted for the precise effort of splitting it along the join line whilst others said that they dropped it from the top of the stairs. I still subscribe to 'dunting' it on my head until it breaks (the egg that is). It had the potential to be a good conversation starter.

I'm always up for random topics such as this – but it did get me wondering about how in our conversations and engagement with Church and non-church folk alike we can continue to point to and live out the Easter message.

It is easy for things to be out of sight and end up being out of mind – it was not long before the chocolate of Easter was out of sight (that's if it even made it to Easter Sunday) – but I for one don't want to have the Easter message being far from my mind. How are we going to do this? For me, I think this is when we continue to let the heart of this message shape our lives.

As we read through the gospels we remind ourselves about how Jesus knew what was ahead of him saying : “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to

serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Reading these things do the images and reality of Easter not start coming to mind? What about as we look around? The image of the cross is seen in so many contexts – from fashion statements to church buildings – yet it is easy for our eyes to skip over and not think of Christ's sacrifice. Even when we look at our calendars and diaries we have the opportunity to remind ourselves that we meet on a Sunday (not a Saturday like the Jewish Sabbath) because that was the day that the tomb was found empty.

If we start to make a conscious effort we can keep on living out the Easter message throughout the year. Hopefully though, this can spur us on to not restricting the sharing of that message to Easter time. I am always up for the random conversation topics – but I do try and be alert to when a conversation can be linked into the life-changing message which we remind ourselves of at Easter. We can be ready to share an engaging insight even when Cadbury's bring out their 'Scream' egg at Halloween which is similar to its Easter counterpart but has a green yoke rather than a yellow one!

Let us keep on being Easter people, sharing an Easter message – all year round.

Your friend and chocolate egg 'Dunter',

Stuart Irvin, Associate Minister

Ask Theophilus

Question :

I have always been puzzled by the word 'atonement'. Can you explain what it means?

Theophilus answers :

The word 'atonement' is one of these very important biblical words. Literally it means 'covering'. So the lid that covered the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament was called 'the atonement'. The translators of the King James Bible didn't quite know how to translate it, so they called it 'the mercy seat'—a wonderful thought as the blood of the Passover Lamb was sprinkled on the lid on the Day of Atonement as a symbol of pardon for all the year's past

wrongs.

Coming into the New Testament, it is used of Christ's sacrifice for our sin and simply means that the Lord's forgiveness covers all our sin. Imagine a toddler climbing on the bonnet of his dad's new car and using sharp edged chuckies to set up a dirt track there for his dinky cars; the paint of the car bonnet would be terribly scratched and his dad would not be at all pleased with his little son. (That's putting it mildly!) However, if mum took the car to a car body shop and had it re-sprayed, it was as good as new, for all the scratches would be covered. That's a picture of what the Lord's love for us on Calvary has done—our past wrongs and messed-up relationships and failures are all covered: atonement has been made.

Fraser In Malawi

With our Malawi Contacts, when I got the opportunity of a business trip to East Africa, I could not say no, nor could I go all that way without popping in to see our projects and friends.

So following 2 weeks of business meetings in Kenya, Tanzania and Mozambique, I made a flying visit to Malawi. I managed an overnight visit to each of our centres and at Aquaid's main centre in Namisu.

First I met our administrator Christina on the road from Lilongwe to Blantyre and together went to Kambilonjo, where I was welcomed with the most enthusiastic welcome I could imagine. The children from the day care welcomed me with a guard of honour lining the way as we arrived. They then put on a show of songs and demonstration of their learning. At the residence I met the new house parents who have made a terrific difference in the atmosphere and sense of home. The children were singing all the time and so obviously joyful and well cared for - everything was so much better organised than before. We inspected the repair work which is well underway for the buildings and necessary landscaping, to avoid erosion of the foundations. The new house-father, Charles had many ambitious plans and ideas to develop the work in the centre, which was very encouraging, and seems to have developed good relationships in the community. The change for the better is out-

standing.

The following day I travelled with Christina to Thyolo, which has long been rated one of the best Aquaid centres. There the welcome was at a similar level, such that I was wondering if there was a competition on the go. It is always very encouraging to see the joy of both daycare and resident children in Thyolo. The loving home environment and care for the children is amazing. The new classroom and library are now mostly furnished and clearly up and running. Much of the furniture has been made by our house-father, Stephen, working with the children to teach them carpentry skills.

At both Centres and in Namisu I was repeatedly asked to send greetings and thanks to all at St. Andrews for the generosity, especially their sponsors for the Christmas presents. Many thanks were also repeatedly sent for all the goods in the container. Everyone was amazed by how much useful stuff we had collected and the quality of the clothes for the children was often commented on as they can find it difficult to get good quality clothes at a price they can afford. Every child in Aquaid's care (around three thousand children) received clothes from the shipment.

As always I was heartbroken to be coming away after such a short visit, but at least for once I knew I would be back in just a few months.

Fraser

In the Steps of St. Paul

Having previously led three trips to the Holy Land, Martin is now planning to lead an eleven-day trip in October 2015 which will comprise a journey through modern-day Turkey, visiting the so-called 'Seven Churches' of the Revelation. With flights from Edinburgh and accommodation in good quality hotels, the trip begins with three nights in the wonderful city of Istanbul - where East meets West - and then moves across Turkey, by plane and bus, concluding with four nights at a seafront hotel on the beautiful Aegean Coast.

The fact is that much of the life of the early Church, as established by Paul, was set in these lands, and visits to the great cities of ancient Ephesus, Thyatira, Laodicea and the

like, will help any Christian to better understand the books of Acts and Revelation in particular and the beginnings of the Church in general. Though this will prove to be a fantastic sightseeing tour, with geographical, historical and architectural interest, essentially it will be a pilgrimage designed to deepen faith. Daily devotions, reflections and worship times will be a big part of the programme.

An introductory meeting has been held and, given the initial response, it looks entirely likely that the trip will go ahead. Full details and brochures, with costs, dates etc., can be had from the minister.

(Though this pilgrimage is being advertised firstly within St. Andrew's Church, it is entirely likely that the final group will be made up of people from a range of different churches.)

2014 Highlights

We all enjoy some highlights in our year - birthdays, anniversaries, family celebrations etc. Similarly, it's great to know that within the life of our congregation, we've got plenty of things to look forward to - whether our own events or ones that we'll travel to. Here's a flavour of some 2014 highlights - which you'll want to pop into your diaries at the earliest opportunity.

Heart & Soul

Sunday May 18th, Edinburgh (detailed elsewhere in this edition of QUEST)

Stuart Townend

Monday June 9th, St. Peter's Free Church, Dundee. Here's a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of worship with Stuart Townend, amongst the most respected of today's Christian singer / songwriters and worship leaders. Our own congregation uses many of his songs including classics such as 'How deep the Father's love for us' and 'In Christ alone.' Tickets for this evening are £10 and transport from Arbroath will be arranged.

Ian White

June 20th, St. Andrew's Church. For a generation, Ian White has led the way in Scotland with his music and song, much of the earlier material being based on the Psalms.

Graham Kendrick & Tony Campolo

Friday October 31st, St. Andrew's Church. In years gone by, this event would have been unthinkable - at least for it to take place in a town the size of Arbroath. Even Dundee was lucky to host names such as Kendrick and Campolo. And yet, here we are now, ready to host such an evening - having been requested especially by tour organisers to be a host venue. This is something to do with the quality of our venue and to do with the fact that our congregation is well known now for its ministry and mission.

Graham Kendrick is by far and away the biggest influence upon contemporary Christian worship and American, Tony Campolo, is recognised world-wide as being a Christian communicator par excellence. To have these to coming to our church on the same bill is fantastic news!! The evening is bound to be a sell out so watch very carefully for the ticket sale details to ensure that you don't miss out.

Clerk's Corner

Core Groups

This month the detail is provided for our - **Fellowship Core Group.**

This is the group who are responsible for all the catering arrangements. This is a twofold job because they provide catering for church organisations and events and also for outside organisations who hire our premises. The latter can include providing lunches for up to 120 people.

Core Group Leader – Doris Bowie

Leadership Group Link member – Joan Hainsworth

Ministry Team Link Member – Kim Marr

Session Members – Val Cargill, Wilma Ewart, Beatrice Gerard, Jean Low, Mary Nicol, Elizabeth Smith, May Smith

Congregation members – Jennifer Burns, Jane Skea, Lena Whyte

In addition, when there is an event which requires a large number of volunteers, there is volunteer list which is quite extensive available to assist.

'Legal High' Shops

Following the closure of the 'Misty Heaven' shop in February, we were delighted to hear that the reminding 'legal high' shop - 'The Declaration,' on Brothock Bridge - is set to close shortly. This follows a well-supported public campaign which brought the issue out into the light and of which St. Andrew's Church was very much a part of.

The reality is that these new psychoactive substances can be obtained online but we are sure that the closure of the two shops will help to keep in check the proliferation of

this dangerous new substance misuse and that local young people will be less likely to be drawn into that world.

All in all, this represents a great example of church and community working together for the betterment of our whole town and shows what can be done when a community decides to act. Of course, the police and other agencies were heavily involved behind the scenes but the public campaign had the effect of bringing enough pressure to bear that those in authority had to step up their efforts.

Let us continue to pray and work for the good of our town.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

We were delighted to hear that the Rev John P. Chalmers is to be the next Moderator of the Church of Scotland. John will assume his role at the beginning of this year's General Assembly.

John is a golfing buddy of our own minister (!!)

well known to St. Andrew's Church following his visits of recent years during which he has shared with us the experience of first hearing that his son, J.J., had been blown up by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan. Of course we were delighted to hear most recently that J.J. is making wonderful progress, that he intends to marry in January 2015 and that his adventuresome spirit is rapidly returning!

Please pray for John and Liz as, together, they embark on what is bound to be a demanding and challenging year for them.

Malawi Fundraisers

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. Tickets £7. Commence at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 11th May – Soup Lunch

Saturday 14th June – Coffee Morning with usual stalls.

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

Heart & Soul 2014

Following the great success of Heart & Soul over the last few years, the Church of Scotland is running the event again, this time to take place on Sunday 18th May 2014, again in the wonderful setting of Princes Street Gardens. As previously, our morning service will begin at 10.30am and will be a little shorter than normal to allow those attending Heart & Soul to depart in good time. There's much to look forward to in this year's programme but as those who have been before will know, just strolling through the gardens, rubbing shoulders with the thousands of others in attendance, is what it's all about.

NOTE There will be no evening service on this day.

B.B.

We are delighted to report another 3 boys have gained their Queens Badge having attended the completion course at Carnovale House during the Easter holidays. **Daniel Jamieson, Cameron Tasker and Jake Thomson** will be awarded their Badges at our Display Night on 15th May. A formal presentation will be in the Church on Sunday 1st of June at the morning service.

The Junior Section took part in a Poster Competition for the upcoming Common-

Food Bank Appeal

Arthur Pritchard, the new Food Bank Co-ordinator has asked me to contact the churches with regard to another donation for the food bank.

At the moment he needs tins of meat, long life milk and cereal. The Old & Abbey intend to have an appeal for 25th May as our new minister will be inducted by that time. If St Andrews would like to make a donation Arthur would be

grateful for meat, milk and cereal in particular but of course any food would be gratefully received.

All the local schools have made a donation for the 2013/2014 school year so we will be relying on the churches to help out with any shortfall in the meantime.

Sandra Ferguson

Church Administrator
Old & Abbey Church

Glasgow 2014

In 2012 the world had its eyes on London for the Olympic Games. This summer, the Commonwealth Games comes to Glasgow and the occasion offers the churches a great opportunity for service and outreach.

To that end, we'll be running an event on the day when the Queen's Baton comes through Arbroath at the end of June. Beyond that, plans are underway for us to take a Mission Team to Glasgow for a week during the time of the Commonwealth Games. There will be three elements to what we plan to do:

1. Working with a congregation on the south side of Glasgow, we will run a sports-themed Holiday Club for local children
2. Working with the Salvation Army, we will be part of a team that will be offering welcome to visitors to Glasgow and, in particular, distributing 200,000 bottles of water!
3. Hopefully, we will be supporting the work of 'Stop the Traffic,' an organisation concerned with addressing the world-wide problem of human trafficking. That will include leafleting and awareness-raising campaigns

So, all on all, a wonderful opportunity for us to do some 'reaching out!'

wealth Games. We have not received any results yet. We will be displaying our entries at our Display Night on 15th of May at 7pm when we will have our Associate Minister, Stuart Irvin, as our Inspecting Officer. A warm welcome is extended to our Church family to attend this great night to see and hear what the boys have done in the past B.B. year.

We are having our trip on 18th May which will be our last event of the session.

A full report of our display Night and awards will be in the next issue of quest.

Captain Wilma H. Ewart

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

Sunday 4

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

Sunday 11

11 am - Worship Service
4 pm - **SWEATY CHURCH**
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 18

10.30 am - Worship Service
(NB Early start to allow bus departure to Heart and Soul in Edinburgh)
6.30 pm - NO Evening
Worship DUE TO HEART & SOUL TRIP

Sunday 25

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

JUNE

Sunday 1

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

Sunday 8

11 am - Sunday Service
4 pm - **SWEATY CHURCH**
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 15

11 am - Worship Service,
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 22

11 am - Worship Service, inc.
Sunday Club Prizegiving
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 29

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.

Wedding Thanks

Ufuk and I wish to thank you all for your kind wishes on the occasion of our marriage. The whole day was

spectacular and we were so pleased some family members made it out to Turkey and also Elaine, totally fantastic to have them all there. We have now got the basic Turkish dancing

steps to show you all at our Scottish celebration later in the year. Till then...

Much love,
Leonie & Ufuk Atalay

USED STAMP & POSTCARD COLLECTIONS UPDATE

First of all, a massive thank you to everyone who has continued to contribute so generously towards this project over recent months.

The bare statistics reveal that:

6.35 kilos (just over 14lbs in 'old money') of postcards have been delivered to Leprosy Mission (Scotland)
And

2.15 kilos (4 lbs 10 ozs approximately) of stamps have been shared between Leprosy Mission (Scotland), Mercy Ships, and The Church of Scotland World Mission.

This year, money raised through the sale of stamps for World Mission is being channelled to 'Dorcas', a brand new Refuge House, opened in February, 2014, by the Greek Evangelical Church, for women and children who are vic-

tims of domestic violence.

Last year, an impressive £4000 plus was raised across Scotland for World Mission for the 2013 project through sales of used stamps!

But that is only part of the story. In addition to donations of recent Christmas stamps and routine first and second class stamps and postcards, there are some which are obviously treasured collections, amassed over lifetimes, containing unusual or rare examples. So, a very special thanks to all those who have parted with such items to fund the work of Christian mission in today's world. Sorting through these in preparation for packing up is an education in itself - a trip through history across the world, colonial rule, high days and holidays, epic events - and all the wonders of the natural world.

Lastly, a very special thanks to Margot who transports our postcards and stamps to Leprosy Mission's Stirling HQ, thus saving considerably on costs.

Pat Clegg

A Layman's 10 Commandments

Someone has written these wise words to follow in life.

1. Prayer is not a 'Spare Wheel' that you pull out when in trouble, but is a 'Steering Wheel' that directs the path throughout.
2. Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future, so look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book, it takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it is going well, enjoy it - that won't last long. If it is going badly, don't worry - that won't last long either.
5. Old Friends are gold! New friends are Diamonds. If you get a diamond you always need a base of gold.
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, it is just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities. When God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eyesight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them. Sometimes when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

(from a Canadian magazine by Walter Gillivray.)

Thank You

Ray and Karen Reaney would like to thank everyone for your continued prayer and support. April has been a difficult month for us as you are aware, but with the support of our church family and our Lord, we have coped with it. Some days have been better than others, but the Lord has been right there with us all the way.

We were blessed that, when Raymond's mum died, we were able to organise a funeral relatively quickly and everything has gone smoothly. When Karen's dad broke his hip, he was able to be in surgery within 24 hours. He is home now, with intensive support from NHS and Social Work. When Chloe took ill up town, she made a very quick recovery, though she is still to see a paediatric neurologist. All this was in the space of six days.

We were at a point where we didn't know where to start our prayers and we had to bundle everything up and just say "over to you, Lord". When you do that, the Lord does take over. Our need was right there and then and the Lord took care of it right there and then. And we are truly thankful.

Can we please ask your indulgence and prayers for the future for these things. Please pray that Raymond's dad and his family with feel comforted in their grief and will take the time they need to mourn. Pray for continued healing for Karen's dad and for support for her mum and the carers going in. Also for Chloes health, that she will be 100% healthy.

We can't thank you enough for all this, and are blessed by those of you whom God has encouraged to support us.

Holiday Club Fun



Two More Easter 'Events'

Right - The 'Labrynth' gave the opportunity for quiet reflection. Another event was Beatrice and her wonderful 'Easter Bonnet'!

Easter Code

Below - Our local P7 children very much enjoyed their participation in the 'Easter Code'.



Toddlers - Young and old from Toddlers @ St. Andrews on a recent visit to Arbroath Fire Station

