



Looks Like A Lot Of Fun!

Our October Holiday Club saw us reviving an old favourite – **Xpedition Force**, which we ran for the first time back in 2004. We cater for fewer children in October than we do at Easter time, so when as many as 35 children came along it was a cause for rejoicing – even more so that they greatly enjoyed themselves and that we were able to share the ‘Jesus story’ with a new bunch of kids!

We are thankful to Stuart, our Associate Minister, who led this club, along with a very able team. That so many are ready and willing to give up a week of their holiday time is commendable indeed.

But without Stuart, these ‘extra’ clubs, together with our threefold Primary 5-7 programme – Easter Code, Bubblegum and Fluff and

Popcorn and Cake – simply wouldn’t happen. Those are the kinds of things that have been possible, THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO SO FAITHFULLY SUPPORT THE WORK OF ST. ANDREW’S CHURCH. Your generosity makes a real difference.



Tania Lorimer offers assistance on one of the new computers.

New Computer Suite Opens

Our Havilah Project has recently installed the planned computer suite which is now up and running. This has been planned since the refurbishment of Community Spirit almost three years ago and we’re delighted to finally have this facility available to the guys and girls who come to Havilah.

Now we have our computer suite open for business, Havilah will be able to start the planned literacy programme lead by Tania Lorimar who has recently completed an accredited literacy course (ITAL) for this very purpose. We have already begun a job club for folks who now need to search online for employment and plan to offer various learning opportunities, from helping those who are completely computer illiterate through to helping folks develop the IT skills they already have.

This is a fantastic facility and a great opportunity for St Andrew's Church to further develop its work in the local community, taking Jesus' love out on our own doorstep.

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH

Parish Records

October 2014

Baptisms - Rebecca Law, daughter of Gavin and Emily Law

Blessings - None

Weddings - None

Funerals - Jocelyn Slater

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 21st November (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 25th November (Word-Processed file)

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Havilah is hosting a Christmas Fair on

15th of November

in Community Spirit

from 11am-2pm.

We will be having various stalls and would be grateful for any donations for tombola,

cake & candy, crafts, jewellery, books, CDs and DVDs. These can be handed into Community Spirit in Fisheracre between 10.30am & 2.30pm Monday to Friday or phone Community Spirit 01241 434088 if you would like any items collected.

Tickets are available and there is also the option to pay at the door on the day.

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 – 3.00 pm - Mum and Me - K Marr (430505)

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 – L Clark (437758)

2.00 pm – Friends Club : first Thursdays – N Watson – B Gerrard, secretary (434821)

6.00 pm – Anchor Boys – S Jamieson (431942)

6.00 pm – BB Junior Section – W Ewart (876114)

7.30 pm – BB Company Section – M Clark (437758)

FRIDAY

9.30 am – Coffee morning

Intimations, changes of address, hall bookings etc., please contact the Church office, Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and for 15 minutes after Sunday Service, telephone 431135.

Martin Fair

November 2014

Dear friends,

Most ministers will tell you that celebrating a service of communion is among their highest privileges, and I am no different.

But every so often there's a communion that takes on real – or added - significance. Such was the evening communion that we shared on 19th October. It wasn't that the church was packed to capacity; the attendance was only moderate. But that God was fully present to us was not in doubt. Of course he always is!! But there are times when we are more open to his presence.

But beyond any of that, what made it extra special to me was the way in which people approached the communion table. There seemed to me to be a heightened sense of humility. None of us is worthy and it was apparent that the worshippers were feeling that. And yet they came – because being worthy is never what it's about. It's always about the loving invitation of a loving God. Jesus clears the way for us; he opens the door.

There was one person in particular – his coming to the table was very moving to me. In a way that I've never quite known before, his taking of communion reminded me of the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector that Jesus tells in Luke c18. His eyes were lowered but, when raised to meet mine, I saw only shame and a sense of 'I don't deserve to be here'. That would have been enough. But he spoke to me about how wretched he felt. He described himself as the lowest of the low. And these were no idle words; he meant them, intensely so.

And then he took bread and wine and asked to be prayed for. If there was anyone who went home justified that evening, it was this man. Read Luke c18:9-14 to see what this is all about.

Here's someone who came to us through the outreach that is our Havilah ministry. Let's pray that in the fullness of time we'll see a life transformed. Just like that of John Wilson, whose story was in QUEST last month and who, by the time you're reading this, will be a married man – his life right on track!

Yes, there are times when I wouldn't swap being a minister for anything else in the world!

May God bless you all,

Martin and Elaine

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Forfar: St. Margaret's

Our minister, Martin, has been Interim Moderator at St. Margaret's Church in Forfar since December last year. He was appointed by the Presbytery of Angus to oversee the congregation from the time of the departure of their minister, David Logan.

It has been a considerable responsibility and demanding

in terms of time. And yet it is part of the service that is required of ministers within the Church of Scotland – especially given that we are presently so short of ministers.

However, the good news is that the congregation has found a new minister. She is to preach as Sole Nominee at the beginning of November and, assuming she is well-received, she will be inducted to the charge at some point in December. From that time, Martin will be able to take his leave and say 'goodbye' to the good folks of Forfar!

Christmas 2014

As always, Christmas at St. Andrew's is shaping up to be a special time. Our theme is going to be, 'Joy has dawned upon the world'. There will be the two services on Christmas Eve – the 6.30pm one featuring the Nativity Play, ideal for the whole family – and the later one being the best way possible to usher in Christmas, with coffee and mince-pies from 10pm! On Christmas Day itself, all ages are welcome at our 10.30am service.

But, of course, all of the services throughout December

will take us on an Advent journey leading to Christmas. And there are various concerts to enjoy as well. As usual, the Arbroath Choral Society and the Male Voice Choir will perform on the Sunday evenings at the beginning of the month. And, brand new this year, a special evening of music from Tearfund – featuring some of Scotland's best Christian singer-songwriters, including Steph McLeod, Yvonne Lyon and Alan McKinlay.

So whatever else your Christmas season involves – family festivities, parties and present-giving – make sure that you get yourself along to church. The coming of Jesus into the world; that's what it's all about.

Use your phone to help you pray!

If you're someone who keeps lists of people and issues to remember in prayer, and you use a smartphone, you may find PrayerMate a useful app to download and use. It's free and is available for both iPhones and Android phones.

It has a great set of features that are easy to learn how to use:

You can set up your own personal categories and subjects, and you can add details of what you want to pray for. Each time you use PrayerMate, it will present you with a set of index cards drawn from your categories and subjects, and you swipe between them to choose which to pray for. You can schedule prayer requests for a particular day/time or for a set period, e.g. leading up to an event you want to

pray for.

You can enter subjects manually or import them from your address book, and you can link PrayerMate to your address book so that you can send people a quick text or email when you pray for them – perhaps a word of encouragement, or to ask for an update on their situation. As well as storing prayer lists, you can also use it to build a personal library of prayers you find inspirational.

As extra help to pray regularly, you can optionally set PrayerMate with an alarm to remind you to pray once a day. You can export and import data between PrayerMate and Dropbox, so that everything you put into PrayerMate is backed up if anything happens to your phone.

Using PrayerMate is a great way of making prayerful use of waiting times, as well as being a helpful aid during your regular prayer times. I highly recommend it!

Guild

As the nights are getting darker and it starts to get colder it is nice to be cheered up on Mondays with our fortnightly Guild Meetings.

At our last meeting on 13th October (before I wrote this article) we had quite a few apologies, some through sickness and others were on holiday, so let's hope those who were sick are well on the road to recovery and others who were on holiday had a super time.

DATES IN NOVEMBER

Monday 10th November - Military Wives Choir

Monday 24th November - Project Night – Out of Africa into Malta

GUILD WEEK this year is on **16th - 23rd November**.

We will hold our High Tea (fundraiser) on **Saturday 22nd November**.

Guild members will take part in the Church Service on **Sunday 23rd November** and it is hoped all members who are able will sit together at the front of the church on that day. Further details will emerge on how to buy tickets etc. for High Tea through weekly Church Bulletins and from guild members.

Let's hope our meetings continue to be enjoyed and well attended, never forgetting our Guild Motto -

"Whose we are and whom we serve."

Ruth Morrison and Fiona Bullock

Through the years, we've been delighted to have student ministers and probationers doing part of their training here at St. Andrew's. We're delighted, therefore, when we see these bright new ministers moving on and taking up their own congregations. To that end, fourteen of us travelled through to Clydebank for the Induction of Ruth (Bell) Morrison to the charge of Abbotsford and Dalmuir Barclay. It was a wonderful occasion and we all felt a degree of

pride as we witnessed Ruth making her vows. We wish her God's richest blessings in the years that lie ahead.

Then on 6th November, there is to be the Ordination and Induction of Fiona (Brown) Bullock to the charge of Hillside and Dun, right here in Angus. No doubt a good number of St. Andrew's folks will travel through for that occasion. As with Ruth, we wish Fiona every blessing as she takes this exciting new step. (PS Ruth is now Dr Ruth Morrison having gained her PhD.)

Church Office

It was lovely to welcome Alison and Lawrence Davie back to St. Andrew's while they were up in Scotland recently on holiday. We were reminded, of course, that Alison was our first ever Church Administrator. She set up the office and made an enormous difference to how we administered the congregation back then.

Since then, we've been blessed by both Lesley and Candace who brought their own set of skills and experiences to take the work forward.

But now, we're delighted to announce that our new Administrator is Linda Hunter. Linda started on the 20th October and has settled in very quickly indeed. She has a vast array of experiences as an administrator and has managed various offices meaning that she is brilliantly placed to keep us all in order! Joking aside, Linda really is a high-calibre candidate and we look forward with great anticipation to what she will bring to the running of our congregation.

Of course much of the work of the office is 'behind the scenes' but make no mistake about it, it's work that is crucial for the effective running of our ministry and mission.

Let's make sure that Linda gets to know just how delighted we are that she has come onto our team!

Ask Theophilus

Question :

Your last sentence in your last article seemed to me rather strange: 'As Paul boldly declares—this is the scandal of the gospel—through Christ's sacrifice God 'justifies the ungodly' (Rom.4:5). Can you explain this 'scandal of the gospel', please.

Theophilus answers :

Okay, some more from this huge subject of 'justification' and 'righteousness' (both words are from the same root in the OT Hebrew and the NT Greek). The scholars speak about God's righteousness under three headings. I'll give you the Latin phrases of each.

The first is *Justitia Activa* which means 'God's active righteousness'. The Bible clearly teaches that all God's judgments are right, and therefore that all he does is right. Whole books have been written on this. Lots of questions arise, but in a short article like this, I have to ask you to

accept that is what our Bibles teach.

The second heading is *Justitia Passiva* which means 'God, in and of himself, is always, unfailingly, right and just and true'. Righteousness, justice and truth are part of his very Being. In himself he embodies and defines righteousness, justice and truth. Indeed, none of these could exist without him. What each of us knows and feels about them we only know and feel because we are created in his image.

The third heading is *Justitia Donata* which means 'God imparts the status of righteousness to those who genuinely have faith in him'. He does this through his Son, Jesus, because, in some mysterious way through his sacrificial death, God 'justifies the ungodly'. It was this doctrine that caused the reformers in the 16th century to break away from the Roman Catholic Church. The tragedy is that if that same divisive controversy had taken place today, there would have been no massive division into 'Protestant' and 'Catholic' because after nearly 500 years the disagreement has been sorted out!

Malawi Fundraising

Thanks to all who have donated vitamins, soap, toothpaste, calculators and geometry sets for Malawi. Your generosity has been amazing! Our next container is due to leave on 20th November – slightly late for Christmas but no one in Malawi will mind! Thanks to Timergreens and Ladyloan schools we have enough school furniture to not only finish off this container but half fill the next. So please don't worry if you have stuff to give us and you miss this container because, as soon as it leaves, we will be starting on the next!

We are always being asked what we take in the container so just to say we take almost everything **as long as it's in good condition**. This container contains: clothes – baby, child, teenager and adult - toys, shoes, books, blankets, bedding, mattresses, first aid supplies, toiletries, vitamins, bikes, sewing machines, material and wool, tools, football

strips and boots and classroom equipment. If there is anything that you are not sure about please just ask!

Next Malawi Fundraisers:

Sunday 9th November: Soup Lunch

Saturday 29th November: 10am to 4pm – Christmas Fair. Entry £1 which includes tea/coffee. Soup & Pudding Lunch tickets available on the day for £4. Wide variety of stalls. musical entertainment.

Sunday 14th December – Soup Lunch.

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

Also has anyone any holdalls or cases that they no longer use or need? Please let us know if you are willing to donate them to Malawi.

Shwapping Night!

From time to time, you'll hear someone say, 'I've got nothing to wear!' Well here's an opportunity to put that right. Ladies, you are invited to a 'shwapping' night – to take place in our Community Spirit building on Friday 21st November, 7pm.

Here's how it works. You pay £5 to get in. You bring with you a few items that you no longer have use for – clothing, shoes, bags, scarves etc. N.B. Good quality only – it's not a jumble sale! Thereafter, you can choose the same number of items that you brought from what everyone else brought. Additional items are charged at £1 each. Simple as that. And your £5 entry includes a glass of wine and nibbles!

And the final bonus is that the profits go to support the work of both our Havilah and Mum 'n' Me ministries! Everyone wins. Get shwapping, ladies!

Women's Fellowship

Here are some of our planned activities for this year. Please put them in your diary and come along to enjoy fellowship and fun.

January 16th - Pudding and Praise Evening in the church at 7.30pm

February 21st - Country walk and coffee in Crombie Country Park at 10am

April 28th - Treasure Hunt meeting in the church at 6.30 pm.

May - A dinner TBC

June - Mother and Daughter afternoon tea in Community Spirit at 1 pm

Clerk's Corner

Health and Safety Policy

Every church is required to have a Health and Safety Policy, and while many of the aspects of this refer to the safety of employees, there is a duty of care expected to be extended to members of the congregation and all who use the building. This policy statement is currently displayed in the office.

Many of the sections of the overall recommendations issued recently by the central church come under the remit of the Fabric Core Group who will be studying this in more detail at their next meeting.

A major part of the documentation is the Fire Safety Guide and it is good to know

that we are really up-to-date with this in terms of ensuring that welcome groups stewards etc. know what to do in an emergency and all electrical equipment is tested regularly. In addition, the alarms are checked on a regular basis and risk assessments are carried out. It is important that organisations which let our building are aware of all the procedures and they receive documentation regarding this when a booking is made.

Other areas being assessed are Food Hygiene, the safety of those who carry out maintenance work within the building and the reporting of accidents. In relation to the last-mentioned, there is now an Accident Book for reporting accidents located in the server area.

More detail on this subject will appear in a later edition of Quest.

Malawi Update

After three years I finally made it back to Malawi this July, albeit for a short two and a half weeks. With Naomi, I filled every day with visits to old friends, time in Namisu and three days at each of St Andrew's two centres.

At Namisu village I was welcomed by children I had watched growing up since 2007. Seeing them move up primary school or moving on to secondary school, I could see the positive work Namisu is doing in the lives of these young people. Many of the teenagers I met on my first trip are now into vocational training or making important decisions about the chosen career routes. It is exciting seeing them move on to this stage of their lives.

A highlight since their openings is always the visits to Thyolo and Kambilonjo. At both I was greeted with the usual lively singing and dancing. No matter how many times you visit Africa you never get bored of listening to the songs the children present. I quickly got my 'African rhythm' back and was joining in with a rather more untuneful version! At each centre, we had a little party with the resident children which involved colouring in and bingo.

Thyolo continues to thrive. I was shown round the new building work including the new classroom and everyone talked excitedly about the future plans for the centre. It was great to see Christina (Kiri) again and

see that her enthusiasm for the centre is still there in abundance. I got to play with the kids, the highlight being a big game of football. It really is a happy place, the result of which Naomi had to drag me away, kicking and screaming, at the end of our time there.

At Kambilonjo, a couple of days later, I was able to see a lot of the positive changes the Dunphys have reported on since the new house parents had arrived. The centre is in good condition and the residence is working like clockwork. The kids were as excited as ever to have visitors and we delivered new toys and blew giant bubbles for them to chase. Again I was given an insight into the plans for the centre, a highlight being the planned medical centre which will be a huge addition to the care of the children in this area. The relationship with the village has massively improved with a committee now available for the centre to call upon if help is needed in the gardens etc. Seeing the wider community taking pride in what the centre is doing is an exciting change.

From what I saw during my visit, Aquaid, and more specifically St. Andrew's Church money continues to get to the places of most need. The centres we are funding are taking massive steps forward, creating projects specific to the centre and developing opportunities for the children to get the best chance in life. Although it had been three years since my last visit, it was like I had never been away, with Malawi a second home. Let's hope it is not three years till my next visit.

Charis Bowie

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2

9.30 am - Traditional Service
11 am - Worship Service;
featuring prayers for the
Persecuted Church
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 9

10.50 am - Worship Service:
beginning with
Act of Remembrance
4 pm - SWEATY CHURCH
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 16

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 23

11 am - Worship Service; with
members from the Guild,
marking National Guild Week
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 30

11 am - Worship Service; with
all-age Communion to mark
the 1st Sunday in Advent
4 pm - MESSY CHURCH
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

DECEMBER

Sunday 7

9.30 am - Traditional Service;
2nd Sunday in Advent
11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship in
Community Spirit

Sunday 14

11 am - Worship Service;
3rd Sunday in Advent
4 pm - SWEATY CHURCH
6.30 pm - Evening Worship in
Community Spirit

Sunday 21

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

Wednesday 24

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

Thursday 25

10.30 am - Christmas Day
Family Service

Sunday 28

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Service of

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

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

More Holiday Club Fun

