



# Havilah Receives Queen's Award



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

*The MBE for volunteer groups*

Elsewhere in this edition of QUEST, you'll read a short piece from Jim and Tracey McLeod detailing their experience of a Buckingham Palace garden party - part of the process of being awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in respect of our Havilah ministry.

Then on Sunday 28th June, we were delighted that the Lord Lieutenant of Angus joined us for morning worship and during that service presented the award to the congregation.

What a fantastic honour for the congregation - and in particular for the volunteers without whom there would be no project!

But when all is said and done, this work is not undertaken that we might win awards. Rather it's done because we believe that God's love is the power that can change lives - and because we believe that no one is beyond the reach of God's love. We continue to believe that Jesus is now and has always been in the business of reaching out to the sick and the

broken - and yes, like the lepers of his own day, to those who live as outcasts.

What a wonderful encouragement that the Queen's Award has been given in recognition of that commitment.



**Jim and Tracey McLeod at Buckingham Palace**

## Youth Group Update

I just wanted to say a wee thank you to everyone who has helped me over the last few weeks as I've begun my role as youth worker. Planning a wedding and settling back in to my parents' house as well as starting my new job has meant the last month has been especially busy, and therefore the encouraging words, messages and general support have been greatly appreciated.

I have now met with staff and pupils from all the schools in the parish and I am especially keen to start building relationships with the new S1s after the summer, at the Academy. Aside from continuing Sunday night Youth Group in the

summer, planning is ongoing for a Youth Group weekend away, based in Renfield St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow. Our days will be jam-packed with activities including games in Kelvingrove Park, the cinema and arts and crafts alongside discussions based on the Bible. The final plan for the weekend is still to be decided as I would like to involve the young people in making the decisions. My hope is that the weekend will be a great opportunity for fellowship, whilst building up the young people in their faith so that they may begin to find their place in the church.

Please keep our young people in your prayers.

Adele

## New Members for Leadership Group

After deliberations within the Leadership Group, it was recommended to the Kirk Session that we add a further two members to the group and that the aim should be to choose young adults. The Kirk Session were unanimous in agreeing with this point of view and subsequently Amy Scott and Michael Marr were proposed and approved by the Session. We warmly welcome Amy and Michael to the group and look forward to hearing their points of view on a wide range of issues that affect us now and, more importantly, in the future.



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**ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**

**Parish Records**

**June 2015**

**Baptisms** - Danaidh (Danny) James Philip Hopkins; son of Daniel and Jamie Gabrielle (Gabbie) Angela Lilly Shaw-Buchanan; daughter of Thomas and Maureen

**Blessings** - None

**Weddings** - David Walker and Angela Shand

**Funerals** - Agnes Swankie

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**SEPTEMBER EDITION**

**PLEASE NOTE - THERE IS NO AUGUST 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 or via office by second date.**

**Please avoid embedding articles in an email as these then need additional formatting work.**

Friday 21st August (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 25th August (Word-Processed file)

**Malawi Fundraising**

August – Family Fun Day

Sunday 13th September – Soup Lunch

Friday 23rd October – Beetle Drive

Sunday 8th November – Soup Lunch

Friday 20th November – Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday 13th December – Soup Lunch

Saturday 18th July – **Afternoon Tea and Wedding Dress Display**

(Anyone with a wedding dress that they would be willing to display please speak to Linda Hunter.)

**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 (552727)

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.**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

# Martin Fair

July 2015

Dear friends,

A fellow minister was telling me recently that he had been leading a service at which a large proportion of the congregation was made up of people with no church background whatsoever. Trying to help them out, he had been offering plenty of instruction as to the different parts of the service. And so it was that he had said to them, 'Now we're going to put our hands together for the Lord's Prayer,' at which many of the visitors broke into a round of applause!!

It's a funny story but one which should make us sit up and take note. As a nation, we've come a long way from that time when almost everyone would have had some familiarity at least with the ins and outs of a church service. Never mind the children; we're seeing parents and grandparents who have hardly a notion of what goes on within a Church!

But this is not a time for bemoaning such a state of affairs or for harking back to the 'good old days' (whenever that was!) Things might not be what they used to be but they are what they are. Like it or not, there's no escaping the reality of where we're at.

What is required of us is that we accept that we are operating in a mission field. One hundred and fifty years ago, you had to go overseas to find a mission field - to find people who had no idea of the niceties of Christian worship or of the tenets of the faith. Now, you can find such a situation right outside your door!

In mid-June, I attended a four day summer school, entitled 'Going for Growth.' The conference speakers, gathered from across the UK, were the leading lights in 21st Century thinking on mission. George Lings, from Sheffield, for example, has done more than anyone else to document and analyse the changes in British society and, in particular, the changing role of the church. Phil Potter is a Church of England vicar from Liverpool who has spent the last ten years developing new patterns of church designed specifically to engage with that great majority of our fellow citizens who have no dealings with 'normal' church. And he's done so with considerable success. Indeed across the Church of England, there are now hundreds of so-called 'fresh expressions' of church - new models of church, entirely devoted to reaching people with the Good News. It is reckoned that five such 'fresh expressions' are being launched every week. And while many traditional churches are declining or being closed, many of these fresh expressions are seeing growth - among people who had stopped coming to church and among people who had never previously been to church.

The churches in Scotland are lagging behind but the good news is that the catch-up process is now well underway. For congregations like St. Andrew's, which are doing reasonably well, this is not going to mean the closing of our church or even the drastic re-inventing of our church. But it will mean that we'll need to think very seriously about the launching of new models of church to run parallel to our ongoing church. Try as hard as we might, the reality is that we're simply not going to engage with most of those who don't come near church by the means of our 11am Sunday service. Brand new kinds of churches are going to be called for - models of church that will leave many of us saying to ourselves, 'Well it wasn't like that in my day!'

It's time for mission. It's time that we got 'going for growth.' The alternative is nothing less than the slow and painful death of the church across the nation. None of us wants that. It's time for mission.

With love,  
Martin & Elaine

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## Getting Ready for the Next Chapter

More and more I am finding myself reading books that are in an electronic format. Sometimes I miss paper. One of the things that I miss is being able to easily flick forward a few pages to see how much more you have of any given chapter. Perhaps God is using electronic books to teach me to be more patient!

February 2013, when I started at St Andrew's, seems a long time ago it was AD ('afore Douglas). But in many respects it does not seem like that long. Conversely Feb 2016, when my contract will come to an end seems like ages away, but no doubt it will be here sooner than I realise.

I am now at that stage, much like reading the chapter of a book, where I know I am starting to enter into the final stages

— like my 'e-books' though, I know that I can't jump forward to see what is coming.

I've started looking a bit more seriously at what the next chapter will be and where Lynne and I will find ourselves going next with our growing (!) family. I am committed and enthused about the future prospect of parish ministry. It is an exciting time. However, in many ways though it is also a daunting and unsettling time.

To this end, I would be really glad of your prayers and patient encouragement as we go through the process of considering where next.

Thank you in anticipation,  
Your Friend and Associate  
Stuart Irvin

## Ask Theophilus

### Question :

There's a parable Jesus told that puzzles me. It's in Luke 16:1-8. There Jesus appears to be commending a manager who cheated his boss. What on earth does it mean?

### Theophilus answers :

Good question! The point about the dishonest manager was that when he realized he was about to be made redundant, he feathered his nest by reducing the various amounts of money his boss's many creditors owed. His intention, clearly stated, was that when he lost his job he would have friends who might then help him out—they now 'owed him one', as the saying goes.

Jesus goes on to make the point that Christians (he calls them 'sons of light') should also make provision for the future. Just as in his story the manager had control over assets that he himself did not own, so during our brief life-time believers have control over assets we do not own either. All we possess is entrusted to us in God's providence,

and it should be stewarded carefully in such a way as to provide for our future when we pass from this fading world and enter eternity.

The first of two punch lines of the parable is in verse 9. There, Jesus calls worldly possessions 'unrighteous'. He does not mean they are in and of themselves evil; rather that when we form a relationship with them—and how some people passionately love their bank accounts, homes, cars and clothes, even giving their hearts to them!—they prove unfaithful. Yes, wealth can be unrighteous by deceiving us in promising us happiness and fulfillment. But it cannot ever deliver that.

All we 'own' is only on loan to us during our short lives to use for God's work and his kingdom. Says Jesus, 'So make friends by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails (as it most certainly will) you may be welcomed into your heavenly home.' Not empty-handed, but like a harvest-reaper returning to his farm bringing his sheaves with him.

(There's a second 'punch line' that we'll look at next time.)

## Popcorn 'n' Cake

Having done Easter Code for three years, it is now firmly established and the schools greatly look forward to it. Bubblegum 'n' Fluff is getting into the same place and so is Popcorn 'n' Cake! It's the third of our school programmes and it focuses on the celebration of Pentecost. We share with the children that something changed (the coming of the Holy Spirit) and that because of that the church has something to celebrate.

When you put all three together, you have a series of events that allows us to engage with children during their P5, 6 and 7 school years. And as the children attend these events, it's our opportunity to build relationships that can be furthered through our ongoing youth work. Often as not this kind of work is about sowing seeds. Rarely do we get to see how things will work out. Usually there's a long period between the planting and harvesting but this we know - if there's no planting there will never be a harvest!

Thanks to Stuart, our Associate Minister, and Jennie Marr who headlined 'Popcorn 'n' Cake' for us - great job done!

## Plus One Mentor Scheme

On the first Sunday in June, we were joined by a guest - Kate Wood, from the mentoring service, PlusOne. Kate had contacted Martin in the hope that she might be able to find some volunteers for this particular scheme. Essentially, PlusOne is about providing adult mentors for vulnerable and 'at risk' children and young people (between the ages of 8 and 14.)

The good news is that quite a number of St. Andrew's members offered their services and, for that, Kate was hugely thankful. The number of young people being referred to her scheme is much larger than the number of adults who have, to date, offered to help. So it was a great encouragement to Kate.

And shouldn't it be that way? Shouldn't Christians be at the centre of the good things that happen in a community? Where there is need, shouldn't it be Christian people who are first in line to serve?

Well done Kate and 'thank you' to all those members who volunteered.

vintage wedding gowns.

If you have a dress that we could borrow for the display would you please get in touch with Linda Hunter in the Church office.

We hope to have a wide range of dresses from various decades on show and then you can reminisce about your special days whilst enjoying a lovely afternoon tea with lots of tasty home baking.

## Tea and Wedding Dress Display

An Afternoon Tea and Wedding Dress Display will be held on Saturday 18th July with all proceeds going to help our Malawi family.

So far we have 30 dresses to put on display but we would dearly love to have a few more – especially some

## Queen's Award for Havilah

I'm sure most of you will now be aware that our Havilah Project has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service which was officially announced on the 2nd of June this year. This is an amazing achievement for the volunteers who selflessly serve those who have come to rely upon Havilah as a major part of their daily lives.

Before we were allowed to announce this award, Tracey and I attended the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace which was an amazing experience. Who would have ever imagined from the humble beginnings in our church halls that Havilah would have developed into a project that is recognised by the Queen? It just goes to show that God's plans are good and when we reach out in faith His work is given the recognition it deserves. Jim McLeod.

## GUILD NEWS

Just prior to writing this article I went along to our "chippie tea" in the church hall. Again this meeting was well attended and I think everyone enjoyed the meal. We watched a movie afterwards and had the usual blether. Our next outing is a visit to the Air Museum in Montrose on 3rd August. Please see church bulletins nearer the time for details.

It just remains to wish all our members a lovely summer - to those going away on holiday to have a safe and lovely time and if you are spending time at home I hope you have time to enjoy the beauty close to home. I think we are blessed with being right by the sea and yet the Angus Glens are not too far away.

Take care and always remember our Guild Moto:  
*'Whose we are and whom we serve'*

## Clerk's Corner

### DATA PROTECTION

In this digital age there is so much information about each one of us which is stored in various devices and we may be largely unaware of some of this. Our newspapers have frequent stories about the misuse of this information and of the importance for all of us in safeguarding our personal data.

The church nationally, and we St Andrew's Church locally are aware of our responsibilities in this.

Following an instruction from Presbytery- and such an instruction must be carried out - the Elders underwent a training session at their most recent meeting and they were joined by other members of the congregation for whom this training is relevant. The training was presented in the form of a webinar - i.e. a seminar on-line. The presenter was a lawyer from the Church of Scotland and, while the information given is essential for our personal safety and also to save us from having to pay massive fines for misuse of personal data, it would not be unfair to say that it was pretty heavy going. I would like to thank all those who attended for their patience, endurance and quiet stoicism!!

Now we have to respond to the requirements of the law. You will be pleased to learn that we are well ahead in all of this.

The St Andrew's Data Protection Policy and Policy Statement are in place, along with a short version of this for specific purposes. Our employees have signed a consent form for the additional personal information we require in relation to their salaries, reviews, employment records etc. You will have noticed that we do not include the names of any children in photos, in Quest or on the website.

In relation to you, the members, we hold your names, addresses, telephone numbers, and in some cases, email addresses, on the congregational roll and it would be very difficult for us to operate efficiently without this. Later in the year, we will be asking you to give us your permission to hold this information. You can rest assured that this information is never passed on and there are now additional security arrangements in the office to protect all such data.

When you send out email messages to groups of people, you should use Bcc ('Blind' Cc), otherwise you are giving out all the addresses to everyone on your list. If any recipients' email account is then hacked, it gives access to all those addresses (even if they are not in that hacked person's address book).

#### Here is how to do this:

1. In the 'To:' box enter your OWN email address.
2. In the 'Bcc:' box enter the emails of all those that you are sending the email to.
3. Make sure that you have left the 'Cc:' box EMPTY!
4. Then 'Send' - Simple!!!

## Notes from Angus Presbytery

### Disability Sunday

Angus Presbytery has designated Sunday 30th August as Disability Sunday. At the Presbytery Meeting in May a presentation was given by Ivy Blair from Prospects a Christian charity whose aim is to make Church accessible to all. Resources are available for Disability Sunday. [www.prospects.org.uk](http://www.prospects.org.uk)

### Presbytery Training

The following training seminars have been arranged by the Presbytery Training Team:

- ◇ Wednesday 23rd September - a Session Clerks "get together."
- ◇ Saturday 24th October and Saturday 15th November - "Telling it naturally" dealing with ways of talking about faith in a natural way.
- ◇ Wednesday 11th November - Working with young people. Ideas for those working with young people from primary school to youth group ages.

Please contact me if you would like further information on the above topics.

**Joan Hainsworth, Presbytery Elder**

## Church of Scotland Golf Team

The role of the minister has become an increasingly demanding one - not least because of the forces of secularisation at play all around us. It's essential, then, that ministers get to enjoy some 'down time' and that applies as much to Martin as to anyone else.

One of his favourite pastimes is golf and he is now a member of the Church of Scotland golf team! Every year, they play a match against colleagues from the Church of England. It's a friendly affair but the desire to win is strong!

It was something of a blow then that the Church of Scotland team lost the most recent match, especially since it was played on 'home soil,' at Edzell. But even the loss of the match couldn't spoil the great couple of days that everyone enjoyed. The English ministers raved about the Edzell golf course and about the beauty of the Angus countryside. If nothing else it was a great advert for this part of the country!

At very short notice one of the Scottish ministers had to pull out and no other minister could be found. It was agreed therefore that, given the short notice, an elder would be allowed to play. This resulted in our own Ken Miller answering the call and the good news is that he won both of his matches and did himself proud in the process! Well done Ken - you showed the ministers how it's done!!

Hi there,

My name is Robert Phimister, and I am the event intern for the National Youth Assembly 2015. I just wanted to remind you that there is only a month left to book places at this year's NYA! So if you have anyone in your church that is aged between 17 and 25 inclusive please let them know about this event. This year it is being held at Gartmore House, Stirlingshire from 5pm Fri, 14<sup>th</sup> till 5pm Mon, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and, as ever, it is an excellent way for young adults to have their voice heard in the Church.

The NYA is a platform for young adults to voice their opinions and actively participate in decision making within the Church of Scotland. This year our discussion topics are:

- Do our confessions of faith need updating?
- Climate change
- Child exploitation
- The future of the General Assembly

Alongside all of that there will be the usual mix of small groups, workshops, worship, social stuff and a visit from the Moderator of the General Assembly - it's all very exciting. It is a great opportunity for young adults to let the Church of Scotland (on a national level) know what they think about the issues discussed so we hope as many as possible are able to join us.

**Dates:** 5pm on Friday, 14 August to 5pm on Monday, 17 August 2014. **Venue:** Gartmore House, Stirlingshire

**Cost:** £85 per person for food and accommodation, £50 if from a priority area church or an island requiring air travel, £65 if invited to be on our volunteer team. As I'm sure you are aware this can be a lot of money for many young people, so many churches offer to pay at least some of the cost to enable their young people to attend - maybe you could consider doing that too?

**Travel:** Free coach travel to/from Stirling will be provided.

**Booking:** Booking is available online until 20<sup>th</sup> July. <https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/events/national-youth-assembly-2015>.

**NYA 2014 supplementary report:** This report, written by the NYA 2014 youth reps, gives a really good flavour of the sorts of things delegates get up to at NYA. It can be read online [http://issuu.com/cofsyouth/docs/nya\\_2014\\_supplementary\\_report/1](http://issuu.com/cofsyouth/docs/nya_2014_supplementary_report/1) **Social media:** Follow us on twitter @cosy\_nya and @nyamoderator, or like the brand new NYA page on facebook [www.facebook.com/cofsnationallyouthassembly](http://www.facebook.com/cofsnationallyouthassembly).

**More info:** <https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/learn/young-adults/about-youth-assembly>

If anyone wants any further information please do not hesitate to get in contact with me, Robert Phimister (National Youth Assembly Intern) at [MDCIntern2@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:MDCIntern2@churchofscotland.org.uk) or on 0131 225 5722 ext 2316, or Suzi Farrant (Young People and Young Adult's Development Worker) on [sfarrant@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:sfarrant@churchofscotland.org.uk), 0131 225 5722 ext 2383.

Thank you,  
Robert Phimister

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### JULY

##### Sunday 5

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

##### Sunday 12

11 am - Worship Service, inc.  
Sacrament of Baptism  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

##### Sunday 19

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

##### Sunday 26

11 am - Worship Service  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

#### AUGUST

##### Sunday 2

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

##### Sunday 9

11 am - Worship Service  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

##### Sunday 16

11 am - Worship Service  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

##### Sunday 23

11 am - Worship Service, inc.  
Sacrament of Baptism and the  
beginning of Sunday Club  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

##### Sunday 30

11 am - Worship Service  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

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

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

## Prize Giving and Summer Trip

(Photos on back page.)

From the early 1990s through till about the year 2010, we enjoyed a run of beautiful days for our summer trips. How lucky we were! Since then we've had much more mixed weather with this year in particular being one of the wettest on record. A huge cloud system came and parked itself directly over the Wellbank Village Hall and the rain never stopped - not a 'spit spot' kind of rain but torrential rain!

So we spent the whole afternoon in the hall - apart, that is, from the BBQ team who stood outside getting thoroughly soaked so that the rest of us could enjoy our burgers! But the great thing is that the children had a blast anyway and when the children are happy, the rest of us can be happy too.

The day had begun with our annual prize giving. Some say that such occasions are a bit dated but we continue to enjoy encouraging our children and young people in this way; to recognise their faithfulness and to celebrate their moving on in their own faith journeys.

Much else, though, has changed through the years. Patterns of family life have changed as society has become increasingly secular. We have fewer children involved in our Sunday Club than once was the case and, of course, we'd love to see more children coming along. For that, we're largely dependent on parents; with odd exceptions, few children come to church on their own.

But all is not lost. We need to recognise that changes in society require of us that we be more flexible and that not all of our work with children will be centred on traditional Sunday morning patterns. Between Messy and Sweaty Church, for example, we welcome LOTS of families who aren't part of Sunday morning. As a rule, these are families with little or no church background and yet they're finding something in these new formats of Church that is bringing them back each month. And when you add our holiday clubs and our schools' programme (Easter Code etc.) you see that we are privileged to enjoy LOTS of opportunities to work with children.

If you can't get involved in any of that personally then your job is to pray for those who lead these ministries and to pray for the children and their families. May the day come to pass when LOTS of these children come to a living faith in Christ.

Dear friends

I am writing to you on behalf of the World Mission Council to let you know about ways in which we are able to offer you speakers for meetings and also about some exciting opportunities that are coming up that some of your members might like to get involved in.

Our theme at General Assembly this year was 'Living Stones' which shared stories from across Scotland about how people are walking alongside others throughout the world and getting involved in the work of the world church. These are inspiring and challenging stories. We would love to be able to come and share some of those stories, practical examples of how God is working in the lives of people here in Scotland through the encounters they have with others across the world and are able to build and develop relationships. We have speakers available across Scotland who would be willing to come along to one of your services or relevant meetings so please do get in touch.

In addition there are two events coming up that your members may be interested in attending.

On 12th September, we will be holding a World Mission Resources Day in Bridge of Allan. At this event there will be guest speakers, workshops and a resource area. You will go away knowing something more about the work of our partners across the world as well as the World Mission Council and also have a clearer understanding of how you, your Guild and your Church might want to be involved.

Then on 17th October there is an ACTS Anti-Human Trafficking Conference (in partnership with World Mission, Church & Society and the Guild). This is being held at St George's Tron in Glasgow. If you would like more information please get in touch with us.

This will be an excellent opportunity to find out more about the reality of human trafficking and how you can make a difference from keynote speaker, Aidan McQuade,

Anti-Slavery International, as well as practitioners from our partner churches in Malawi, Nepal, Jamaica and the Czech Republic who are responding to the challenge.

As Christian Aid celebrates its 70th birthday this year, they are also planning a conference on 3rd October in Edinburgh, and you should hear about this through your Christian Aid rep or in our literature after the summer.

Here in the World Mission Council we also produce a number of resources to support congregations. Our weekly email update provides stories from our partner churches and information about up-coming events. WM, our bi monthly magazine is full of information that will help you find out more about the lives of our partner churches across the world. To ensure that you receive either or both of these please email [kbradley@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:kbradley@churchofscotland.org.uk)

You should also keep an eye on our website, which has useful resources that you can download and use. Why not have a look at [www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/World\\_Mission](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/World_Mission)

You can also join our Facebook group – Church of Scotland World Mission Council - to keep up to date with all the latest news.

If you would like any further information or would like to organise a speaker for your congregation then please get in touch with us by emailing Karen Gillon, Local Development Officer on [kgillon@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:kgillon@churchofscotland.org.uk) or by phoning 01312255722

We look forward to continuing to work with your congregation in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Carol Finlay  
Twinning and Local Development Secretary  
Acting Africa and Caribbean Secretary

# St Andrew's Church Family Life in Pictures



Fat Cat provides his usual hilarious antics



Some very active fun at Sweaty Church



## Prize Giving and Family Outing to Wellbank

Clockwise from top left - Children of all ages receive a prize and John Anderson's little one seems very interested in the book he is getting from Stuart.

Some of the boys decided that they wanted to play football outside - raining or not - and, of course, it poured down! Fortunately, changes of clothing were to hand.

Our girls have much more sense!

Face painting proved to be as popular as ever, with butterflies being a common choice.

One young man chose to be a rather scary pirate - oops, a fearsome scowl would have been better!



Left - Evelyn and Allan Todd celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. The evening raised more than £1,600 for Malawi.

Middle - Bobby Craig about to play the shot of the match at a Men's Group outing  
Right - Some of our company section BBs with their leaders