



Warm Welcome to Nardia Whisson

Most of you will know by now that we've been joined for a ten week stint by Nardia Whisson. Nardia is training to be a minister within the Church of Scotland, this ten-week, full-time placement being the last of the placements required of her. By way of introduction, here's what Nardia had to say for herself:



Hello! I would like to introduce myself – I am Nardia Whisson and I am the new student at St. Andrew's. This is the end of my second year as a candidate in training for full-time ministry of word and sacrament. I have recently finished four years full-time study at the University of St. Andrew's, completing a Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Letters (Bible and the Contemporary World.) Along with my study I have been doing part-time training placements in the local area of Dundee, as well as spending last summer at Bettyhill on work experience. I will be with you for ten weeks, finishing in early August. You will see my new husband, Alex, from time to time, when he is not at our home church, The Steeple, in Dundee.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received and I look forward to meeting more of the congregation, and getting to know more and experience more of the work you are doing for the building of God's Kingdom.



7th Arbroath B.B.

Our 55th display and awards night was held within the sanctuary of the church on Thursday 5th of May, and a large turnout of parents, relatives and friends of the boys attended.

Captain Wilma H. Ewart welcomed everybody and introduced the Inspecting officer Mr Ian Cameron, Elder and Leadership Group member of St. Andrew's Church and his wife Liz who presented the awards. Rev. Dr. W. Martin Fair, Chaplain to the company, opened the evening with a short act of worship.

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St Andrews Friends Club

At their 54th birthday party, Noela presented a cheque for £100 to Jamie Buchan chairman of the Arbroath Festival of Heroes and Mo Broomfield who is treasurer of the festival. Jamie thanked everyone for the cheque and gave a brief talk on how it all came about and how close we are to finalising everything.

The party continued with music from Mike McEwan.



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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH

Parish Records

May 2016

Baptisms and Blessings - None

Weddings - None

Funerals - Walter Bogue, Ina Burnett,
Andrew Carrie, Mairi Duncan

**Service Core Group
ECO TIPS**

Go vegetarian once a week

One less meat-based meal a week helps the planet and your diet. For example, it requires 2,500 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef. You will also save some trees.

For each hamburger that originated from animals raised on rainforest land, approximately 55 square feet of forest have been destroyed.

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 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 17th June (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 21st June (Word-Processed file)

Look Out For The Scammers!

Ever been truly puzzled as to how you ended up being the apparent cause of a car accident? One scam that has increased greatly over the years is for the scammers, driving on the main road, to approach a junction and signal to turn. If you start to drive out thinking it is safe, they drive straight on into you - and then claim thousands of pounds on insurance for alleged whiplash. Always wait to be sure it is safe!

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

Monday to Friday - 12.00 – 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)

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)

THURSDAY

10.00 am – Parent and Toddler Group – M Laidlaw (07840 966438)

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.

Martin Fair

June 2016

Dear Friends,

As you'll read elsewhere in this QUEST, I served as a commissioner to this year's General Assembly of The Church of Scotland.

In former days, the Assembly was considered to be something of a de-facto Scottish Parliament; many of you will remember that its proceedings were broadcast live on BBC television and daily newspapers carried pages of coverage of debates and decisions of the Assembly.

Nowadays, the nation hardly notices, having made up its mind that what the Church chooses to believe and think is of little consequence. Even the quality national broadsheets, The Herald and The Scotsman, devote precious few column inches to the Assembly's deliberations. And of the populous at large, few are those who wait with bated breath for the pronouncements of the Kirk on the life of our nation or world today. Though some are openly hostile to the Church, most remain at worse ambivalent or, on good days, even kindly disposed towards us. But even that benevolent ambivalence scarcely masks the real truth, that is, that most Scots reckon the Church to be essentially irrelevant.

We might argue long and hard as to why this should be the case. Maybe it's inevitable, the natural end point for a developed society that tells itself, ultimately, that it has no need of 'god.' That would be to look 'outside' for an explanation and perhaps that is valid. But the Church must at the same time be ready to examine itself and to ask of itself if it might be in some way to blame for its own demise.

In one of the reports to this year's Assembly, contained in the so-called 'Blue Book,' there was a phrase that jumped out at me the minute I read it. It seemed to me to sum up much of what is true of us and, perhaps, of any large organisation or institution. The phrase was this: *'We detected little enthusiasm for change.'*

In its immediate context, the phrase was being used to describe responses received to a consultation process regarding the future of the General Assembly itself, it having been suggested that the Assembly might meet only every two years and that far fewer delegates need attend. There was, apparently, no enthusiasm for such changes.

But the phrase is illustrative of a much wider attitude. There is among us little enthusiasm for change, full stop!

Might it be that we have become disconnected from the people of our nation because of our reluctance to change. Might it be that the world moved on while we (more or less) stood still? Should we really be surprised that an institution which looks much as it did in the 1950s isn't cutting it in the 2010s?

Though at times quaint, the General Assembly is essentially archaic. In that, the Assembly symbolises the Church as a whole.

If none of this mattered, little would be lost. But for those of us who hold fast to the Gospel, and who retain a passion to see Scotland once more thirsting after the things of God, it matters much. It seems to us that we need to rediscover enthusiasm for change; that we need to lay it all down before Christ, who is the head of the Church, and say, 'What would you do with us and how would you have us be?'

Change is rarely comfortable but when the choice is change or die, is there really any choice at all? Ask yourself if there is in you little enthusiasm for change or readiness for change? The future of the Church in Scotland might well depend on our responses.

With every blessing,

Martin and Elaine and family (inc. Flossie!)

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Church Family Trip

As always, we'll bring our church year to its conclusion with the Church Family Trip, this year taking place on Sunday 26th June. A bus will leave from the church at 1.15pm (others will travel by car) and this year, in a change from recent years, will make its way to the park at Edzell. But though the location is to be different, the fun and games and

the fellowship will be the same as always – as will the customary BBQ! We'll be hoping for blue sky and sunshine, of course, but if the weather is unkind, we have access to the Edzell Church hall which is situated nearby.

Finally, a reminder that our annual trip is open to all ages and is much more than a Sunday Club trip. Come along and enjoy the bus run and an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Ask Theophilus

Question :

A few Sunday nights ago Martin let us see a video of an American pastor holding and dancing about with a live snake. These pastors believe that they are safe and this action proves it. (Acts 28: 3-6). At some of these meetings people have died after being bitten, including a pastor. Are those people testing God? Jesus' answer to the devil's second temptation was - 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test' (Matthew 4:7). Are these people mad or am I missing something?

Theophilus answers :

Years ago I was taught that all snake charmers were in direct league with the devil. But when I myself watched snake charmers at work in India, I was reliably informed that they had operated on their snakes and had removed the poison glands from the snakes' throats, rendering them harmless.

However, Martin's video (which I have not seen) does not surprise me. I have seen other videos from similar American 'stables', and have been appalled at the trickery in some of them, the emotional exploitation in others, and the rash folly being displayed in yet others. In the case you cite, it would appear the snakes being waved about are venom-

ous, in which case dancing around with them is both highly irresponsible and dishonouring to God. Paul's experience in Acts 28 was totally different: it was unexpected, entirely accidental and not in any way 'staged'.

Two other points. The kind of display in the video Martin showed at an evening service was an example of entirely the wrong way to present the gospel. It was obviously intended to imitate what are called 'signs and wonders'. The Greek word for sign is used 27 times in the four Gospels; out of those 27 occurrences, 21 are derogatory and have Jesus refusing to give any sign. Indeed, it is clearly stated that the main gospel signs are his death and resurrection. Signs can confirm faith (see John 2:11), but they do not create faith. Faith comes by the grace of the Holy Spirit through God's Word.

Finally, blatant appeals to human emotions (that's what dancing around with a venomous snake is) are quite wrong. Our emotions are notoriously unstable. God's Word is addressed to the mind, and from the mind to the will. The word 'heart' in the Bible refers to the personality in terms of mind and will. Jesus defined perfectly the word 'heart' as it is used in Scripture: 'You shall love (emotions!) the Lord your God with all your soul, your mind and your strength' (there 'strength' means will). Excitement -- emotionalism deliberately whipped up -- is alien to the Christian message and method! And yes, I think what the video showed could well have been putting God to the test. I hopes this helps!

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Company boys presented a drill event and invited parents and friends to join in. Anchor and Junior section presented a musical item entitled "Riverdance" of sorts. After the entertainment the boys were presented with their awards. Mrs Sharon Jamieson, O.I.C. Anchor boys gave her year report of the activities the boys had done over the year. Best boy Trophy went to Shaun Cargill and Alex Beattie. Perfect Attendance Trophies went to Jayden Deas and Scott Garden.

Mrs Ewart gave her report for the year and then the trophies for best boy were presented. 1st year - Ben Garden. 2nd year - Aidan Merryweather. Marshall Trophy - Cameron Mullett.

Mr Michael Clark O.I.C. Company section gave his report and the following boys received their trophies. Attendance Trophy - Joshua Gall, Cameron Tasker and Keiran

Simmers. Recruit Trophy - Tom Christison, Ewan Findlay. Memorial Cup - Cameron Tasker. The Presidents Badge, the second highest order for the Boys Brigade was presented to Joshua Gall and Fraser Fair. They will now work towards their Queen's Badge.

Mr Cameron gave his Inspecting Officer's remarks in which he congratulated the Officers and boys for their turnout and wished them well for the future in all that they hoped to achieve in the Brigade.

Rev. Dr. W. Martin Fair closed the evening with the Benediction.

The annual trip this year was held before Display night and went to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh. A stop was made at Kinross on the way home for chips - our B.B. tradition. The new session will begin again on Thursday 1st September. A happy and hopefully sunny summer to come to us all.

Youth Work Update

So camping is confirmed for weekend of 17th - 19th June at Burnside, Forfar! It's a highlight of the year for most of our young people so we are looking forward to it. The theme this year, as chosen by the group, is Survival so we will be testing out their camping skills. There will be team building games, sports, a barbecue and faith based discussions. Here's hoping the weather holds out for us!

We have a faithful bunch of young people coming along each week to youth group now including many newer individuals. It is encouraging to see new people included so well by the regular attenders. The older youth are also now

taking a lead in group discussions and games so we should be proud of them. We should also continue to pray for them through the exam period and encourage them in their faith journeys.

By the time you read this Popcorn and Cake will be in full swing so please keep the pupils and teachers of Arbroath and church teams in your prayers. We hope to reach many people with the word of the Lord through this programme.

Blessings,

Adele Marr
Youth Worker

Havilah Gold

I have been asked how I became involved in Havilah and I have to admit I didn't know the project existed until about two weeks before I became a volunteer just over three years ago.

I suppose the seeds of my involvement were planted back in 2005 when I undertook training in Neuro Linguistic Programming and Hypnotherapy, I added Reiki to my list of therapies some years later. I was wondering how I could put my learnings to good use and, after many conversations with a good friend who is a member of the Judiciary, and works with those who wish to overcome their drugs addiction, decided this was an avenue that interested me. My work in a bank got in the way of me doing anything immediately but the thought was always in my mind.

Anyway in March 2012 I turned up, as part of a small group, to make a donation to help towards the running costs of Havilah. I immediately realised that this could be the place for me so I had a chat with Tracey and a week or so later started my probation as a volunteer.

That summer I had planned walking the West Highland Way and decided if I was going to put in the effort something should benefit. I decided to make it a sponsored walk for Havilah and the generosity of so many people helped me raise £980.

Three years on and I have been involved in helping in more ways that I could have possibly imagined. Havilah has a magnetic effect and I often find myself there for a coffee even when I'm not on duty.

David Spink

GUILD NEWS

The Guild Team have started preparing a syllabus for the next Guild session which will restart in September. Meanwhile we have organised a few summer dates - this has proved successful in the past - I hope everyone will be able to come to one, if not all of these meetings. It's good to keep in touch and sometimes on a nice summer evening it's good to have somewhere to go.

Monday 13th June 2016 Games night in church hall.

Monday 11th July 2016 Visit to our Lifeboat Station.

Monday 8th August 2016 Fish Tea & Film in church hall.

Saturday, 10th September 2016 Bus trip when we hope to visit the Kelpies and have high tea in Perth.

Hope there is something there for everyone. Details of exact times will appear in the church bulletin on Sundays and someone will be in touch when numbers etc are needed.

Just remains to say to all our members and friends have a lovely summer. Let's hope the weather is kind and we have some nice summer days.

Always remembering our Guild Motto -

“Whose we are and whom we serve”

General Assembly 2016

Both Martin and Adele, our Youth Worker, have been commissioners at this year's General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Ministers of Angus Presbytery attend the Assembly every four years and Adele has been there as a representative of the National Youth Assembly, of which she is part.

For both of them, this has involved a week-long stay in Edinburgh and a schedule that is nothing if not intensive. Attendees need to be seated by 9am each morning and the business of the mooring continues without a break until 12.30pm. The afternoon session begins at 2pm and runs until the business is concluded, whenever that may be! On top of the main business sessions, there are lunchtime fringe events, additional evening meetings and, in Adele's case, late night preparation sessions with all of the youth delegates together.

All in all, it makes for an exhausting week, during which the range of subjects covered is as wide as could possibly

be imagined and throughout which high levels of concentration are required. Some of the business is mundane and, dare we say, a little boring! But other parts of it are highly contentious and, at other times, hugely exciting and stimulating. This year, one of the highlights was the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who had come to mark the occasion of the signing of 'The Columba Declaration,' a historic document detailing greater unity between the national churches of Scotland and England. Another highlight was the contribution made by overseas delegates – ministers and elders from partner churches from around the globe – each of whom spoke warmly of the association with the Church of Scotland and of the encouragement that we are to them in their struggles, sometimes in the face of grinding poverty and ongoing civil strife.

Though we are part of a distinct congregation – St. Andrew's Arbroath – let us continue to count it a privilege to be part of a Church that remains committed to serving the nation and to playing its part in the worldwide family of churches.

Thank You

At the end of April, the Service Core Group met to bag all the toiletries that had been donated in the past year.

Throughout the year toiletries are left in the cupboard in the small hall and, once again, the members of the congregation have been exceedingly generous. The staff at the

Women's Refuge are always delighted to receive the bags of toiletries.

So a big thank you to everyone who anonymously leaves bags of toiletries for us.

Sanitary products for the girls in Malawi can also be left in the cupboard in the small hall.

Thank You

The Queen's 90th Birthday

As everyone surely knows, Her Majesty, The Queen is celebrating her 90th Birthday this year – with her official birthday being on June 12th. Regardless of one's political or constitutional leanings, respect for the Queen as a woman of faith and integrity is universal. She is of course our longest serving monarch and her reign has been marked by a dignified and unstinting devotion to service.

Muffins for Midwives

Kayleigh Smith started attending St. Andrew's during the time of the refurbishment back in 2009. At that time, Kayleigh lived in Glenisla Drive and given that we were worshipping in the Academy, coming to Church was a natural enough step – we were right on her doorstep!

Since then, Kayleigh and her (now) four children have become very much part of our congregation and we all admire the way she is able to get her brood ready and out for church Sunday by Sunday, even on wet and miserable days! She is an inspiration to many.

Kayleigh has a special interest in children, childbirth and midwifery and recently came across an organisation called Maternity Worldwide – and their 'Muffins for Midwives' idea. Here's what she writes:

I would like to invite you all to an event to be held in the church hall after our service on Sunday 19th June. It is to raise funds for Maternity Worldwide. This is a

Over the course of the weekend, we will be hosting a number of different occasions -

A Birthday Strawberry Tea Party – Saturday afternoon, from 2-4pm.

A Concert, featuring the Military Wives Choir and Guests – Saturday evening, 7.30-9.30pm.

A Special Sunday Morning Service, with Guest Preacher, David Searle

Come and share in these special occasions that, together, we might properly recognise this milestone in the life of the Queen.

charity that works in countries with particularly high rates of death in childbirth and where women are at greatest risk.

Having a baby should be a time of great joy and hope, but for many mothers, it can mean serious injury and in some cases, death. Yet, most deaths in childbirth can be prevented fairly easily and at relatively low cost.

As a mum of four young children, and with your help, I want to give these babies and mothers the best chance of survival. All babies are precious and these babies deserve the same chance as babies born in our country. Together with you, I hope to raise at least £120 which will pay for a bicycle so that a health care worker can reach mothers in remote villages and help towards the training of new midwives.

You can find out more of what Maternity Worldwide do through their website: <http://www.maternityworldwide.org> or at [facebook.com/maternityww](https://www.facebook.com/maternityww)

Thank you for your support,
Kayleigh Smith

Scottish Church Census 2016

Churches of all denominations were asked to take part in a Scottish Church Census in May of this year, in an attempt to assess the present position of the churches and how it compares with ten years ago.

In time the findings of this research will be made available. All being well, we'll have a reasonably accurate picture of the numbers attending church and a breakdown of age groups, gender balance etc etc. On the day in which we conducted our census, almost 250 people were in attendance. When you add in those who attend our evening and Wednesday morning services – some of whom are not usually present on a Sunday morning – it's clear that we continue to have a healthy number of worshippers. Indeed, there are not many congregations with bigger attendances and the majority have less than 100.

In other words, we can be pleased with how we are do-

ing – but never complacent! There are many in our parish with whom we have no contact and many in our membership who rarely, or never, join us in worship.

In a recent conversation, someone pointed out that in earlier years, a 'twicer' was someone who attended church morning and evening. Nowadays, a twicer is someone who comes twice a month. Being regular in worship is, sadly, not what it once was and even people who might otherwise be considered committed Christians might actually only be present on 30 or so Sundays of the year. Many of us find all manner of excuses why NOT to be present!

Perhaps the census should act as a challenge to those of us who are less than regular in our attendance. Maybe we should each ask, 'Shouldn't the minister see MY face when he looks out on a Sunday morning?'

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE

Sunday 5

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

Sunday 12

11 am - Worship Service; with guest preacher David Searle. Thanksgiving for our Queen on the occasion of her 90th birthday.
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 for all the family, including prize-giving
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

JULY

Sunday 3

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

Sunday 10

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 17

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

Sunday 24

11 am - Worship service;
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 31

11 am - Worship Service
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

N.B. As well as the services above there is a 40 minute service every Wednesday morning at 10.30 am.

Words that Speak to Me

by Eric Owen

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1. Favourite piece of scripture, song or hymn?
Psalm 40

2. Particular lines or verse that speak to me:
Psalm 17:7 and psalm 21: 4&5

3. Why this is significant to me:
News for today

- For those who desire salvation
- For those who are saved

Clerk's Corner

Ministries and Mission

Below you will find the detail of our financial commitment to Ministries and Mission for 2016. This detail has been received from the Stewardship and Finance Department of the national church.

Angus : Arbroath St Andrew's
Total Contribution to Ministries and Mission for 2016 - £98,410

Ministries (85.3%)
£83,944 of our total contribution will go towards the costs of providing over 1,000 ministers and other parish works in communities throughout Scotland. The 2016 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is £41, 507 (stipend plus employer's national insurance and pension contributions.

Mission (14.7%)
£14,466 of your total contribution will be used to support the Church's work in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; providing social care serviced in Christ's name to further the caring work of the church to people in need; accompanying partners around the world on

our shared Christian journey, contributing to the Church's opinion in public debate and on issues affecting Scotland and the World; providing central day-to-day service work in administrative, financial and legal matters; and in planning the General Assembly and ensuring the Moderator represents the Church.

Pastoral Care

Those of our members who are resident in our care homes are a very important part of our Pastoral Care system. They receive monthly visits and this is carried out faithfully by Gaynor Scott. Her group is quite large and will remain so, but she still finds time to ensure that all these members know that their church remembers them. Gaynor also attends any funerals of those from her group. This month it was a privilege to be present when she conducted an entire service. This was done with sincerity and kindness and was skilful in all the aspects. The fact that she knew the lady from her visits to her care home meant that she was able to provide comment on aspects of her life within the home and provide amusing detail of conversations. This gave such a unique aspect to what she said and was clearly appreciated by all the relatives.

We are very lucky to have Gaynor who is able to provide this compassionate work.

Remember Blue Peter?

In good old Blue Peter fashion, I need to do some crafting with sticky back plastic and lolly sticks, for Havilah.

The thing is, I would like lots of styles and colours of 'fablon' or whatever makes you get, but I don't need lots and lots of any particular one, so if anyone has any at home that they have left over, I would be really thankful to take it

off your hands. Also lolly sticks. If you have any clean, new ones for crafting at home, I could make great use of these too.

Another thing I am looking for, for crafts are plastic beads and would be grateful for any you could donate.

Thanking you all in advance.

Please see Karen Reaney or Karen Ingram.

Vocations Volunteers

By the time the next edition of QUEST comes out, our three vocations volunteers, Amy, Chris and Matthew will have ended their year with us. Where did the time go!!

Very soon it will be determined whether or not we are going to get volunteers for next year – this remains very much in the balance – but for now, we should record our grateful thanks to these three, for all that they have brought to us during their respective gap years.

All three have undoubtedly grown during their time

among us and they recognise within themselves that they are not the same as when they first came to us. We hope that they will each look back on their time at St. Andrew's with great fondness.

But much as we hope we have been of some benefit to them on their journeys of discovery, we can be absolutely certain that they have been a blessing to us! During June, they will each write an account of their time among us and you will get from that a flavour of what they have done.

Until then, we take this opportunity to wish them well in whatever the future holds and to ask God to bless them richly as they go from us.

More in pictures



Some members of the Youth Group at Heart and Soul



Stuart at his Ordination to St Catherines Argyll

Some of the beautiful floral displays for Pentacost as created by the Flower Club ladies

