



Joyous Celebration of 25 Years

The much anticipated weekend of celebrations to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of Martin's ministry was a time of great joy. It started with the dinner attended by the elders and office bearers but, unlike normal meetings, the only item on the agenda was that of relaxed and informal friendship during an excellent meal. This was prepared by our Cordon Bleu catering team and served by members of the Youth Group. Elaine and Martin were the guests, along with the Rev George Whyte, the Clerk to Edinburgh Presbytery. Some of the company met George several years ago when we were setting up the Core Groups and he led us on a study day in Montrose. His skill as an after-dinner speaker was much appreciated and he struck a superb balance between humorous comment on his friendship with Martin and his more formal and fulsome tribute to him.



Martin and Elaine Fair with their sons Andrew, Fraser and Callum

The decision to have an 'At Home' afternoon with Elaine and Martin was taken to allow a wide range of people to drop in to the Hall in an informal setting to reminisce and chat, as the opportunity for the latter was not possible in the formality of the main service of thanksgiving. Because this took place at the time of the celebration of our poet Robert Burns, Scottish treats such as shortbread and dumpling were served. It was good to see such an excellent turnout.

The preparation for the main service had aspects shrouded in secrecy and it was necessary to do some of the preparation when Martin was not in the building! A special commemorative programme was prepared with photos of Martin and Elaine – then and now – on the front. The back page was filled with meaningful pictures of the Manse family.

In the sanctuary, beautifully enhanced by floral decorations, there were sixty guests representing family, friends, ministerial colleagues and those who are colleagues in Martin's wider work and interests. Considerable research was undertaken to track some of these people down, to invite them, and swear them to secrecy so that the first that Martin would know of some of them was when he sat down in the sanctuary. There was great success in this and all the effort involved was well worth it. It was also significant that several ministers who undertook parts of their ministerial training at St Andrew's, were present.

The service was led by The Very Reverend Doctor John

Chalmers, a former Moderator and the current Clerk to the General Assembly. He is no stranger to St Andrew's and his excellent message was so relevant to the occasion and to us all in our following of Christ. The lessons were read by Rev Dr Ruth Morrison and Rev Stuart Irvin. Amy-Louise Scott gave a superb children's address and, during an activity time, the children created a banner which was later hoisted high in the sanctuary as their tribute to Martin and Elaine.

Presentations were made to Elaine and Martin after which Martin spoke in reply. They will appreciate the generosity of all of you and will have pleasure in deciding what they might do with the gift.

After the benediction there was one final ceremony when a cake, with a picture of St Andrew's Church on it, was cut. The congregation then had the opportunity to have tea and cake to bring the uplifting morning to its conclusion.

After Martin was called to us, such is his skill and ability as a leader and preacher, we thought that we would be lucky to have him for five years - then ten went past and now we are at twenty-five! How blessed we are to have Team Fair still with us, and still very vibrant. Inspired preaching has encouraged us to be faithful and to strive for the vision that God has for us.

Grateful thanks are extended to all those who helped in any way with the preparation for all the events.

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Parish Records

December/January 2017

Baptisms and Blessings -

Kuzey, son of Leonie and Ufuk Atalay

Weddings - Elise Bowie and Matt Smith

Funerals - Mary Spink

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH EDITION

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

Friday 17th February (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 21st February (Word-Processed file)

**Service Core
Group
Eco tips**

Use cloth napkins

Not only are they more durable (one cloth napkin will make it through a lot more BBQ sauce than a paper one!) but ditching disposable napkins will also save plenty of money

over the years. It'll also reduce your rubbish output, which means less energy is used transporting and processing your waste.

Using recyclable paper napkins is good for the planet, but it's even better to not have anything to recycle in the first place. Plus, cloth napkins make dinner feel oh-so-fancy.

Celebration Photos

The timing of our celebration service was right on the limit of submission to our Quest printers. Therefore, this magazine, and even most of the front page, had to be prepared well in advance in order to still meet the deadline. Therefore, more photos will follow in our next edition. (Editor.)

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)

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)

7.00 pm – Church Prayer Group - D McColgan (07896 489282)

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

February 2017

Dear Friends,

It's a cliché, for sure, but doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself! Or, to put it another way, where did the last twenty-five years go to?!

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you, the members of St. Andrew's Church, for the way in which you have chosen to mark the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of my Ordination and Induction as your minister. I feel absolutely humbled and (though this doesn't happen often!) without words to adequately say what I feel. Your warmth and generosity of spirit have been the marks of this congregation and these qualities have been very much to the fore in these days of celebration.

Though this occasion has largely focussed on me, as minister, I would hate for that to deflect from the following:

- **This has always been about me and my family** - Elaine, in particular, of course, who has been an unimaginable tower of strength and support throughout. Without her, there's no 'me.' And though the older boys aren't what you would call frequent visitors to church, all three of them have helped me to be who I am and for that, I'm immensely grateful.
- **This has always been about you!** When a minister is inducted to be minister of a congregation, a marriage is celebrated. And, as we know, for a marriage to work, it takes two! What an enormous privilege to have been yoked to you for all of this time. And what a delight to now be celebrating OUR silver wedding! I cannot think of my ministry without thinking about all of you and, yes, of those who walked part of the way with us and now are at rest from their labours.
- **Most importantly, this has always been about God.** Let us never allow ourselves to become, as St. Paul put it, 'puffed up,' full of ourselves. As together we reflect on twenty-five years of the life and work of St. Andrew's Church, let all the glory and praise go to the one who is the author and perfecter of our faith. Let all the glory and praise go to the one who is our Saviour and Lord. If I, along with you, have in some small way adequately served him, and if we have leant ourselves to the building of his Kingdom, I for one have reward enough for this life and the next.

I think it's safe to say that regardless of what God asks of me in the time to come - whether he requires of me to up and leave next week or stay here for the remainder of my ministry - I will look back on these years and conclude, 'These were the best of years.'

For now, let us up and be on. What a wonderful weekend of looking back and giving thanks. Again, I thank you all with a humble and grateful heart.

With every blessing,

Martin and Elaine and family (inc. Flossie!)

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Annual Stated Meeting

Every congregation is required by law to hold an annual meeting, with these meetings traditionally taking place in the month of March. The primary purpose is that the congregational accounts might be received. In advance of the annual meeting, the Kirk Session (whose members are the trustees) is responsible for approving the accounts. They do so in the knowledge that the Finance Committee has already done the work of detailed scrutiny and, on top of that, that an independent examiner is required to study the ac-

counts.

So, the members of the congregation hear a presentation on the accounts at the annual meeting but they have no legal responsibility in relation to the finances of the congregation and so do not have to formally approve them. Nonetheless, it is a good opportunity for congregation members to get a flavour of how we're doing financially speaking.

This year, the Annual Stated Meeting takes place after morning worship on Sunday 12th March. We look forward to seeing you then.

Ask Theophilus

Question :

In Hebrews 11:11, it says, 'By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.' But in the whole Genesis account, she was a worse doubter than Thomas. She used a surrogate mother to get a son, and when she heard Abraham being told she would have a son within a year, she mocked in her heart; then she told a lie and said she hadn't mocked at all (Genesis 16:1-6; 18:9-15). Is this praise of her in Hebrews 11:11 a contradiction?

Theophilus answers :

Wow! That's a nasty one, whoever thought that up! Readers must all know how footprints of dinosaurs have been found in mud, preserved for tens of thousands of years. This question has missed an equally clear footprint, not preserved in mud but preserved in Scripture. It doesn't need an archaeologist to uncover it! Yes, Sarah often doubted. But there is a footprint of faith.

In Genesis 18, we find one of those rare accounts in the Bible of a 'theophany', that is of a visitation of God disguised as a man. Another well-known 'theophany' is

Jacob's strange wrestling match; as the sun rose on him and he was now permanently disabled, his conclusion was, 'I have seen God face to face' (Genesis 32:30).

Three men visited Abraham. Together they ate the meal Sarah served, but two of them left; those two are later said to have been 'angels' (compare 18:22 with 19:1). The main 'visitor' is called 'the Lord' (ten times). It was this third visitor who renewed the promise to Abraham of a son by Sarah. He it was who accused Sarah of her mocking laugh of doubt, though she was hiding unseen within the tent. When she realised that this 'visitor' who insisted she had laughed in spite of her denials, we read, 'she was afraid' (18:15). She now realised this was no ordinary person, for this Man could read her heart.

It was this 'fear' that made the clear footprint in the sands of time; it was a reverent, holy fear of 'the Lord'. This is important for us all. In Scripture, doubt is not despised. God only needs one tiny grain of faith to do his work through us. Just as from Sarah's 'midden' of doubts there glimmered one tiny spark of faith when she became afraid, aware of a divine presence, so for you and me that footprint is there for our encouragement. 'Is it you, Lord?' we ask tremblingly. 'Yes, it is', he answers. And we at last believe!

David Searle.

Youth Group

At the end of last year youth group were very busy. We went to the beach where we had a bonfire and made s'mores and we also spent two weeks at OBs playing pool, table football, and making crafts. 2016 finished well with the annual trip to Edinburgh for ice skating which is always a great night and one that every youth group member attends. On Christmas Eve, we had a pizza dinner together before heading to the Nativity service. (See picture of cake craft on the back page.)

Now we are in the new year, we have started a new series for Sunday evenings entitled 'Jesus at our Table', which looks at stories such as, the feeding of the 5000, the last supper and Jesus' temptation. We will finish this series with a meal together in celebration of the fellowship Jesus enjoyed with friends. Along with this, we will regularly be

inviting members of the church to come along to give their testimonies in order to encourage the group in their faith. I also hope this will allow the young people to get to know more of you better than they currently do.

Many of you know we have links to the local primary schools and will be aware that we ran Bubblegum 'n' Fluff in December in partnership with other churches. Around 180 pupils attended from four different schools. (See candle craft photos on back page). St. Andrew's, however, has close links to Warddkyes, where Dave and I contribute to assemblies every few weeks. I realised, recently, that whilst I am there on a regular basis, I do not really know the children. In order to get to know them better, Susan and I have been running a lunch club for primary 5 – 7, based on the stories of people who have made a difference in the world. We hope this group will continue to grow and provide us with better relationships with the children and staff.

GUILD NEWS

It is February 2017 already. Does anyone think, as I do, that the years are going faster!!

We have already had two meetings by the time you read this article. It's good to have a break, but I think getting back into the routine of our fortnightly meetings is good too.

It is also great to catch up with everyone and start working towards raising money for our projects and hearing about things going on around us that we can perhaps help with and certainly pray for. There is indeed a lot of uncertainty going on in our World at the moment.

DATES FOR FEBRUARY

6th February 2017 :- We are having a speaker from CHAS giving us an insight into the great work they do.
(Children's Hospice Association Scotland)

20th February 2017 :- Family Fortunes - this, I think, will be an interesting and fun night.

We look forward to seeing you at these meetings. We do try to have something for everyone when we plan the syllabus, as the diversity of the above meetings demonstrate.

Let's continue to have fun and fellowship together, always remembering our Guild Motto:

"Whose we are and whom we serve"

Gift Day 2016

Our annual Gift Day was held as before on the last weekend of November, the nearest Sunday to St. Andrew's Day. At that time of year when we're preparing to rejoice in the greatest gift of all, it's good for us to have opportunity to make a gift of our own to support the ministry and mission of our Church.

The Kirk Session wishes to thank the members of the congregation who, once again, gave so generously towards

this offering. We are delighted to announce that well over £8,000 was realised.

In days when family budgets are tight and when congregation numbers continue to fall across the country, the burden inevitably falls on the same faithful folk. Or perhaps we should use the word 'privilege' rather than 'burden!' Either way, churches cannot survive - let alone thrive - unless the people come to understand the concept of sacrificial giving.

Once again, sincere thanks to all who gave their support.

Men - being disciples in 21st Century Scotland

It may be something of a generalisation but true none-the-less that women are usually better than men when it comes to discussing deeper things - not least in relation to the faith.

It's time for a change! To that end, a new monthly gathering has recently started which provides men with time and space to share together on what it is to be a disciple in 21st

century Scotland.

These Wednesday evening meetings are built around an excellent book which identifies those things which tend to get in the way of our following after Jesus. Sometimes we need to name a problem before we can tackle it.

This gathering is open to all men and even if you haven't been to earlier meetings, you can join at any time. The meetings take place on the last Wednesday of the month at 7pm in our Community Spirit building.

The other side of the world

Many of you will know that Elaine and I travelled to Australia - arriving on New Year's Day - for the purpose of leading a thanksgiving service for our dear friend, Linda McDonald who, as you will recall, died in the autumn of last year.

What an enormous honour it was to be invited by Linda's children to conduct this service - and in Sydney, to meet so many of Linda's Australian friends and family. We met her Christian friends, including many of those who had grown up with Linda in youth fellowship days. They were especially keen to hear about Linda's involvement in, and work for, our congregation. We took great delight in telling them of Linda's life and work in Arbroath - and of how she had inspired so many by her faith and witness,

The thanksgiving service took place on Wednesday 4th January at 1pm at the most beautiful location; Chinaman's Beach, Sydney. The sky was blue, the sun warm above us - as Linda liked it to be and as she so missed during dark Scottish winters! The service was held under the shade of a stand of enormous eucalyptus trees, on a grassy area of park just a few metres behind the golden sand of Chinaman's Beach and the gently lapping waters of Sydney harbour. It's hard to imagine that there could have been a better setting anywhere for this service to take place. It was beautifully peaceful and we all felt that Linda was at rest where she wanted to be.

And so a chapter ends. But this we know: Linda is 'home' in the deepest possible sense and in a much more important way than can be described by geography. She is at peace with her Lord and for that we give thanks.

Volunteers

It's with sadness that we need to report that Catriona, one of our two vocations volunteers, has had to return home and bring her time in Arbroath to a premature end. This has been brought about by a health concern and it made sense for Catriona to be home where she could get the necessary support. Please remember Catriona in your prayers.

In the meantime, we're delighted that not only is Susan staying on, but that she continues to go from strength to strength. What a delight to have Susan among us. She is never less than willing and wholehearted, always looking to help, and with a winning smile never far from her face.

If you haven't already, why not have Susan round for lunch or dinner. Let's make sure that the second part of her year in Arbroath is one that she'll long remember and that will prepare her well for all that lies ahead.

Alpha

Our most recent Alpha course has just finished - and what a delight it's been to share with such a wonderful group of people! We started with just over thirty participants and though some had to drop out, the vast majority made it to the end of the course.

The good news is that, perhaps more than ever before, the response to the course was almost universally enthusiastic! We were using the brand new Alpha film series. These are

brilliantly produced and act as a perfect entrance point to discussion on all the major aspects of the Christian faith.

Some of those who came to Alpha have been journeying in faith for some time but, again, more than ever before, we were delighted to welcome people who have previously had little or nothing to do with the Church. It seemed clear that everyone found the whole experience worthwhile and we pray that for many it will prove to have been an important step on the journey.

Watch for the next Alpha course - either for yourself or as an opportunity to bring a friend or family member.

Children's Hospice Association Scotland

29 December 2016

Mrs Clark
 St Andrew's Church - Friday Coffee Gang
 21 Hamilton Green
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Dear Mrs Clark

Christmas can be a difficult time for families in Scotland whose child is dying, but thanks to you, we can go the extra mile to make sure it is as fun and special as possible for the families we care for. Your heartfelt donation of £607.80 raised from recent fundraising by the Friday Coffee Gang will help us create lasting memories that families can treasure forever. That's an amazing gift to give someone - thank you.

Thank you for all the support you have given to CHAS over the years. If you would like a speaker to come along and give a talk to your group about the work of CHAS then please do get in touch, as it would be lovely to meet you and be able to thank you all in person for your support.

Mum Sarah knows how festive our two hospices, Rachel House in Kinross and Robin House in Balloch, are. Of course we also have our amazing CHAS at Home team who bring the festivities to families in their own homes.

Sarah's son, Ben, had Cerebral palsy and sadly he died in one of our hospices over Christmas, but thanks to gifts like yours, the family's last Christmas was very special.

At the Christmas party everyone else went up to meet Santa, but Benjamin was so ill he couldn't leave his bed so he made Santa go the extra mile and come to him! As usual with CHAS, they don't just bring Santa, but elves and reindeer too!"

"CHAS looked after us during that Christmas and our wider family knew we were okay."

I hear stories such as Sarah's every day and your support enables us to make that difference, so thank you again.

Have a very Happy Christmas from all the children and families at CHAS - we couldn't do it without you!

Best wishes

Alison Rennie
 Community Fundraiser

LOOKING AHEAD**FEBRUARY****Sunday 5**

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

Sunday 12

11 am - Worship Service
 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 19

11 am - Worship Service
 Main service followed by
 short celebration of
 Communion
 2 pm - Founders Day Service
 (Scouting and Guiding
 organisations)
 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 26

11 am - Worship Service
 4pm - Messy Church
 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

MARCH**Sunday 5**

11 am - Service of
 Holy Communion
 (NO 9.30am service)
 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 12

11 am - Worship Service
 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 19

11 am - Worship Service
 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday 26

11 am - Worship Service
 4pm - Messy Church
 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

Christmas 2016

Another year, another Christmas celebration! There are certain highlights that we all look forward to as Advent unfolds. Not least among these is the visit of the Bellshill Salvation Army Band - a visit that has fast become something of a tradition! We were certainly not let down this year, the band offering a wonderful programme of carols for congregational signing, solo items and instrumental pieces. Hardly a person could have left the building NOT in the Christmas spirit!

Our Christmas Eve services were well received as always, the children presenting us with yet another different

take on the Nativity story and delighting us with their traditional Christingle procession. The Watchnight Service was well attended with the congregation enjoying traditional carols, a Christmas reflection and a special visit from 'Tam, the angel!!'

In amongst the worship services and the various parties, we did what we always do and took up a special offering to support the work of two nominated charities. This year, the offering was split between Alzheimer's Scotland and Seamus House in India - a home for children rescued from people traffickers. The good news is that these two charities will benefit from an offering that totalled over £1,100.

Thanks to everyone who generously supported this effort.

Dalitso Project New Year News

The container arrived in Malawi in time for Christmas and the children connected to our centres enjoyed their Christmas party and presents from their sponsors. The aid has now been distributed and is beginning to impact positively on the lives of the Malawian people.

As always the work doesn't stop and we have already begun collecting for our next container and we again appreciate the contributions from members of the congregation.

Can we ask that donations are not left on Sheila's doorstep but instead you contact her to arrange a drop off time (07752467654). This will help in the organising and transporting of boxes to our storage unit.

Fundraisers planned for coming months - On February 26th and April 31st we have soup lunches at the church after the service and on March 18th our annual Murder Mystery evening which includes a 3 course meal. We look forward to seeing you at some or all of these. Tickets will be on sale for the Murder Mystery in the next few weeks.

Clerk's Corner - Annual Stated Meeting

The Annual Stated Meeting for 2017 will take place on Sunday 12th March at the end of morning worship. In preparation, members are asked to read the minute from last year given below.

The Annual Stated Meeting was held after Morning Worship in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 15th March 2016 and was constituted with prayer.

Moderator: Rev Dr W Martin Fair BA BD

Sederunt: 78 members of the congregation were in attendance.

The minute of the Annual Stated Meeting held in St Andrew's Church on 15 March 2015 was approved on the motion of B Gerrard seconded by E Anderson.

Moderator's Comments: The moderator commented on the fact that St Andrew's has only had two ministers in its history and it is important to remember our journey and who we are. Our course is a steady one and we constantly remind ourselves of our three areas of Welcome, Witness and Worship. Locally our witness is in the area of the great need to bring compassion to broken people. The Havilah ministry is at the forefront of this and mention was made of how two former clients are working and witnessing to others. Both had been BBs and the link to St Andrew's has been pivotal in their development.

The funding for Havilah is precarious as new sources are sought and the congregation was asked to pray for God's help in this.

Internationally our partner work is in Malawi in partnership with AquAid. This work has grown in a way which could never have been envisaged and the amount of money raised by the congregation and organised by the Dunphy and Bowie families is staggering. Because of this growth it has been decided that the work will now be under the care of a separate trust which will be independent of the congregation. All existing support will continue and this may prosper even further in its wider remit.

Finance Report: The Presentation of the Accounts for 2015: The accounts for 2015 were scrutinised by the Finance and Administration Core Group, approved by the Kirk Session, and finally examined and approved by the independent examiner and presented to Presbytery.

Scott Anderson, leader of the Finance and Administration Core Group presented the detail of the figures for 2015 using both an extract and the relevant sections from the main accounts as they are prepared for OSCR. The full version

was made available for those who wished to have a copy.

Beginning with the figures for the Big Picture, the Statement of Financial Activities for 2015 showed all incoming and expended resources. It was noted that a legacy of £40,000 had been received from the estate of a member of the congregation for our work in Malawi and this had been sent to AquAid for this purpose.

The General Account outturn was £20,985 and the surplus on the General account was £3,992. After the transfer of £3,000 to Havilah, £5,000 to the Fabric Fund and £250 required for the payment of the Associate Minister, the end of the year reserve sum was £12,735. There is now a requirement for a Reserves Policy and this aspect will be studied by the Finance and Administration Core Group.

Regarding the work in Malawi, concern was expressed from the floor about the movement away from St Andrew's to an independent trust and whether this might result in costly bureaucracy. Reassurance was given about this and also about contingency plans being in place in response to need. To this end there will be a retiral offering on Easter Sunday.

The Moderator thanked Scott for his clear presentation of the figures, and the Finance and Administration Core Group for their work in overseeing the financial aspects of St Andrew's. The Treasurer, Susan Godsall was thanked for carrying out the very demanding role of Treasurer and Heather Black for her valuable role as deputy.

Thanks: Appreciation of all the work which our Associate minister, Stuart Irvin has undertaken was recorded and God's blessing extended to him and his family for his work in his future charge.

The Session Clerk, conveyed the deepest thanks of the Kirk Session and congregation to Martin for his inspired teaching throughout the year and in particular the effectiveness of the themes for study chosen. Throughout these, we have been challenged, inspired and encouraged. These comments had been made on a previous occasion and are still very apposite.

In the coming months there will be no Associate Minister, and we must ensure that the burden on one person is not too great. We were therefore urged to accept the challenges of the weekly messages and to respond accordingly by supporting our minister in every way, both in the church and the community. Martin and his family were commended to God's care.

A final prayer concluded the meeting.

More in Pictures

- Adele with Primary pupils
- Candle craft by the pupils
- Cake craft by Youth Group
- Nativity scenes
- Ladies Choir
- The Christmas jerseys!

