



The Gift Of Giving

Christian giving is a response to God's gifts of life and love. It is a response to the Good News of God's love and saving grace in Jesus Christ. Christian giving is an opportunity to enable the sharing of the gospel through the worship, fellowship, mission and service of the Church, within our fellowship, local communities and beyond.

The gift of giving is certainly a beautiful and a wonderful gift. We know how fully and completely Jesus gave Himself for us. Christ gave Himself as a ransom for our sins and He is our benchmark and model for giving. God has been so generous to us. The word give is mentioned in the Bible so many times you may think that God has a lot to say about giving, but if you look at all the references you will see that the vast majority of these are referring to what God has given to us.



As Christians, we know we are accountable to God for what we do with all our money, all our time and all our talents – not only the money, time and talents we give as an offering to support the work of the Church, but the stewardship of all we have and how we use it in our daily lives. The way in which we use our time, talent and money is a fundamental part of our Christian living, our Christian discipleship.

Paul said if we have the gift of giving then we should do this generously and here at St Andrew's we are blessed to have a congregation who embrace this wholeheartedly. At St. Andrew's the level of regular giving whether by bringing an offering every week or by standing order through the bank or by other means has, over many years, been exceptional. Nonetheless, this is just enough to meet all the running costs of St Andrew's.

The Bible also tells us that we are to give lovingly and willingly from our hearts. God never wants a person to feel pressured in giving to Him. Whatever you give to God, you should always give willingly and from your heart, and with love.

Now the beautiful thing about this is that YOU, the congregation of St Andrew's, have a heart to give and as a result, you have given wonderfully for the previous annual Gift Days. As a result, YOU make a difference to the lives of those around us in Arbroath and further afield. Now that is the spirit of giving! When God moves upon the hearts of people to give, it really is an exciting thing - because when we open our hearts to give unto the Lord it is beautiful and we see God at work, impacting on lives of those who give and those who we reach out to. For example, through the



work we do with children and young people, reaching out to those for whom poverty or substance misuse press in on their lives, or those who in their later years find ill health limiting what they can do. There are many other ways, of course, in which we positively impact on people's lives, often quietly in the background. **(Continued on back page.)**

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Member Records - October 2017****Baptisms and Blessings** - None**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - Aileen Dickson

Martin and Ian, our pastoral assistant, conducted other funerals though none were of members of our congregation.

Nonetheless, we remember the bereaved families in our prayers.

**Service Core Group
Eco tips****Getting around**

Use your legs - the most ecological form of transport - for short distances. Walking is good for your health and for the planet! Car pool with colleagues, friends, parents. The school run alone adds up to a billion petrol-burning miles a year. Most cars only currently take 1 or 2 passengers, which equals a lot of pollution for a half-full car.

IMPORTANT DATES**DECEMBER EDITION**

Handwritten/typed articles should be handed in to the **OFFICE** by the **FIRST** date and **NOT** to Editor.

Word Processed files, as attachments, can be sent **directly to the Editor or via office by second date.**

Please **DO NOT** embed articles in an email as these then need additional formatting work.

Friday 17th November (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 21st November (Word-Processed file)

Soup Lunches

The following are planned for next year -

28 January	Dementia Drop-in Café
25 February	Guild
25 March	BBs
22 April	Dalitso Project
27 May	Havilah
23 September	Dementia Drop-in Café
28 October	Dalitso Project
25 November	Havilah

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 - Adele Marr (07762 740 317)

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 790 528)

THURSDAY

9.30 am – Parent and Toddler Group – M Laidlaw (07840 966 438)

2.00 pm – Friends Club : first Thursdays – J Lonie secretary (07712 538 306)

6.00 pm – Anchor Boys – S Jamieson (431942)

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

7.00 pm – Church Prayer Group

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

FRIDAY

9.30 am – Coffee morning

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

Martin Fair

November 2017

Dear Friends,

2017 has been quite a year, so far. Elaine's Dad suffered a stroke and spent the first three months of the year in hospital. My own mother took seriously ill in June and spent a month in hospital and is still recovering. In February our car was stolen and on the same night we were involved in a serious accident in our other car! Just a few weeks ago we had to say farewell to our beloved Labrador, Flossie. Shortly after that, my Dad was admitted to hospital in Glasgow following a deterioration in his health and he has since fallen and broken both hips.

And of course, on top of that, there has been the business of my broken elbow. I had initially hoped that it would be a simple matter and that I would be back at work within a couple of weeks. How wrong could I have been! I was at the hospital yesterday, two months on from the accident, and it seems that there is still some way to go in terms of the healing process.

It is easy in the midst of such periods to think, 'woe is me!!' or 'the world is against me!' When tempted to think like that, there are two ways in which we should respond. First of all, we should take time to count our blessings. When we do that, it very quickly becomes apparent that we have much more going for us than against us. The problem is that we take for granted so many of the ways in which we are blessed.

Secondly, we should direct our attention to other people. When we do that it is clear to see that others have it much worse than we ourselves do. Throughout much of these last few months I have been watching television news headlines dominated by the plight of Rohingya refugees fleeing from Myanmar to Bangladesh. These people have had to flee from their villages taking with them only that which they could carry. Their homes have been burned down, their livelihoods taken from them, and they have been subject to violent, murderous assault. It could hardly be worse and yet the conditions in the camps to which they have fled are almost unspeakably bad - inadequate shelter, lack of food and clean drinking water, insufficient supplies of medicines etc etc.

When opening ourselves to the plight of others, we quickly find ourselves concluding, 'I haven't got it so bad after all.' Suddenly it doesn't seem so bad after all and we are able to keep everything in perspective.

There is just one more thing to say on this subject. The care and concern, love and practical support, and prayers of those around you are invaluable. This is to say a huge 'thank you' to the whole family of St. Andrew's for your love, support and understanding over these recent months. What a privilege to be part of you! I look forward enormously to being back among you as soon as is practically possible.

With every blessing,

Martin and Elaine

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Clerk's Corner

A great deal of information comes from the various national committees of our church. The one detailed below may be of interest to you as it is being held in Dundee.

"This November, come and join us again, or even for the first time, 'On the Road' as we look to feed back to you what we heard and where we have reached.

'On the Road' is a process designed to enable the national Councils, who exist only to support the local Church in its mission and ministry, to plan well for the future. Like every household throughout the land, we need to prioritise what we do and what we spend – and we need your ideas and wisdom to do that well.

In 2016, we listened to hear what you had to say about helping the Church of Scotland to be the Church we hoped to be and we shared with you some of the key new ideas

which the Councils of the Church had been working on. We did all of this as part of a planning process.

The Church of Scotland is getting back 'On the Road' this year to share what we have learned from listening to church members and to hear your feedback and ideas on our report.

These events are an open invitation to everyone connected with the Church. Whether you are a regular worshipper, or an occasional attender; whether you take a leadership role in your local Church or simply drop in from time to time – 'On the Road' wants to hear from you. We want to listen to folks from every background and every congregation: don't leave it to someone else – come and have your say!"

Your local event would be in Dundee on 16th November at 19.00 - 21.00 in The Steeple Church.

Find out more along with details of other venues and book your place at -www.churchofscotland.org.uk/ontheroad

Ask Theophilus

Question :

When you preached in October on the Canaanite woman who knelt before Jesus asking for his help, and, in effect, he called her 'a dog', you tried to excuse him from insulting her by pointing out that the word he used meant a pet dog. But was it not still an insult?

Theophilus answers :

You are making a good point. My intention when I preached on that story from Matthew 15:21-28 was to keep it simple. Sermons can easily become involved with too many points, and then the congregation loses the thread. My main point was regarding perseverance in prayer and I didn't want to distract folks' thoughts away from that.

So back to the Lord's words, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.' I pointed out that Jesus' word was *kunaria*, meaning a small pet dog that lived with the family and not the other Greek word, *kunos*, which means 'a scavenging, semi-wild canine'. I also pointed out that the Jews in Jesus' day called non-Jews *kunoi*, (scavenging) dogs. Matthew makes it clear that the disciples wanted rid of this woman, for they begged Jesus to send her packing (v. 23)! To them she was a low cur, an unclean *kunos*.

The implicit message in the story (in addition to the explicit point on the woman's perseverance and faith), was a stinging rebuke to the disciples. For he implied that although he was 'sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel' (v. 24), this woman was not outside the fold. She was not roaming around like a semi-wild scavenger as they thought—'send her away', because she doesn't belong to us and has no place among us, the chosen people.

The Lord's answer was double-pronged—a challenge to the woman but a severe reproach to his disciples. He implied that the disciples were quite wrong. In one sense she was a member of the household, loved, cherished and fed from the family table, as was every *kunaria*; in other words, he was reprimanding his disciples. In another sense, she too was challenged to appeal to God's grace and mercy, because Jesus did not regard her as outside the family circle at all; in a simple, humble way, she too was included.

It is when we realise that Christ was speaking to his followers as well as to the woman, that we grasp the subtlety of the word he uses for a loved 'pet dog'. A salutary lesson, not only for the Jews who despised all non-Jews, but also for us, for we can too easily despise others. On another occasion Jesus said, 'And I have other sheep who are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.' (John 10:16)

David Searle.

GUILD NEWS

On Monday 25th Sept the Guild welcomed Joe Wishart to entertain us. With our theme being "Go in Love" he had plenty of stories to recall. He talked about two of his favourite and well loved musicals *The King and I* and *My Fair Lady* that he went to see on the stage while down in London and he sang a few of the well known songs. He was very knowledgeable about the actors/actresses and how they became more famous when the musicals hit the big screen in the 1960s. It was a very entertaining and enjoyable evening.

On Monday 9th October we had our DIY Night, some members saying that they were a bit apprehensive about coming along and were half expecting Gaynor and Joyce to be dressed in dungarees with their tool belt round them ready to do some hammering or possibly decorating. But alas they found that they were dressed normally and the DIY meant that they were going to "do it yourself" craft activities with the help of Gaynor and Joyce.

Once the business side was completed there was a selection of craft activities to partake in. Colouring in, making bird feeders from pipe cleaners and Cheerios, heart shaped wool decoration and felt decoration - something for everyone. Everyone seemed to enjoy making something and taking it away with them.

On Monday 23rd October Shona and Jenni lead our evening focussing on our theme "Go in Love". In small groups we were encouraged to discuss the many different

kinds of love - for example love of children or the love of friends. We used the readings in the Bible and answered questions like would we be willing to stand up for our friends? Or like Moses's mother hiding her son for 3 months then made sure he was found and kept safe. How would we cope in this situation? It was a thought provoking evening and good to come together to explore each other's views.

On Sunday 29th October we have our soup lunch. The money raised will go towards our projects that we are supporting this 2017/2018 term.

On Monday 6th November, was to be Find-of Icing with Brian Anderson. Unfortunately for us we regret that Brian is unable to come along to this evening so we are going to welcome our three new volunteers Andrew, Euan and Eveline to join us and tell us about themselves and how they are going to serve in our congregation. We will look forward to Brian joining us sometime in the future.

November also finds us celebrating Guild Week from 19th to 26th November. We hope to take part in the Sunday Service as we have done previously.

On Monday 20th November we have a talk on The British Heart Foundation. We have invited other Guilds to join us and we will have a sales table that evening too.

Why not come along to our Guild - we always look forward to seeing new faces.

Always remembering,

"Whose we are and whom we serve"

The Inspiring Story Of Little Etleva

Etleva was but one of the tens of thousands of babies born into this world towards the end of a turbulent twentieth century with seemingly over-whelming odds stacked against them.

Her mother was in the early stages of pregnancy with her fourth child when the Kosovan conflict spilled over into outright carnage and ethnic cleansing, causing the family and their entire village to flee to a makeshift camp in Macedonia. Her youngest aunt and baby cousin, Eva, who lived in another part of the province were not to fare so well. Their village was quickly surrounded by Serbian paramilitaries. All the menfolk were rounded up, massacred, and their bodies tipped into a mass grave. So cousin Eva was to grow up never having known her father but all too aware of the tragedy and horror that overwhelmed her babyhood.

The mass migration of Kosovars seeking temporary refuge in Macedonia only added further to their problems. The lack of preparation for an influx of thousands fleeing for their lives put everyone at risk of a cholera outbreak and it was decided to airlift the most vulnerable to the safety of other countries in Europe, including the UK. And so Etleva's family arrived in the UK and found temporary refuge with other families in a former Barnados Home which had been mothballed some years before for just such an emergency. Their experience was disorientating - a sudden and unexpected arrival in a foreign country, an alien language and customs, and not much personal choice in the matter. However, their problems were alleviated to a degree by volunteers from church fellowships and other humanitarian organisations who banded together to help local authorities to help the new arrivals to assimilate into local communities.

Etleva's mother due date for the arrival of her new baby was around the first week of January in the new millennium. Much was made at the time across the media on the subject of Millennium Babies which added to the excitement of welcoming a new arrival. However, this baby had

other plans. Etleva arrived suddenly on 6th December, 1999.

Joy at her early arrival swiftly turned to extreme anxiety as it was obvious that this was a very poorly baby. Even her mother was unable to cradle her. By wonderful chance, The Reverend David Hoskins, one of the hospital's Chaplaincy Team, happened to be on hand and he was able to bless the baby before she was whisked away to one of the major teaching hospitals for emergency surgery. That blessing for her Muslim mother meant so much and had a profoundly calming effect in a traumatic situation - which had just been added to all the other recent traumas. Life-saving surgery ensured that this poorly baby grew into a healthy happy little girl though sometimes the "what if" conversations would creep in and dwell briefly on "What if she had been born in Kosova?" And the answer was always that, lacking the level of expert care the family encountered in the UK, Etleva would not have survived beyond a few days.

Now almost two decades have passed and Etleva has grown into a beautiful graceful modest young woman looking forward to the next stage in her life and career and who, on the basis of her exam results to date and listed below, has been offered conditional places at Cambridge / York / Durham - the choice is hers - but it will likely be Cambridge:

GCSEs : Maths A*/ Chemistry A*/ Physics A* / Biology A* / Computing A* / Statistics A* / English Language A* / French A* / Psychology A* / Finance A* / Art A / English Literature A / Religious Studies A / History A

AS Level : Maths AAA / Chemistry - predicted A* / Biology - predicted A* / A

And just to top all of the above, this year, 2017, Etleva has been nominated Top Student in her High School and the most outstanding student in the entire history of the school.

Pat Clegg

7th Arbroath B.B.

We started back after our Autumn break with our Annual Enrolment Service held within the sanctuary of the church on Thursday 19th of October. We were very grateful to the Battalion Development Officer, Roddy Taylor for stepping into the spotlight in Martin's absence. He also spoke with our boys who are completing their Queen's Badge work.

It was very pleasing to see a good turnout of boys on our first night back and the presence of their family and friends. The message from Roddy was to have fun and enjoy the programme we have to offer.

Our coffee morning was a great success when we raised

over £600 for our funds. A big thank you to all who helped on the day for all the large donations given to our funds for our work with the boys. Our Friday Coffee Morning crew were at the forefront of a busy morning. We could not have done this without you all.

The next few weeks will see us getting on with our badge work but also allowing time for fun with Halloween and Christmas coming up.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Martin, our Chaplain, our best wishes and hope that he will be back among us soon. Our prayers are with you and your family Martin.

Captain Wilma H.Ewart

Fabric Matters

Intrusions

Our Glenview Garden has been an insecure area for quite some time now and, mainly over the summer months, we have had at least seven occasions on which youngsters were on the main roofs of our buildings. This area was one of the entry points for these intrusions and we have therefore now installed a push pad that allows exit in case of fire (and approved by the district Fire Officer) but which helps prevent entry from the street.

Of course it would have been nice to have continued with open access but the damage has been too great. These youngsters have been standing on a gas pipe to gain higher access, so much so that last summer, and again this summer, the plugs were being pulled out of the wall and the pipe was sagging and bent, giving us costly repair work - quite apart from the massive danger of a burst gas pipe. We regret any inconvenience caused but we are sure you will appreciate why this has been necessary.

Three other vulnerable access points will also be dealt with in due course.

Hall Lets

Would all users please note that the Gallery area is a 'through area' giving access to toilets and kitchen etc. Therefore, it is not, as such, an area than can be hired out. Of course,

it is an excellent area in which to 'spill out' and use in conjunction with other areas - and we would not discourage this in moderation. However, users should be aware that they would still need to allow others in our buildings to continue to have free access through the Gallery.

HARVEST HOME AND THE LIGHTHOUSE KIDS PROJECT

As briefly mentioned in the weekly bulletin on 24 September, a bumper donation of mainly brand new outdoor clothing was delivered to the Town Mission Project following our Harvest Service on 24 September.

Existing donors and future potential donors may be interested to hear a little about the background and statistics relating to this much-needed project, all of which underscore the reason why it is so important to continue to provide such support within our local community.

There are currently around eighty-two families who are supported by the Project and there have been 305 issues of clothing, uniforms, and equipment given out over recent times.

How does it work? And who is eligible? Referrals and subsequent support comes to the Lighthouse Project via a number of different channels. Through: Health

Major expenditure

Among other expenditure, we have had to make a determined effort to solve the problem of damp at the exit door in the small halls which has continued for many years now. Fortunately, after we inspected the roof space, there was no sign of damage to the ceiling timbers.

The work involved replacing the ridge tiles, putting extra lead under the gable slabs, reharling the gable end wall, and replacing the entire (rotting) frame of the exit door. This was at a total cost in the region of £3,500.

We have tried to make our hall floorings continue to last but this is increasingly difficult and time-consuming. It is likely that in the not too distant future, we may be forced to replace these and this is currently being considered.

Other costs

We have also done a great deal of DIY, and will continue to do so, but other costs amounting to thousands of pounds have gradually depleted our Fabric Fund. We are hoping that this can be replenished by year end in order to continue with the sound upkeep of our wonderful buildings.

Visitors; Social Work Services; Home Start; Women's Aid; via friends; self-referral; and pop-in visits to the Project; and through the Lighthouse Kids Facebook page.

Clothing and equipment are also shared with the Dalitso Project thus spreading the benefits even further afield. Two van loads were despatched to Dalitso in July of this year to be added to the container which left in September.

The need to support the most vulnerable in our community is not going to diminish any time soon, given the massive changes to benefit systems, reduction in public services - and general economic uncertainty.

So, again, thank you to all those who have taken this project to their hearts.

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

Sunday 5
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 12
10.45 am - Remembrance
Worship Service

Sunday 19
11 am - Worship Service;
with our Guild

Sunday 26
11 am - Worship Service
Messy Church

DECEMBER

Sunday 3
11 am - Worship Service;
All-age Communion
1st Sunday in Advent
(Evening Worship is in
Community Spirit)

Sunday 10
11 am - Worship Service;
with special guests
Bellshill Salvation Army
Band

2nd in Advent
(Evening Worship is in
Community Spirit)

Sunday 17
11 am - Worship Service;
3rd in Advent

Sunday 24
11 am - Worship Service;
4th in Advent

**6.30 Nativity and
Christingle Service**

**11.15 pm - Traditional
Watchnight Service**
(with coffee and mince
pies from 10.30pm)

Monday 25
10.30 am - Christmas
Day Family Service

Sunday 31
11 am - Worship Service
(No evening service)

**N.B. As well as the ser-
vices above there are -
Sunday evening
services at 6.30 pm.
and
Midweek services every
Wednesday at 10.30 am
(Note - none on 27 De-
cember or 3rd January)**

Havilah - An update on how we are moving forward!

After celebrating our 10th Anniversary last year we took stock of where we had come from and where we should go from here. Readers of the Quest who are new to this Project may ask what we do within the Community Spirit building situated at 7A Fisheracre, Arbroath. The Havilah Project developed as a direct response to Matthew's Gospel Chapter 25 which gives a clear message to love and care for one another, including the most disadvantaged in society, the outcasts, the strangers, the sick, the hungry and those in prison – to mention a few.

At Community Spirit, which is open daily Monday to Friday from 12noon – 2.20pm, the Havilah Project is there to be a place of warmth, food and friendship to anyone. Our staff and volunteers are the listening ears and helping hands to support those in need. Many require assistance and guidance including budgeting, form filling, job searches, applying for benefits, learning cooking skills, and encouragement to make lifestyle changes. Others may simply need to have a quiet chat with someone who is friendly and non-judgemental. In addition to the practicalities, there are also opportunities to engage in some recreational activities including pool, table tennis, quizzes, games and craft activities.

Many visitors have made significant life changes evidenced by more than one former drug addict becoming a full time pastor and some of our former Havilah attendees are now employed in Christian projects where they help with rehabilitation of other addicts. Another visitor who had attended Havilah regularly over four years has changed from being a heroin addict to becoming a mother, achieving a stable family life.

One recent testimony is from a visitor who came to Havilah nine years ago with the closure of Angus Mental Health Association. He suffered depression and loneliness. He is now able to cope and tackle alcohol problems and has worked part time for four years. He has just completed a peer mentoring course, mentors 14 year olds, is also volunteering at Havilah and because of his experience, is able to empathise with those who have endured similar problems.

These are only a few examples of visitors who have experienced genuine care and friendship from Havilah and come to realise opportunities previously denied them.

Currently there are two paid employees Tracey and Karen, over 20 dedicated volunteers and a voluntary Management Committee. Expenditure of the grants and donations cover rent for the building, water, utilities, telephone, stationery, wages and training, staff and volunteer expenses, Rehab/client crisis costs, catering costs, crafts, equipment and repairs.

Last year, with the assistance of the Angus Council Communities team we drew up a Project Plan for the next five years. It was evident that some of the people attending Havilah were requiring more assistance and had needs which were not currently being met. Another member of staff would be required to develop the project further in terms of literacy, numeracy, using the IT suite and building confidence and self-esteem. In addition we require an upgrade of our facilities and equipment. As a result of the Church of Scotland grant ending in 2015, it was necessary to apply for other sources of funding which resulted in a grant from the Lottery Improving Lives Fund for £30,000 per year over the next five years. As soon as a Development Worker commences employment, the Lottery funding will be released.

The funding helps to ensure that we can continue this vital work of reaching into our local community to enhance lives which previously had little hope. With the rolling out of Universal Credit, the needs of the vulnerable will continue to rise and our work will be even more essential.

In the spirit of our Saviour's command to "Love thy neighbour" we would ask that you remember our visitors, especially at Christmas by way of some food hampers, gifts and cards which many may have never experienced. We humbly thank the Church and all those who have ventured into our premises and been willing to give their unconditional love, time and friendship to those in our community who desperately need this Project to continue.

Should you have any enquiries regarding our yearly accounts and financial position please contact me.

With loving thanks for your support.

Heather Black
Treasurer.

Dalitso News

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Harvest collection. The building of the Mary Spink Centre is underway at Kambilonjo and now we can look to kitting it out with welding, tailoring, carpentry and computer equipment ready for use with our children and the surrounding community.

Our date, 1st-3rd December, has been confirmed for our pamper weekend with Leonie Atalay and Becky Dunphy. Appointments are available from 3pm on the Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. This is appointments only so please contact Sheila on 07752 467654 or email - info@dalitso.org to book. There will also be teas/coffees and cakes available for anyone who would like to pop in

over the weekend. Please contact us for a list of treatments and prices which include massage, acupuncture and gel nails.

For those getting organised with presents contact us for copies of the 2017 Alternative Gift Catalogue. Presents are available for a range of prices. This will also be available on our Facebook page.

Finally we are holding a ceilidh on 17th November at Arbroath Bowling Club, Dishlandtown Street, with Cutting Edge Band. Tickets are £10 (£7.50 concessions) which includes a plate of stovies. There is a limit on tickets so they must be purchased before the night from any member of the Dalitso Project, by email or from RS Joinery.

Charis Bowie

Therefore,

on Sunday, 26th November,
we will have our
Annual Gift Day.

This is an opportunity for you to support our ministries and mission and ensure that our work is well resourced and effective in reaching out to meet the spiritual and practical needs within our communities. We ask you to consider £50 as a starting point.

You should however, only give that which you can give willingly from your heart - an amount which is 'loose change' to one person is the 'widow's mite' to another! Gift Day is also an opportunity to reflect on our financial giving in a broader sense. For example, if finding a one-off gift is difficult, then pledging an increase in monthly giving may be a better option.



The starting point as we move towards our Gift Day should, of course, be prayer – seeking God's guidance in our stewardship of the gifts He has given us; our finances, time and talents, and how we use these in all areas of our lives.

Beginning with prayer:

"We thank you, God, for all your gifts: for life in your wonderful world; for space and time to enjoy your gift of life; for talents that bring us a sense of fulfilment.

We thank you, God, for coming as Jesus: to show us how much you love us; to forgive us through the cross of Calvary; to raise us with Christ to new life with you.

We thank you, God, for your Holy Spirit: your presence to guide us day by day; your power to support us day by day; your assurance of your continuing love."

Gift Day is about giving to God and experiencing then the reward, the joy, and the blessing of having a part and a share in God's work and in God's kingdom. It is part of building God's Kingdom on earth, meeting immediate needs and investing in the future for the next generation of God's people.

Yours in Christ,
The Finance and Administration Core Group

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