



A Burn's Havilah!



A great day was had by all when Havilah held their Burn's supper, courtesy of our local Morrison's supermarket to whom we are very grateful for their donation of the food. Over twenty people enjoyed the meal and Scottish themed entertainment.

David Spink gave a rendition of "To A Mouse" and addressed the haggis before lunch was served.

The haggis, neep and tatties were enjoyed by all and was washed down with Irn-Bru.

VOTE FOR HAVILAH!

HAVILAH is asking you to vote to bag a share of Tesco's Bags of Help Fund which would give them a massive cash boost.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant. **Havilah is one of the groups on the shortlist.**

We are delighted that Tesco have been providing us with food through the Community Food connection scheme and, to make full use of all the surplus food we collect, the next logical step is start a basic cooking group by showing them

how to use the food, especially fruit and vegetables to make tasty, easy and fun meals. Many do not even have the basic literacy skills to enable them to read a basic recipe and we see a desperate need for the provision of assisting them to make hot, healthy meals within severely limited funds from benefits. This will help their physical and mental health - even survival through cold winter days. This would enable them to learn how to prepare food, and give essential skills and knowledge and practical hands-on experience which they may never have had at home.

Voting is open in all Tesco stores throughout March and April. You can cast your vote using a token given to you at the check-out in store each time you shop.

Thank you so much, in anticipation for supporting the vital work being done for the vulnerable people who attend Havilah .

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Member Records - February 2018****Baptisms and Blessings** - None**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - None

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

Nonetheless, we remember the bereaved families in our prayers.

IMPORTANT DATES**APRIL 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 16th March (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 20th March (Word-Processed file)

Service Core Group**Eco tips****Opt for reusable water bottles**

Here's a secret - tap water is drinkable! Keeping a nice, BPA-free water bottle in your bag is an insanely simple way to save the cost of a bottle of water - the same cost of 700 gallons of water out of the tap at home. Bottled water is incredibly wasteful on so many levels: An estimated 80 percent of them don't get recycled and, because of the plastic production process, it takes three times the amount of water in a water bottle to produce just one!

Soup Lunches

The following are planned for this year -

25 Mar	BBs
22 Apr	Dementia Drop-in Café
27 May	Havilah
23 Sept	Dementia Drop-in Café
28 Oct	Dalitso Project
25 Nov	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)

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

March 2018

From the Session Clerk

It is likely that you will see more of Martin very soon as he hopes to begin a staged return to work. Obviously arrangements for this have to be fluid and will depend on how he is feeling at any time and also when he gets detail of the next stages of his treatment. At the moment, he is having twice-weekly sessions of physiotherapy at Arbroath Infirmary to increase the range of motion in his damaged arm.

His plans for March will include being present and taking part in all the Sunday worship times. He will also conduct the service which includes the Annual Stated Meeting. As you can imagine, he is particularly keen to be delivering the Message and we will be very keen to hear every word. The recent habit of having readers, those who will pray and those who will lead the session with our young people will continue and will reduce the workload to begin with.

However these is a big **DO NOT** and a huge **NO**.

DO NOT launch yourself at him for a cuddle or attempt to slap his back. You risk hurting him badly. Equally, **NO HUGS** - hugs are totally discouraged as another risky manoeuvre. Your best way to welcome him back, to encourage him and show that you care, is to **be there**.

Jane Miller

Holiday Club Jungle Kids

It is that time of the year again and the plans for this year's holiday club are well underway. After the success of Rock Hero last year, the team are once again writing our own club, this time with a Jungle theme.

We will start the week by looking at how God created our beautiful world and then go on to think about what's gone wrong through the stories of Noah, Daniel and Jonah. The week will end with us thinking about Jesus and how God sent Him to sort things out once and for all.

The club will run from

**2nd to 6th April
from 10am – 12pm.**

We will have all of our usual favourite activities: games, crafts, stories, songs, snack and GUNGE! Information about registration will follow soon.

As always we will be looking for a team of enthusiastic volunteers to help with the running of the club. If this is

something that you might be interested in please speak to Amy, Jennie or Adele to find out what is involved.

A meeting for leaders will be held on Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm for all those who wish to be involved in this way.

Don't want to be a leader but still want to be involved? Chocolate biscuit Sunday will be on 25th March. This year we are looking for animal themed biscuits but any other chocolate biscuits will be gratefully received and consumed! To help set the scene for holiday club we will also be looking for some large toy animals to give the halls a jungle feel. If you have any, please look these out but keep at home until nearer the time. We will let you know when we are ready to start collecting them. Alternatively, if you wish to give a straight donation to help finance this mission then you can just pop that into an envelope marked "Holiday Club" and hand it in to the office at any time.

In the coming weeks please keep the plans for holiday club in your prayers. There's a lot to think about in the lead up to the club but, of course, the most important thing in amongst the fun and games is that the children leave knowing a bit more about God and how much He loves them.

Amy Scott

Please Do Not Adjust!

Ian Clark, the electrician and electronics expert in our Fabric Group, has now installed thermostats in each of the Sanctuary, Main Hall and Small Halls. Currently, we are trying to find the best temperature settings for these. Therefore, please do not adjust these settings. Also, please **DO NOT** turn off radiator valves. If you feel too warm or too cool then please inform a member of the Fabric Group.

(Thermostat temperature scales, and room temperatures reached, do not necessarily always match.)

We have already begun to make savings from this. In December, at the Male Voice Choir afternoon rehearsal, I noticed that the heating had turned off and the temperature in the Sanctuary was perfect for them. The same thing also happened during the evening performance. This should help to reduce our heating bills without any loss of comfort at all.

Ask Theophilus

Question :

What is the difference between the Church of Scotland and the English Church?

Theophilus answers :

(I take it that by 'the English Church' you mean the Scottish Episcopalian Church?)

The Presbyterian Church

There are two main differences. The first concerns church government. In the Presbyterian Church, government is by elders. The Greek word in the NT is 'presbuteros'. The minister is the 'teaching elder' and the other elders are 'ruling elders'.

Legally, the minister's only total right in the congregation is the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments (baptism and communion). Everything else must have the approval of the elders; they control finance, furnishings and fabric, plus other church activities. The elders also admit to church membership those whom the minister recommends; it is his responsibility to teach new communicants the basics of the Christian faith, especially the meaning and significance of Communion, but it requires the elders' approval for them to be admitted to the Lord's Table. The same approval applies to candidates for baptism.

The teaching elder, that is, the minister, is not subject to any jurisdiction by the ruling elders, for he is under the pastoral care and jurisdiction of the presbytery. Presbyteries are made up of all ministers in the area plus one elder for each minister, so theoretically neither can outvote the other.

The Episcopalian Church

The word 'episcopal' comes from the Greek word 'episcopos' meaning 'overseer'. The Episcopalian Church is hierarchical, that is its offices are in rank. A Canon in the Church of England once explained it to me using as an illustration the military structures of the army, where commissioned officers are ranked from the lowest to the high-

est: from, Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant, to Captain, then to Major followed by Lt Colonel, who must answer to the full Colonel. Then there follow the 'top brass', Brigadiers, Generals, Field Marshalls.

So in the Episcopalian hierarchy is first the Deacon, then the Curate, then vicar or rector, followed by the Dean, who helps the bishop, who in turn is under the archbishop. Actually, all the parish clergy are under the authority of the bishop. Canons are usually ordinary ordained clergy of some experience who form a council (called a Chapter) that administers the work of a cathedral; the Dean of the cathedral convenes the Chapter.

The reformers pointed out that there was no hierarchical structure in the New Testament. In fact, the titles presbyters and overseers are clearly synonymous. The word 'episcopos' (overseer) referred to the office, and the word 'presbuteros' (elder) referred to the person.

However there is also a doctrinal difference. The Episcopalians believe in 'apostolic succession', meaning that from Jesus Christ himself commissioning his apostles, there is an unbroken succession of clergy sharing, by their ordination, in Christ's own commissioning. Denote Jesus as A and the apostles as B. A ordained B who ordained C who ordained D who ordained E, and so on right through the centuries in a continuous, unbroken succession.

Some fifty or so years ago, the General Assembly came to the point of uniting with the Scottish Episcopalian Church. But the union was going to require every minister to be re-ordained by a bishop before the Episcopalians would accept us. They argued that because the Kirk's ministers were not in the apostolic succession, we were not genuine ministers. The General Assembly resoundingly refused to subject all the Kirk's ministers to re-ordination by a bishop, for that would have been a tacit admission that since the Reformation 1560, the Word and Sacraments in the Kirk had been improperly and ineffectively administered! No way, Jose!

Remarkably, we Presbyterians still remain on good terms with our friends in the 'English Church'!

David Searle

7th Arbroath B.B.

We are halfway through our first term of the year and the boys have been busy with their achievement scheme. We have been looking at healthy eating and doing some taste challenges.

On that note we are hosting a Soup Lunch in aid of our funds and to help our Malawi sponsored child Grey Lewis. Hope you can join us after the service on Sunday 25th of March.

There was not much news after Christmas for our Febru-

ary Quest but we can bring you up to date with awards made to the boys so far -

Junior Section first year boys gained their Target award. They were Alfie Clark, Alex Robb and Scott Garden.

Two company Section boys, Fraser Fair and Josh Gall are now registered for their Queen's Badge completion course at Carronvale in April and we look forward to making the presentation at our Display night in May.

Captain Wilma H. Ewart

GUILD NEWS

Fun, fitness and entertaining is what our guild had in the month of February.

Our first meeting was "Love to sit and still keep fit" night with Doris and Jane. They put us through a programme of exercises while still sitting on a chair. This was good fun and I'm sure we all felt the better and fitter for taking part.

For our "Mr and Mrs" evening, what can I say. We had three lovely couples taking part in our competition. Elise and Matt Smith - when Elise heard about the evening she said right away "Me and Matt are one of the newest married in our church, so we would do it." The second couple, Laurie and Meg, are one of the longest married and, although they had never seen the programme, they accepted while not knowing what they were getting themselves into. Our third couple were Elaine and Martin. We were delighted that they still chose to come along, as was the original plan in their diary before Martin's accident.

Doris as the host asked the couples questions on How

well do you know your partner? And the couples won points by correctly guessing their partners chosen answer. This provided lots of laughter as they tried to find their matches and big cheers were heard when they succeeded.

All three couples took up the challenge and were brilliant, but we applaud Martin and Elaine for coming out tops, the winners. Well done!

We finished off our evening with a cuppie and cakes.

On the 5th March we look forward to our speaker Marjorie Clark, Mother Earth Project – building of solar powered ovens in the forests of Bolivia.

On the 19th March – Topic Night - Loving when its difficult to love.

It is the time of year when we are asking for the guild coin boxes to be handed in to either the church office or to Joyce McPherson. A reminder will be put in the bulletin throughout the month of March.

Always remembering -

"Whose we are and whom we serve"

Messages From Our VVs

So, as many of you know I am going away to South Africa in the summer but most of you don't know much more than that, I'm going to use this wee space to talk some more on it.

I am going to the LIV Village, located near Durban in South Africa. This village was set up by a couple after receiving a vision from God to look after orphans and give them a caring family where they will find love and protection. The children in the village are looked after in small families of about six children to a mother. The orphans come from very poor and deprived areas of South Africa and many have, at a young age, experienced abuse, violence and hatred which no child should have to face. The LIV Village takes these children in and helps build them a future which they otherwise would never have had. They give them an education, family, friends and bring them up to trust in God and follow Jesus.

The village not only aims to help these children but to also provide support and jobs to the local community. As many of the jobs as is possible on the village are given to the local community which is quite poor and run down. There is also a community clinic where they can go and receive medical attention and help.

There are many different roles on the village. I hope to once again join the team mostly focused on maintenance. Last year we did a huge number of tasks from helping build chicken coops and shelters to shade plants from the sun to digging sand pits for the children and building a fire pit and seating. This gave me an opportunity to speak with people

from the local community and work as part of a great team for a great cause.

Andrew

The Wilderness

I love Lent. Before you say anything, I understand the fact that lent is not supposed to be fun, it's not so much a celebration or a festival, it's a reflective time. That is why I love Lent. It has this way of helping us focus on the things that matter.

Lent seems on the surface like it's just the Easter version of advent, change the names and times and its all the same. It's about preparation isn't it? A journey full of anticipation towards a big festival? Not quite. Lent is really the opposite. For lent, nobody is journeying anywhere. Jesus has gone away to prepare. Lent isn't a journey towards something, it's a break on the road. It's like a spiritual pit stop. Sometimes the wilderness is where we need to be. Lent gives us that chance. We can think about the hard moments in Jesus' ministry, the struggles we sometimes omit from our view.

Throughout Jesus' ministry we see this pattern continue. Jesus is strengthened by retreat. He often goes off by himself to pray. Retreat strengthens us as Christians, and it allows us to renew and refresh. Lent encourages us to know when to take that time.

Lent allows us to retreat to the wilderness and prepare ourselves for what comes next.

Euan

Clerk's Corner

Annual Stated Meeting

The ANNUAL STATED MEETING for 2018 will be on Sunday 18th March after morning worship. In order to speed the process, the minute of last year's meeting was printed in last month's Quest. Please read it in advance of the meeting.

ECO Matters

As you are aware we have ECO status for the congregation which was granted in 2016. However, these awards are not permanent and so we were informed that a new system of awards was being put in place in 2018. It is a three part system with awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Study of these by the Service Core Group, who have eco matters in their remit, showed that we would be wisest to apply at Bronze level. If the application was made by mid January 2018, then we would not have an assessor's visit, but would be judged on the evidence submitted. This was duly done and we were able to amass a considerable package of photos, factual information about such things as recycling, care with fuel consumption, and the use of our building to name just a few examples.

We have recently received word that we have indeed been awarded bronze level status and have been commended for the following:

- The development of the building and the grounds
- The on-going monitoring of energy use.
- The regular inclusion of eco issues in worship and in the life of the congregation.
- The involvement of members of the congregation in local litter pick and beach cleaning.

[Did you know that we have some people who have adopted a street or part of one and keep it free from litter?. You get a pick and a container from the council. If you think you could do this, even in a small way, then go long to the Access Office in Kirk Square and register for where you would like to litter pick. Other people seeing you doing this sends out a very powerful message.]

Equally recommendations have been made which might allow us to proceed to the next level.

- It is helpful to have a small working group to co-ordinate, initiate and monitor all eco activities. This group could develop an eco-policy for the congregation, which would ensure eco issues continue to be on the agenda of every aspect of the congregation. This particular aspect is one, the lack of which would prevent us from moving to silver/gold status. Is there someone reading this who feels passionately about eco matters? If there is, please make yourself known to us.
- We would encourage you to develop an eco 'action plan' each year, with goals for that year, approved by the Kirk Session and reviewed regularly.
- It is good that your website states that you are an eco-congregation. It would be good to report more of what that means with specific examples -there is plenty in your award application form that could be used!). Feel free to include the ECS logo there too and make a link to the ECS website.
- Consider ways to use the outside space to work with other groups in the community - e.g. developing a sensory garden or a peace garden.
- Encourage members of the congregation to join in campaigns for better care of creation e.g. The Big Shift (Christian Aid).
- Try to build links with other eco congregations in the area (Old and Abbey, St Thomas of Canterbury, Knox's) to share

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH

Sunday 4
11 am - **Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Sunday 11
11 am - **Worship Service**

Sunday 18
11 am - **Worship Service; Followed by Annual Stated Meeting**

Sunday 25
11 am - **Worship Service Messy Church**

FEBRUARY

Sunday 1
11 am - **Worship Service**

Sunday 8
11 am - **Worship Service**

Sunday 15
11 am - **Worship Service**

Sunday 22
11 am - **Worship Service**

Sunday 29
11 am - **Worship Service Messy Church**

**N.B. As well as the services above there are -
Sunday evening services at 6.30 pm**

And

Midweek services every Wednesday at 10.30 am

good ideas and encourage each other.

- Watch out for information about Eco-congregation events organised by the Angus and Dundee ECS network and attend these where possible.

We hope you enjoy celebrating your achievement and our

congratulations to the congregation on achieving this well-deserved Award!

David Bethune

Programme Co-ordinator, Eco Congregation Scotland

‘Say Cheese’

A small team has recently returned from Malawi where visits were made to both centres, the Mary Spink Skills Centre and the Dochas Medical Centre. It was great timing as with the container arriving late this meant that Sheila, Fraser and Becky were there to help with the distribution of the clothes with the sponsor kids and staff all being given new clothes and shoes.

Becky was able to spend a week at the Dochas Medical Centre. This meant working alongside the staff and helping with the organisation of the medical equipment that was sent in the container. Reports are that things are going really well and that many people who would normally have had to travel 1hour 30mins to the nearest medical centre are able to receive excellent medical care right there in their community.

The pants donated for the Ulemu Project have been delivered and the older girls trained in the making of the reus-

able sanitary pads. A shop has been hired in the Thyolo market for selling the packs and for setting up the wedding dress hire store. Providing opportunities for work for boys and girls that have finished their education continues to be a priority as our children grow up. This will also provide an income for the centre. Charles and Kiri our 2 administrators demonstrate regularly their entrepreneurial skills with the vast number of ideas they are coming to bless the centres in which the work and the communities they are in.

We lastly this month invite you to our AGM (if reading before the 9th March) at OB's on 7pm where our theme will be ‘Say Cheese’. We will look back at the stories that made us smile over the last 12 months and at the stories of how your money as a sponsor/supporter has brought smiles to the faces of the children and staff at our centres. The evening will include cheese and biscuits and cheesecake as we continue our cheesy theme!! We really hope to see you there.

Charis

(See back page for pictures of above ‘events’.)

26th January 2018

Dear Friends of St Andrews Church

On behalf of the Friends of Home-Start Angus I would like to say thank you to everyone at St Andrew's Church for the generous donation of toys made to our organisation before Christmas. This generous donation meant that Home-Start Angus were able to give every child at the Christmas party a toy and also distribute some to families throughout Angus who were unable to attend the party. In total 38 children benefitted from your generosity.

Friends of Home-Start Angus is a fundraising group to raise funds for Home-Start angus to help families throughout Angus in areas which their core funding does not apply. Home-Start Angus offers a unique service, recruiting and

training volunteers – who are usually parents themselves – to visit families at home who have a least one child under five to offer informal, friendly and confidential support. To help give children the best possible start in life, Home-Start Angus supports parents as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with their children and widen their links with the local community.

Your support is very much appreciated and if you would like any further information about our organisation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Catherine Fletcher

Friends of Home-Start Angus

It's Good To Say Thank You

Jane Miller, our Session Clerk, often writes ‘Thank You’ letters. After our ‘Young People’ service (see back page) she sent the following letter. Then, after the service conducted by our own Worship Group (again see back page), she read it out and indicated that exactly the same appreciation also applied to their service.

I write on behalf of the Kirk Session and all those who were in church last Sunday to hear the service on The Year of Young People.

You are to be congratulated on a very successful service which, from the outset, had clearly been very carefully pre-

pared and had a cohesive structure which made its message all the more compelling.

Such things do not just happen - they need to be considered, researched, refined, retuned, and then allocated to specific participants. All this obviously happened, and the range of those involved was very good.

Be assured, we will want such a service again!

Please convey our thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Miller

Session Clerk

More in pictures

As we strive to continue to cope well in Martin's absence, we are so fortunate that we can call on young people and older adults within our own ranks to assist. Pictured below are two special services that were very successful.

Sunday 28th January - As part of celebrating the Church of Scotland's initiative called 'The Year of Young People', this service was led by our Youth Worker, Adele Marr who was ably assisted by many others.



Sunday 18th February - This service was organised, and led, by Elaine Anderson, leader of our own Worship Core Group and, again, involved many others.



Thyolo nursery kids in their new clothes from the container - New clothes day at Kambilonjo - The new Ulemu Project

