



He Is King Of All - Including The Jungle!

We've just closed the doors on another hugely successful holiday club. From 2nd – 6th April we welcomed sixty children into church each morning for two hours of games, crafts, songs, stories and fun. The club was sold out before it started, and with lots of the children and families we had met before at previous clubs. But there were also lots of new faces who had heard about the club from family, friends or through our facebook page. The vast majority of children who came along to the club this year had no church connection at all. Isn't it amazing that, when there are so many options for holiday clubs, so many people chose to send them to our club?



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The Jungle Team



The Jungle Gunge is always enjoyed by everybody - even some of the victims!

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ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Member Records - April 2018****Baptism** - Rhuaridh, son of Iain and Amy Scott**Blessing** - Oliver, son of Andrew and Kalah Hall**Wedding** - Martyn Wilkie and Katie Traill**Funeral** - Alexander Ironside

Martin and Iain, 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**JUNE 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 18th May (Written/preferably typed)

Tuesday 22nd May (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.

Soup Lunches

The following are planned for this year -

- 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

May 2018

Dear Members,

You may all know by now that Martin has undergone a third operation on his arm. The doctors detected that Martin still had infection in some of the bones in his arm and this infection could only be removed by an operation. If successful then, after a further period of time, there may be the option of yet another operation to put metal plates back into his upper arm. These are needed in order to join the bones together, as they are too far apart to join and heal of their own accord. Currently the operation is reported to have gone well but there are still some significant areas of infection persisting. Martin is on intravenous antibiotics for six hours of the day and when they analyse samples they will switch to the most appropriate antibiotic. Hopefully he can then head home. He says he is comfortable and in positive spirits with a nice view over the river Tay to remind him of the outside world!

This will, of course, involve further spells of absence from work and we must therefore continue to ensure that Martin is given the fullest possible opportunity to rest and heal. And we can do this because we are so richly blessed in the folks that comprise the St Andrew's family. Martin has so often emphasised the family aspect of our church - love for one another that is deep and respectful, and which means that we will support each other under any circumstances. Our Captain is temporarily indisposed, but our church will continue to thrive and move forward because our Master is at the helm.

It was wonderful to have Martin back preaching again, particularly over Easter time - and he never stops challenging us, does he! But we also look forward to hearing Ian and Keith and other preachers again. Variety is the spice of life as they say!

We pray that the surgeons were able to exercise their skills to the fullest, and that Martin has gained maximum benefit. We pray that he will continue now to heal well and make as full a recovery as possible. God bless you Martin and Elaine and family, and God speed you back to us.

Jane Miller

Session Clerk

Holiday Club continued -

Our main aim for the club this year was that children would leave with the message that God loves us even when we make mistakes and gives us second, third, fourth and hundredth chances. We had a series of camp updates where Euan and Andrew 'mucked up', but each day we gave them another chance and our stories focussed on God giving people another chance when they didn't quite do what they were told. We had lots of great discussions with the children in their groups and, while we don't anticipate that all sixty children are going to rush through the doors every Sunday, it's great to know that we've sown some seeds and pray that one day they will bear fruit.

Unfortunately bad weather meant that we had to cancel our trip to Murton Farm. We held a fun afternoon in the church instead and are planning on rescheduling the trip for some time in May. This will give us the chance to do a bit of follow up with the children that came along to the club. The feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive and they were delighted with the great time that their children had at club. We're currently looking at other ways we can continue getting alongside the children and their families in the months between now and the next holiday club.

Thank you to everyone who supported the club in any way. We really can't run a club without the help we get from the congregation. We had a small group praying for the club each day and on the Friday morning each team leader gave the name of one child from their group that they would like to be prayed for specifically. Within half an hour of the club finishing, one of the parents got in touch with us to ask about Messy Church and is really keen to bring her son along to that. What a great encouragement!

Please continue to pray for the children and the families that we welcomed into church for holiday club. Not only does the club provide a great, fun option for children in the holidays, it is a great chance for us to be a really positive witness to their parents and grandparents too. I think everyone who came to the club left with a really great impression of what St Andrew's Church is all about!

Finally, thanks to all of our team who made the club possible. Many of them give up a week of their holidays from work or school to help with the holiday club and we really couldn't run the club without them.

Amy Scott.

Ask Theophilus

Question :

Recently while staying with friends I attended an English Cathedral Service. The priest used incense and swung about a very ornate silver object on silver chains. Incense, like thin smoke, came from it. Why is this done in some English churches, but not in Presbyterian Churches?

Theophilus answers :

The ornate silver object hanging by a silver chain from the priest's hand is called either a 'censer' or a 'thurible'. You can buy them on the internet - even Amazon sell them. So where does this custom come from?

Costly incense was used in the Tent of Meeting and in the Temple worship in ancient Israel. Regulations for its use in the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies (the two inner sanctuaries in the Temple) are given in Leviticus 16:12-13. The 'sweet smoke' was an acknowledgement of God's presence (Malachi 1:11). However, the incense is also seen in the Bible as a symbol of prayers that rise before God from his people (Psalm 141:2; Revelation 8:3-4).

However, apart from its symbolic mention in Revelation 8, it is never spoken of in the New Testament, as all the various elaborate Old Testament rituals were seen as being fulfilled in the crucified, risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, just as we no longer sacrifice a Passover Lamb because Christ is our Passover sacrificed for us,

so we no longer burn incense to send a sweet aroma up to God; Jesus himself is the sweet aroma.

There is no mention of incense in the Christian Church until the late 4th century, when apparently it began to be used in both Jerusalem and Antioch. The incensing of the altar, church and people is first mentioned in the late 5th century in the Eastern Church, but not until the 9th century in the Western Church.

Incense began to be used in a few Church of England congregations in the 17th and 18th centuries, but its use increased considerably in the 19th century as a result of a revival of mediaeval Anglican ceremonies. However, at a Lambeth conference in 1899, Archbishop Temple gave it as his personal opinion that incensing of the altar and worshippers was unlawful. Nevertheless, some high Anglican congregations do continue to use incense, as does the cathedral where you recently worshipped.

Our Presbyterian Churches have never engaged in incensing the Communion Table, far less covering in sweet smoke those coming forward to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. The reformers rule was, 'If it is not in Scripture, do not do it!' And since the New Testament is our guide for Christian congregations, and incensing is never mentioned as a practice of the church, we have never done it! Nor can I ever see it being introduced into the Scottish Kirk.

David Searle

7th Arbroath B.B.

Summer is almost here and we have only a few weeks left of our B.B. year.

Our Display / Awards Night will be held in the Church on Thursday 17th of May at 7pm. We invite you all to join with us to celebrate with the boys gaining their awards for the year. Fraser Fair and Joshua Gall have completed their

course at Carronvale House during the Easter Break and are now Queen's Men. This is the highest awards that the Brigade can give and we are delighted to be presenting these at our Display night. We also hope to arrange a date when we can formally acknowledge this special award with our church family at a service in June. Details of all awards will appear in a future Quest issue.

Captain W.H. Ewart

Next Steps

When I was in the BBs, specifically when I was in the early stages of company section, I absolutely loved our PT time. For our company, PT was essentially off brand gymnastics vaulting: Run, jump on trampoline, get over obstacle. Simple enough isn't it?

But this month I've been reconsidering one of my PT experiences. I'd failed the exercise we'd been doing twice in a row. And in preparation for my third attempt I tried my best to focus. Planning out meticulously how I was going to get over, where my hands were going, how I was moving my legs. So, I take my run up, still thinking about how to position myself. And, because I was so focussed on my end goal, managed to misstep on the trampoline and go over on my ankle, ploughing full speed into the box.

So, this month, I need to stop worrying about the box and make sure I hit the trampoline. Stop focussing on what I'm going to do after my placement, and make sure I finish well. Think of the urgent, rather than the upcoming.

So what's left before June? The most urgent thing is university, for those of you who don't know, I study part time and exam season is rapidly approaching. During May I'm away for a full week representing my home presbytery at the General Assembly. On top of this my discernment placement at Brechin Cathedral is well underway and I will be involved a number of times over the next few months at their morning worship.

The next steps are important, but not more important than the approach.

Euan.

Where It All Began

Our time here as VVs is rushing on and already we find ourselves talking about our next steps and future plans. Figuring out these next few steps is a bit of a daunting task! For me, part of finding a way forward is remembering where it all began so I'm writing this as much to help myself as for you.

I first heard my call during the first term of my final year at school. It came whilst I was reading the biography of Nicky Cruz - Run Baby Run - and I was called away from pursuing a career in engineering and towards Christian ministry. This more condensed version of my call is the one I've told most people, but not many people know much more than that.

The book, Run Baby Run, recounts his life from being the most feared gang leader in New York of his time, to his

salvation and the story of his early ministry. It sounds odd even saying it to myself now, yet when reading it every time someone came to know Christ, or a group of people did, I cried, and not just a wee tear in the side of my eye. In the closing chapters of the book there was a line which went something like "Even though I knew I would be doing good, I knew I still wasn't where God wanted me to be", and it just hit me that God had called me into his service.

From that point I have been trying to figure out what ministry God has in store for me in a little more detail. I'm still not sure what form this will take but I have got as far as choosing to study Divinity at university and I'm currently deciding between Aberdeen and St Andrews. I'm currently leaning towards Aberdeen and haven't made a final decision however when this is published I will have decided so come and ask me then! But as to my ministry and future during and after university - well only God knows that.

Andrew

GUILD NEWS

On the 2nd April we had our film night. After all the business, and with a few bowls of popcorn, we settled down to watch Paddington Bear 2.

With it also being Easter Monday, we had a 'Decorate an Easter Bonnet' competition. We didn't have time to wear and parade our bonnets but they all looked lovely set out on tables so that they could be judged. Well done to Liz Smith who won 1st Prize, Margaret Kemp for 2nd and Nellie Adam for 3rd. We finished the evening with a cuppa and cakes.

Our AGM was on the 16th April when Martin came along to oversee business matters and give our members kind words of encouragement for their hard work throughout the year. He thanked the members on the management committee who stepped down, for all their hard work and to Shona Kemp and Doris Bowie for their leadership over the years. He welcomed Pat Mill onto the management committee.

We also had the good task of deciding where we would donate monies raised this session.

Disbursement of funds -

Guild Project – Caring for Mother Earth - £500
 Guild Project – Street Pastors - £500
 St Andrew's Church for heating and lighting - £450
 Dalitso Project (sponsored child) - £150
 BHF(Scotland) - £100
 TCA - £100
 Dementia Cafe - £100
 Fraser Fair for Rwanda trip - £50
 Andrew Murphy for South Africa trip - £50

That's our Guild sessions finished for a few months but

the new management committee will meet to plan the next syllabus. We are looking forward to a new strategy over three years, with our focus of work under the heading "One Journey, Many Roads", the first part of 2018/2019 being "Seeking the Way".

Our Coffee Morning this year was on Saturday 21st April 2018, we were blessed with a lovely spring morning and the sound of the choir practising in the church. It was a great success with £600 realised. A big thankyou to all who donated prizes, baking etc. and to those who helped and supported our day.

A reminder to the congregation that the Christian Aid Coffee Morning is on Saturday 19th May 2018. Our Church is on the Jewellery Stall this year and therefore we are looking for donations of any unwanted jewellery. Please watch out for further information in the weekly bulletin on Sundays because we will be selling tickets near to the date. If you have any bits and pieces then they can be handed into the church office or to Joyce McPherson.

Our Church Guild Boxes this year raised the sum of almost £900. Thank you for your faithfulness in donating regularly and supporting our Guild to provide this offering.

Our Guild trip this year is on Saturday 16th June to Scone Palace, Perthshire and then on to Thrums in Kirriemuir for High Tea. The choice of menu is now available and further details will be in the bulletin.

There are quite a few Guild events taken place throughout the month of May so please keep in touch with committee members. I hope this is everything, and all that there is to say now is to thank everyone for the hard work, dedication and great fellowship shown over the year and enjoy the break.

Always remembering -

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

The Christian Aid coffee morning will be held in the Town Mission on Saturday, 19th May 2018 from 10am to 12noon.

Our church will be hosting a book, craft

and jewellery stall and it will be ably manned by Guild members. Any donations of books, crafts and jewellery would be gratefully received and can be passed to any Guild member.

Watch out for further information in the weekly bulletin on Sundays regarding ticket sales.

SOAP SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018

How wonderful that such a modest project should have evolved over recent years to become a firm part of the events calendar of St Andrew's Church.

Donations of toilet soaps will be as welcome as ever - now with added reason, following the successful launch of the Ulemu (Dignity) Project in February where soap bars form a key component in the packs being marketed to the wider community.

However, last year, all attempts to buy household/laundry soap bars completely failed as none were to be had in our local area. So, to plug the gap in 2017, soaps were purchased online to ensure a supply to ship out in the autumn.

But problems are there to be solved!

Inspired and ably led by Elaine Anderson, we are now in the process of setting up our own soap making project and about to commence the manufacture of household / laundry soaps - costing a fraction of the price of many shop bought products. The soap needs a few months to mature before being cut into bars and wrapped and boxed in readiness for being sent out in the Dalitso container in the autumn. The aim is to supply significantly more household soap as a result of this in-house project.

So, if you would like to support our new SOAP FOR HOPE venture, small cash donations to offset the cost of materials would be gratefully received. Any surplus monies left over at the end of this year's manufacture will be used to buy further supplies of toilet soap bars.

Cash donations for SOAP FOR HOPE may be given to: Elaine Anderson, Sheila Dunphy or Pat Clegg .
And thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

Sunday 6
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 13
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 20
11 am - Pentecost Worship Service

Sunday 27
11 am - Worship Service
Messy Church

JUNE

Sunday 3
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 10
11 am - Worship Service

Sunday 17
11 am - Worship Service;

Sunday 24
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

Dalitso Project News

The run up to summer is going to be busy for the Dalitso Project with a number of fundraisers that I am sure will have something of interest to all of you.

On May 26th from 4.30-6.30pm we will be holding a High Tea in the church halls. This is a pre-booked event so speak to Sheila, Doris or email info@dalitso.org for the menu and to book your table. The price for this will be £12.

On June 1st we are holding a quiz night in the Dishlandtown Street Bowling club with tickets at £5 per head. This will include tea and coffee. Come along in a team of 4 or join one on the night.

On 14th July we are hosting an afternoon tea in the church with a childhood Teddy Bear display. More details on this and how to involve your teddy will be in next month's Quest. This will be similar to the Wedding Dress

showing a few years ago.

Our July highlight will be our concert being held at the British Legion on the 7th at 7.30pm. This will feature Encore (Jimmy Gray, John Hayes, Josh Wright, Sara Whitton, Tracy Gibson and our very own Jonathan Milne). The evening will also feature Chloe Leuchers and Gregor Milne and friends from the Dance School of Scotland. It is sure to be a great night for everyone with a range of music and dance on offer from show tunes and opera, to pop and rock. Tickets for this evening will be £12 and will include stovies.

Like I said, a busy few months with something for everyone. The reason for the fundraising remains the same, to support the centres we run in Malawi and to see the health care and education develop to ensure every child in our care is given the best start in life. We look forward to welcoming you to all or some of these events. Tickets for all will be available in the next couple of weeks from any member of the Dalitso team or by contacting me on Facebook or at the email address above.

Charis

Ordination of Women Celebrated

This year during the annual General Assembly, the Church of Scotland will celebrate the historic 50th anniversary of the decision to ordain women as ministers of word and sacrament.

The momentous vote will be recognised with special events including a pre-Assembly conference and a women-led procession on 22 May, the exact date of the anniversary. Rev Dr Margaret Forrester, a prominent church campaigner for equality, academic and one of the Kirk's first women parish ministers, is one of the keynote speakers at the conference, to be held at New College in Edinburgh on Saturday 28th April. She will be joined by Rev Canon Dr Emma Percy, an academic who is chair of Women and the Church (WATCH) as well as Welfare Dean and Chaplain of Trinity College Oxford.

With expert panels, an exhibit, and open discussions, the event will celebrate the contributions of women to the

church as well as considering how far the church, as well as the wider world, has come in the last 50 years. The day is being hosted by the University of Edinburgh Centre for Theology and Public Issues and New College, in partnership with Ministries Council.

During the General Assembly on Tuesday 22 May all women in ministry, as well as friends, family and colleagues, are invited to process up the mound into the quad of New College to pay tribute to women's role in the church.

Event organiser Dr Lesley Orr told *Life & Work* magazine that this is a good opportunity to recognise the many women who have contributed to the Church of Scotland. She said: "This will be a simple, public and dignified procession to honour the pioneer women (and men who supported their call) who first walked this way – remembering also those who knocked but were not allowed to enter – and to celebrate the manifold gifts and service of women in ordained ministry over 50 years, 1968 - 2018."

University Trains Ministers in Malawi

A Scottish university has entered into a unique partnership to provide additional training to ministers in one of the world's poorest countries. Aberdeen University has teamed up with Zomba Theological College in Malawi to ensure students no longer have to come to the UK to study special Masters degrees. It is the first UK institution to take a theological postgraduate programme and teach it to church leaders in the African nation, which has strong links to Scotland.

The initiative is supported by the Church of Scotland which is partnered with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). A total of 14 students have been accepted onto the two year, part-time MTh in Ministry Studies, which starts in September. The university has reduced fees by 85% and students can apply for funding from a £20,000 scholarship programme set up by the World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland.

Aberdeen Presbytery is supporting the initiative, which will initially run for five years, by paying for course text books. Rev George Cowie of South Holburn Parish Church, which is twinned with the congregation of Kachere CCAP in Blantyre, said: "The developing relationship between the college and university is to be welcomed and celebrated. By sharing our heritage of education we deepen the longstanding relationship between our two countries."

Rev Dr Kenneth Jeffrey, co-ordinator of the Centre for Ministry Studies at Aberdeen University who is responsible for the MTh Ministry Studies programme, said: "This is a new and exciting partnership. Before the recent creation of a MTh programme at Livingstonia University, ministers from Malawi had to travel beyond the country to other African nations, the UK and USA to undertake post graduate study. But this programme allows them to study for a UK Masters of Theology in Ministries Studies degree in their home country."

Aberdeen University staff will travel to the city of Zomba, which is located in the south of the country about one hour drive away from Blantyre, where they will teach the four module programme. Dr Jeffrey said: "I taught in Malawi between 1992-94 so it is of great personal satisfaction for me to be able to go back and teach there."

Three members of staff from Zomba Theological College have applied to join Aberdeen University's long distance PhD programme. Dr Jeffrey said: "In this way we hope to contribute to the development of the college as it seeks to provide ministerial training for ministers. At the end of five years we hope that the increased capacity in Zomba, provided by the staff who have gained their PhDs from Aberdeen, will allow them to develop their own post-graduate programmes of study."

Aberdeen University is sending 17 recycled laptop computers to Malawi for students and staff to use. Scotland has enjoyed close links with Malawi ever since Aberdonian Dr Robert Laws founded the first Christian Mission in Livingstonia in 1876. He died in 1934 and is buried in the graveyard of the city's St Machar's Cathedral.

Rev Alex Benson Maulana, General Secretary of the Synod of Blantyre, welcomed the new partnership. "Africa as a whole is growing, from an education point of view, and we need to upgrade the way we do things as we have been lagging behind in terms of higher qualifications," said the minister. "It is an exciting programme and I think the church in Malawi is going to benefit a lot."

Jennie Chinembiri, Africa and Caribbean Secretary of the World Mission Council, said the new partnership programme was "very exciting. This is a very good initiative and the qualifications being offered will be recognised world-wide which will be a real benefit," she added. "I hope that students in Malawi will be able to come to Scotland at some stage and link up with Church of Scotland parishes."

More in pictures

