



## Community Spirit

By the time you read this, assuming all goes well, the congregation should be the owners of the Community Spirit building at 7A, Fisheracre.

Since we moved in there, we've been renting the building. However, towards the end of last year it became clear that the owner was looking to sell and that we would have 'first refusal.' The Havilah management group, the Leadership Group and ultimately the Kirk Session (where authority for this kind of decision lies) agreed that it would make sense to seek to buy the building.

The only problem was that we didn't have the money! But it's amazing how God provides, sometimes in unforeseen ways. Within a few short weeks we were able to put together tens of thousands of pounds of grants and a loan from the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. With the monies available, we instructed the CofS solicitor to proceed with all the necessary legal arrangements.

At the time of writing, these are nearing a conclusion.

The result of this will be that paying back the loan will cost us quite a bit less every month than we're presently paying in rent. We'll be in charge of our own destiny, not beholden to a landlord with no guarantees for the future. And, of course, we'll have an asset - something to show for our investment in the building until this point.

In the months ahead we'll be looking to maximise the use of the building, seeing it used to its full potential.

Let us pray that God will bless the work done in that place and that it will allow us to share his love with the many who will meet with us within these walls. Onwards and upwards!



## Annual Gift Day

We'd like to thank all of you who gave so generously to our Annual Gift Day back at the end of last year. We've been running these Gift Days for quite a few years now but this one has resulted in the best ever total, almost £10,000.

No one is keen to talk about money within the church setting but the harsh reality is that we need it - and plenty of it! How else would we maintain our building, pay our staff and fund our various projects and ministries?

In the course of the next couple of months, through the Bible Alive programme, the annual Holiday Club and the Easter Code, we'll be sharing the good news with some 400 primary school children!

That's only possible by your giving.

Most members of the Church use a weekly or monthly giving scheme. Some make their offering directly on Sunday mornings, others do so by direct debits, standing orders etc. Those who pay tax are able to give with added value by signing up to the Gift Aid scheme.

If you don't, you should! It's easy to set up, can be stopped at any time, but means that for every £1 you give, the congregation receives another 25p from the taxman.

Regular giving of this kind is essential but the Gift Day is hugely helpful in allowing us to balance the books and, when possible, to invest in further ministry and mission.

In all our giving, we should remember that giving to support the Church - and thus the building of the Kingdom - is a responsibility AND a privilege. As we have been richly blessed, let us bless others in return.

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**ST ANDREW'S ARBROATH**

**Member Records  
December/January 2018/19**

**Baptisms and Blessings -**

Lorraine, daughter of Kevin & Leigh Sievewright ;  
Ayaz, son of Ufuk & Leonie Atalay;  
Scarlett, daughter of Michael & Adele Marr

**Weddings - None**

**Funerals -** William Nicol,  
Edith Williams,  
Elizabeth Caird

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  
Cook with residual heat**

Turning off the oven five minutes before the meal is ready will allow the food to continue cooking while also saving some energy. It's even easier with pasta: Once the pot's been boiling for five minutes, cover the pot, switch off the stove, and let it sit for five more minutes. This will free up the stovetop and the pasta will be cooked perfectly al dente in less than 10 minutes.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**MARCH 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 15th February (Written, preferably typed)

Tuesday 19th February (Word-Processed file)

**Soup Lunches**

The following are planned for this year -

24 February	Guild
24 March	Boys Brigade
28 April	Dalitso
26 May	Havilah
22 September	Mum & Me
27 October	Dalitso
24 November	Havilah

**Organisations will alert members when groups resume after holidays or when changes to venues are made.**

**SUNDAY**

10.15 am – Gathering for prayer.

11.00 am – Morning service (with short communion on the third Sunday of the month) with Tea/coffee after.

Sunday Club – Elaine Fair (873238).

Crèche – up to age 3. Infants – ages 3 to 5.

Juniors – ages 8 and 9. Seniors – ages 10 and 11

7.30 - 9.00 pm – Youth Group - Carla Ingram (07762740317)

**Monday to Friday - 12.00 – Havilah: Drop-in Centre – Community Spirit (434088)**

**MONDAY**

2.00 pm – Dorothy Dobson Over 50's 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**

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.**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

# Martin Fair

February 2019

Dear Friends,

Something's happening! As we move into 2019, there's plenty of evidence that the Spirit of God is stirring within and among us! New ideas and initiatives are bubbling up - all designed to further the ministry and mission of our congregation. And that's about stepping out of the door of the church (literally or metaphorically) into the wider community.

And for 'stepping out' to happen, it needs folk to step up! Encouragingly, that's what has been happening - and as we all know, volunteers are always better than pressed people! In this edition of QUEST you'll read about various of these initiatives. Read about them. Pray for them. Consider how YOU might be involved.

In the last QUEST, I thanked Ken for his excellent work as editor over many years. Let me now take the opportunity to welcome Iain and Amy Scott to the role of editor. The magazine you're now reading is the first under their regime. I know they're not planning any immediate, radical changes - after all, it's a great publication! But doubtless, in time, they'll bring something new to QUEST and we look forward to seeing that in the fullness of time.

Finally, let me remind you that we are now meeting on the first Saturday of every month, from 10.30-12noon, that we might pray together - for our congregation and it's people, for our local community, for our national church and nation, and for our broken and fractured world. Prayer is the engine room of the church. As we pray, we grow in our sense of God being alive and active in our lives and all around us.

Maybe you've never been to such a gathering before? It's never too late to start! Come and join us and take a part in our shared prayer life.

With every blessing,

Martin and Elaine

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## Holiday Club

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

We will start the week by looking at how God loves the good, the bad and the outcasts. We'll hear stories of Zacchaeus, the Woman at the Well and the ten lepers and how they got to know Jesus and learned about how much God loved them, even when they made mistakes.

The club will run from

**8th to 12th 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 or Jennie to find out what is involved.

A meeting for leaders will be held on 27th March at 7.30pm for all who wish to be involved in this way.

Don't want to be a leader but will want to be involved? Chocolate biscuit Sunday will be on 7th April. This year we are looking for Wagon Wheel biscuits but any other chocolate biscuits will be gratefully received and consumed!

Before and after holiday club, our team do a great job of decorating the halls to set the scene for the club and then taking all of the decorations down. If you're not able to help for the whole week but this is something that you would be able to help with for an hour or so it would be greatly appreciated. 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**

## Ask Theophilus

### Question:

In Matthew 11:11 Jesus says, 'Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

It seems bizarre to me that when John was greater than former prophets, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is counted greater than he. How can this be?

### Theophilus answers:

We must go back to the context of this saying in Matthew 11:2-11. John sent a message to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?'

He was undoubtedly thinking of Isaiah's prophecies regarding the Messiah who was to 'proclaim the day of vengeance of our God,' and to 'come in fire... to render his anger in fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire' (Isaiah 61:2b; 66:15).

But Jesus answered him, not from Isaiah's predictions of ultimate judgement, but from his prophecy of grace and mercy: '...to bring good news to the poor... to bind up the

broken-hearted...to proclaim liberty to the captives' (Isaiah 61:1). The final judgement was yet to be.

So why did the Lord then say that John the Baptist was greater than all those prophets before him who had foretold the coming of the Messiah?

Simply because, unlike any of them, John had seen with his own eyes the promised Messiah, and had witnessed his mighty works and heard his proclamation of the kingdom of heaven.

Those before him had seen it in *the future*, afar off, as it were, by faith. John had been proclaiming the fulfilment of their prophecies in *the present*.

Finally, those who are 'the least in the kingdom of heaven are counted greater than John' because they have witnessed and entered into what John did not live long enough to see - Christ's crucifixion, resurrection and ascension to the Father's right hand! This saying of Jesus is all about the 'time-line' of kingdom events.

That is why today we live in the 'last days'; salvation has been accomplished, and heaven awaits those who have trusted and accepted God's grace and mercy in his beloved Son.

David Searle

## Pastoral Care

Through the years, we've witnessed some wonderful examples of members of our congregation caring for one another, and for others beyond the congregation. 'Love one another' is what we're commanded to do. That **MUST** be worked out in practice; it must be much more than words alone (though kind words are always helpful.)

Within the church setting, we refer to this 'being concerned' as pastoral care. Some of it is done by Martin, some by Ian Gray (our pastoral assistant) some by Gaynor Scott (particularly in the care homes) and some by various other individuals under the banner of our pastoral care team. Over and above this 'organised' pastoral care, plenty of caring just happens naturally, which is a delight to see.

But here's the thing; we want to do better. While we do much good work, we want to do more, ensuring that no-one 'falls through the cracks' and is missed or forgotten. This will require us to recruit some more volunteers, maybe people like **YOU!**

You don't need to be an expert - just someone who cares about people, is able to listen well and is willing to serve. You'd only be asked to do what you were able to do and, almost certainly, you'd find yourself getting more out of it than what you put in.

Please speak to Martin, our minister, if you'd be interested in serving on our pastoral care team.

## Annual Reunited

On Friday 18th at the coffee stop, Cathy Black asked Ian Gray if he'd ever lived in Wellington Place, Montrose.

Ian in fact had been born there, so naturally replied "Yes". Cathy then told Ian she thought she'd found something of

his and presented him with a sports annual from 1952 which had written inside: 'Ian Gray 4 Wellington Place Montrose'.

He remembered being the proud owner of the book and was delighted to be reunited with it after 67 years.

Cathy had bought it many years ago at a coffee morning for her son Graeme who is now 40.

## Thank You Toiletries

In 2018 we reached our target of delivering 60 bags of toiletries to the Women's Aid. These bags are very much appreciated.

A very big thank you to everyone who leaves a donation of toiletries in the cupboard in the small hall. All kinds of toiletries, both big and small, are very acceptable.

It would be wonderful if we could, once again, reach our target of 60 bags in 2019.

Thank you  
Pam Drever, Service Core Group

## GUILD NEWS

As you may remember from our last news letter, we were looking forward to our Christmas Party and we were not disappointed. 'Excellent', 'delicious', 'lovely night' and 'very enjoyable' were only a few of the comments. Many thanks to those who organised the games and carol singing and a special big thank you to Doris and her team for making such a wonderful meal.

Our first meeting of the new year saw our Boys Brigade at the Guild. Wilma (Captain) spoke about the history of the Boys Brigade and Sharon and Mandy spoke about the Anchor boys section they lead.

The boys have a varied programme with badges to be earned interspersed with fun. Boys from the Junior and Company sections came along for the evening and they managed to get the Guild ladies marching. It was nice to see young and not so young together.

Monday 21st January was Topic Night which was 'The

Unexpected Journeys' when we heard how many folk in the Bible had 'unexpected journeys' - Moses leading the people to the Promised Land, Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem to name but a few. We then discussed our own unexpected journeys..... to Norway..... to Durban..... to China..... to Kampala..... to New York..... it was amazing to hear how many had actually had 'unexpected journeys' in their lives and as someone said 'it's funny where life takes you'.

We then went on to discuss the plight of refugees in today's world - how they have had 'unexpected journeys' when they have had to leave everything in order to get to a place of safety and what we can do to help.

Our next meeting is on Monday 4th February when we will hear about "Horseback UK" and on 18th February we have arranged an 'Around the World' Taste Night.

As you can see, the Guild has a varied programme and everyone is welcome.

## 7th Arbroath BB

Our new session started for us with a visit to The Guild on Monday 7th of January. The Guild will be supporting the work of The Boys Brigade in Scotland over the next three years and we had members of the Junior and Company sections in attendance.

A presentation was given about the BB which included information regarding the beginning of our own Company. The Guild ladies were then invited to do some simple drills. A photographic display of our Company's activities were also on display for the ladies to see.

Our first meeting back on the 10th of January was a games night. As we are in the middle of our Winter, the boys have been busy making Bird Feeders for the birds.

A very messy night, mixing lard and bird seed which the boys thoroughly enjoyed. We then put the mixture in yogurt pots with string and a twig. The boys took them home and after setting them in the fridge they would be ready for hanging out for the birds.

We are also having a Burns Night; with haggis, neeps and tatties, shortbread and Irn Bru.

We have a mid-term break in February, then when we start back we will be busy with all of our badge work.

Captain Wilma H. Ewart

## Mental Wellbeing Support Project

Hi, my name is Helen Wallace and I have been a member of the Church for a number of years and am actively involved with the Havilah Project.

My role within the Church, over the next few months is to help develop a project around supporting people with mental health issues as part of our community outreach work.

This has come about because of our Congregation's concerns about these issues in our local area.

To date a number of members have undertaken Safe Talk training. A small steering group has been established and I feel privileged and excited to be working with them to take this forward. Development is in the early stages but these are the ideas I'd like to share at this stage.

The first, is a social type drop-in for people who are feeling low, need someone to talk to, companionship, a listening ear or information about the support that is out there. It is proposed that this might run three times a week at different times of the day.

The second, is a Wellbeing choir.

The mental and physical health benefits of singing in a choir are well documented and it is more about singing together than performance. Breathing exercises and social interaction are as important as the choir and there is no need to be able to read music or sing. Carol-Ann Thain has agreed to lead this.

A choir can be described as "a group of people giving themselves permission to politely scream in public - and in doing so make themselves feel amazing".

The third, is a garden project.

We are at the early stages of identifying a piece of land. It is anticipated that we will be working with raised beds to grow produce that can be used in a community cafe.

Watch this space for more news. If you are a keen gardener and have time to spare, this project needs you!

## Clerk's Corner

The Kirk Session met on Sunday 18th March 2018 in the Sanctuary for the Annual Stated Meeting and was constituted with prayer.

Moderator: Rev Dr W Martin Fair BA BD

Sederunt: 43 members attended

Minute: The Minute of the Annual Stated Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 was approved on the motion of Roberta Brand and Audrey Brown.

The Presentation of the Accounts: The accounts for 2017 were previously 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 Angus Presbytery.

Scott Anderson, leader of the Finance and Administration Core Group presented the detail of the figures for 2017 using both an extract and the relevant sections of the main accounts as they are prepared for OSCR. A full version was made available for those who wished to have a copy. In addition, those present were given a paper which showed the overview of the Financial Activities for 2017. In summary, these showed that once again we are in a healthy situation of having a 'surplus' of £10,426. However, it should be noted that this would not have been the case if we had not had a £15,000 rebate on our M&M contribution. Half of the 'surplus' will go to the Fabric Fund which has had fairly heavy outlays recently and another £5,000 will be added from the letting income of our premises. The other half will go to the General Reserve Fund.

As noted above we received a rebate of £15,000 on our M&M contribution for 2017 and we have been advised by the Presbytery that we will receive a similar rebate on our M&M contributions for 2018.

The financial position of the work being done at Havilah has been secured following the award of funding for the next five years to support the employment of a Part Time Development Worker.

Thanks were expressed by the Moderator to Susan Godsall, Treasurer, Scott Anderson as leader and all members of the Finance and Administration Core Group for their commitment to the very complex area of the management of our finances.

Moderator's comments: The Moderator spoke of discussions on finance at a recent meeting of several Ministers and the majority of these churches run in deficit every year and we are one of a decreasing number of churches who finish each year 'in surplus'. However we must continue to be a Church who trust in God to provide for His ministry and mission here at St Andrew's Church.

The Moderator thanked the congregation for their support during his time of absence following his accident in August.

Thanks to Moderator: Joan Hainsworth, Depute Session Clerk thanked the Moderator for how he has encouraged us over the past years and given us the skills and confidence which have enabled us to work together to ensure that the work of St Andrew's Church has carried on during his absence. She thanked everyone who has been involved in leading worship with particular thanks to Keith Scott and Ian Gray. Thanks were expressed to Jane Miller, Session Clerk and to Linda Hunter, Church Administrator for their commitment and devotion to the duties and work which is involved in the running of our Church.

The Moderator was assured of our prayers and love as he moves forward to the next stage of treatment and that we looked forward to have him back very soon as our leader and preacher. Prayers of love and support were also offered to Elaine.

As a token of our thanks and love flowers were presented to Elaine, Jane and Linda.

Closure: Audrey Brown led us in prayer to close the meeting.

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### FEBRUARURY

**Sunday 3**  
11 am - Worship Service

**Sunday 10**  
11 am - Worship Service

**Sunday 17**  
11 am - Worship Service;  
main service followed by  
short celebration of  
Holy Communion

**Sunday 24**  
11 am - Worship Service

#### MARCH

**Sunday 3**  
11 am - Worship Service  
with Holy Communion

**Sunday 10**  
11 am - Worship Service  
- Guest speaker,  
Tim Mineard

**Sunday 17**  
11 am - Worship Service

**Sunday 24**  
11 am - Worship Service,  
inc Service of Blessing

**Sunday 31**  
11 am - Worship Service  
4 pm - Messy Church

**Sunday services are streamed live through our website or can be watched on 'catch up' at our YouTube channel.**

**Midweek services, take place every Wednesday at 10.30am followed by tea/coffee.**

**Evening services have been replaced by 'The Big Worship Night In' on a termly basis.**

## Merry Christmas from Malawi

It's February and we are still talking about Christmas at the Dalitso Project as the container's delay in arriving has meant that parcels are only now being delivered to Thyolo, with Kambilonjo having to wait a little longer since the heavy rains (great for the Maize) has meant the road is impassable and the truck can not get up the hill.

What we can be assured about is that when they do arrive the kids will be delighted with all your gifts and for them it will be worth the wait.

February is a busy month with the weekend of the 8th-10th being filled with things to do. On the Friday evening in OBs at 7pm we are holding our AGM. This year's theme is 'All Grown Up', where we will be looking specifically at the Sponsor Child Programme and the process a young person goes through when they enter the programme.

If you are an annual attender at the AGM or have never been before I would encourage you to come along as we have some important information about how we plan to go forward with the work in Malawi. There will also be delicious pizza to tuck in to!

We all look forward to seeing many of you there.

Also that weekend, 9th -10th we are having our Pamper Weekend. Leonie and Becky are back, along with Mo Broomfield, with their Nail and Physiotherapy skills; with all money going to the ongoing work in Malawi.

Taking place at OBs we will be open over the weekend with delicious soups and teas/coffees, remember you do not have to be having a treatment to pop in.

To book a treatment, call Leonie on 07379812400 or email us at [info@dalitso.org](mailto:info@dalitso.org) Prices and Treatment information is available from the team or on Facebook.

**Charis Bowie**

## Youth Work Update

December and January have been a very busy time in the lives of our children and young people at St. Andrew's and in our local schools.

### Sleep Out

On Saturday the 8th of December, 6 members of the youth group along with Logan and myself slept outside in the garden of the church to raise awareness and money for Homelessness. We began with a presentation and discussion on Homelessness in our local area specifically hearing from the Eagles Wings Trust which is based in Dundee. We then moved outside for a BBQ supper before the night began when we spent eight hours attempting to sleep before coming in to the church at 6am for breakfast. This was an incredible challenge for our young people due to the cold we endured and provided a glimpse into the circumstances of people who find themselves homeless and sleeping rough.

We would like to thank the church congregation for their generous sponsorship which has raised a total of £600. We are going to split this between three charities which work both locally and nationally to combat homelessness; with £300 being donated to Eagles Wings Trust and £150 each to Crisis and Social Bite.

### Edinburgh Christmas Market Trip

For our youth group, a highlight of the year has been the continuation of the annual trip to Edinburgh's Christmas Market. We spent the afternoon and evening of Sunday the 16th of December travelling by train and having the chance to ice skate, go on rides, eat and shop around the market. This trip was a great opportunity for both the younger and older youths to come together with a total of 13 of us going. We thoroughly enjoyed our time away and were able to mix more as a group and deepen both new and existing friendships.

### Bubblegum 'n' Fluff

Over the course of the 4th-7th of December, we held the Bubblegum 'n' Fluff programme in the sanctuary welcoming P5 pupils from Warddykes, Hayshead, Ladyloan, Timmergreens and Muirfield Primary schools. Overall, a total of 192 children attended our church and completed this programme which allows them to engage with the heart of Christmas.

The programme aims to show the children that although the presents, food, trees and decorations are good in helping us to enjoy and celebrate Christmas, the true message of Christmas is the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

This is a major event in our youth calendar and involves a partnership between St. Andrews', the West Kirk and Old and Abbey churches to run the sessions. There are a great many volunteers needed to contribute in different ways to allow each day to run smoothly.

I would like to thank those who baked cakes for the teachers' coffee breaks, those who served the refreshments, our puppeteers and Brainbox actors and all the volunteers who led the groups of children on each day. This is a true team effort and I am very grateful for your support and enthusiasm leading up to and throughout the week.

### Flannelgraph

Finally, many of you will now have seen our new flannelgraph set being used in the church before Christmas for the nativity story and in January for the creation story. I first encountered this method of storytelling at the Bible Alive training I attended in August, run by Scripture Union, where we were taught how to use it successfully to create an interesting visual portrayal of a Bible story.

After returning from the training, it was decided that it would be a fantastic resource for use in our church on a Sunday morning, for Sunday Club, Bible Alive, Messy Church and much more! This set of over 600 pieces came on large sheets of fabric and required each piece to be cut out very carefully before it could be used. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies who helped me with this – without your assistance I would have been cutting out for months! This is another instance when the talents of our crafty individuals in the congregation could be put to good use.

As you can see, there have been many opportunities to engage with the young people in our church and wider community and I look forward to more exciting activities beginning in the next few months!

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information about our youth work!

**Carla Ingram**

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## Play@St. Andrew's

Not long now till we open our new drop-in for families with pre-school children! We've been planning for this for some time and are now just waiting for the necessary Safeguarding clearances that are required of all those working with children and vulnerable adults.

This is going to be more than a traditional toddlers group. It will cater for that age group but for older pre-schoolers as well. We're aiming at Tuesday afternoons (trying not to clash with other options in the town) and will operate on a 'drop-in' basis. Children who have morning playgroup or nursery places will be able to come along for age-appropriate play and social interaction on these afternoons.

We're delighted that our very own Kirsty Napier will be coordinating this new work and that Esther and Brooke will be among the first children!

Watch this space for start details. Pray for the success of the group and be ready to promote it among young families known to you.

# More in pictures

Ian being reunited with his annual



Some of the Guild ladies taking part in a BB drill



Carla, using the new Flannelgraph kit  
Martin & Carala receiving a £1,500 donation from Graham McNicol, Aberbrothock Skea Trust.

Some of our Youth, ice skating in Edinburgh and taking part in the sponsored 'Sleep Out'



Leonie & Ufuk with Ayaz



Michael & Adele with Scarlett



Children from Thyolo receiving their Christmas gifts

A selection of pictures taken from Christmas Jumper Sunday and Church Family Christmas Party

