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Gift Day 2020

Less than a month to go!

As announced in last month's Quest, we will have our Annual Gift Day on Sunday 29th November. 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, particularly through these challenging times.

In the weeks and days before Gift Day let us prepare our hearts through prayer:

Heavenly Father we pray:

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.

Heavenly Father we pray:

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.

Heavenly Father we pray:

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.

How can I give my donation this year? This year there are a number of options for giving your donations.

1. If you use digital/online banking your donation can be made by bank transfer. Bank details are as follows:
Sort code 80-12-35 Account number 00438921
Please ensure you include **'Gift Day'** in the payment reference.
2. There is also a facility available through the Church of Scotland website to make donation by debit or credit card. This can be done by going to the 'Donate to the Church' page on the website and select the 'donate to a congregation' option. Enter 'Arbroath St Andrew's' in the 'select a congregation' option then simply follow the instructions to make a donation by debit or credit card.
3. For those who wish to make a cash or cheque donation:

Either - For those that receive a physical copy of the Quest magazine, a Gift Day envelope will be delivered along with this November edition of Quest. If you are a tax payer, then please also consider completing the Gift Aid declaration as this allows us to reclaim tax at NO extra cost to you.

Or- If you receive an electronic copy of the Quest, or access it online, then place your donation in an envelope marked 'Gift Day' and include a slip with your name and the amount. Also, if you are a tax payer, then a Gift Aid declaration slip is printed in this Quest. This can be printed, cut out and completed and placed inside the envelope. This allows us to reclaim tax at NO extra cost to you.

Envelopes should then be dropped off at the church, either at the Sunday service if you are attending, or by dropping through the letter box. If you can't drop your envelope off on the 29th, don't worry, it can be dropped off between Sunday 29th November and Sunday 6th December.

If you wish to hand in your donation in person then the church office will be open on Monday 30th from 9am-12noon. Gift Day envelopes will be available or you can bring your donation in any envelope as long as it's marked 'Gift Day'. Please come to the front door of the church where the collection box will be situated. You should wear a face covering and follow the instructions of the steward.

If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the Church office.



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ST. ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Member Records****October 2020****Baptisms and Blessings** - None**Weddings** - None**Funerals** - Earl Matthew

Parish funerals were also carried out by Ian Gray.

IMPORTANT DATE**NOVEMBER EDITION****Word Processed files, as attachments, should be sent directly to the Editor****Thursday 19th November (Word-Processed file)****Please NOTE this EARLIER date as it has been requested that the magazine should go out a week earlier than usual.**

We will remember them....

We will hold our annual Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday 8th November and, whether you join with us in the Sanctuary or at home, everyone will be able to participate in the Act of Remembrance.

However, in the week leading up to 8th No-

vember we would like to encourage everyone to join in our commemorations by painting a poppy on a stone or pebble. If you would like to do this in remembrance of a particular person then you could also include their name somewhere on the stone.

Painted poppy stones should then be brought to the church at any time between Monday 2nd - Sunday 8th November and added to the display which will line the sides of the steps leading up to the doors of the church.

Dalitso Update

October has, over the years, become container month for The Dalitso Project team and this year was no different. Even with a number of months of no collecting, we were again able to fill a 40ft container, our 9th since 2013. In this year's container we sent 283 sacks of clothes, 26 sacks of shoes, 88 boxes of blankets and linen, 136 boxes of first aid supplies, 36 boxes of stationary, 10 boxes of soap (much of this donated through the church harvest collection- thanks again!) and lots of toys and school books/supplies. On top of all that we have 107 pieces of school furniture and plenty of walking aids/wheelchairs.

It really is a special day for the team to see the container begin its mammoth journey and an equally special day for our friends in Malawi when it arrives and is unpacked.

As always we will track its journey. It was unfortunately delayed leaving Scotland so its schedule to make it to Malawi for Christmas is very tight so please do pray for a safe and quick journey to Blantyre. Our children, who missed their summer parcel, are I am sure eagerly awaiting the 300+ Christmas presents that are also on their way! Thanks as always to everyone who has donated items to this container. We will restart arranged collections for November only before beginning again on January 4th onwards.

As we approach Christmas the Dalitso team are already planning our Advent Countdown on Facebook which we have done for the last few years. Each day of December up till Christmas Day we will be sharing stories, videos and Christmas fundraisers, so if you are on Facebook please do give our page a like and share it with your friends and family.

GIFT DAY 2020

Gift Aid declaration. I would like to enhance my donation through Gift Aid. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title:

Full Forename(s)

Surname:

Home Address
(first line)

Postcode:

Date:

Signature:

Ask Theophilus

Question :

In Matthew 10:5-6, Jesus says to his twelve apostles when he sent them out, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' Does this show racial prejudice on his part against all non-Jews?

Theophilus answers :

I'm surprised this question hasn't come up before! It concerns the Lord's instructions to his disciples when he sent them out on mission throughout the land. The following verses in Matthew are important because he was laying a foundation for the great enterprise of evangelism that would follow his departure to the Father's presence in heaven.

In other words, Jesus was training them much as ministers, missionaries and evangelists are trained today. Basic principles were being laid down: the message they were to proclaim, the 'random deeds of kindness' they must perform, the faith they must learn to exercise in God's provision for all their needs.

But notice that Jesus set a clear limitation on their task. They were not to follow their own impulses or ideas. Their commission from the Lord was according to his sovereign purposes. It is possible that they would have loved to have gone to those outside the fold of the chosen people. But at this point in time, Jesus gave no authorization for them to do that.

'Why?' we may ask. The answer is easy. The Lord's chosen people had been prepared for centuries for the coming of God's kingdom in a new and revolutionary way. The message of their sacred Scriptures had been consistently prospective; it had been looking forward to the advent of God's anointed King coming among them to inaugurate his kingdom. The Gentiles and Samaritans knew nothing of this, therefore the message the apostles were given to preach would have been incomprehensible to them: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand!' 'What kingdom?' they would have wondered!

In some ways, the going out of the apostles (and later of 'the seventy-two' Luke 10:1ff.) was a final opportunity for the nation to hear of the fulfilment of God's promises, and an appeal to them to respond and accept his Son as their Lord. We know that while some did open their hearts and lives to Jesus, the majority did not.

The mission to all the Gentiles had to be delayed until the work of redemption had been accomplished and Christ had been crucified and raised from the grave. Now was the time for the apostles to advance far beyond the borders of Palestine. Thus, the Saviour's final words were, 'Go and *make disciples of all nations*... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.'

No racial prejudice there!

David Searle

Guild News

Our Guild at Home meeting on 28th September was led by Joan and Gaynor and as mentioned in our last Newsletter we had an update on the work of Seema's Project of the Free to Live Trust. This is one of the six projects all the Guilds have supported over the last three years and due to the fundraising it was possible to send out £10,000 to help cope with the Covid Emergency in helping feed and support the extra children and families that Seema and her team are helping. "With no income, the women have no money to buy food for themselves or their children. Concerned that starvation was a greater threat than Covid, Seema and her team distribute food to the families. This is Christian love in action – a light shining in the darkness". We also had a Wordsearch on Seema's Project and our inspirational person, going the extra mile, was Helen Steiner Rice.

12th October was our Theme Night led by Isobel and Fiona reminding us "in our world today there are many experiencing unimaginable darkness.....God wants us to go and shine our light.....be the friend with a torch in the black-out walking side by side and lighting up the path ahead". Again a quiz was included, along with the life story of Irena

Sendler, our inspirational person.

I took photos of Joan and Roberta's sunflowers mid October and even with more wind and less sun their flowers were still thriving.

On Monday 19th October we held our first Zoom bingo and chat which was great fun and Joyce is going to arrange another one for Monday 16th November.

Our next meeting was on the 26th of October which had an autumnal feel with two lovely crafts provided by Joyce and Fiona. As we move into Autumn we are reminded that even from the beginning God had planned the seasons. In Genesis chapter 1 verse 14 we read "Then God said 'Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days and years'. As we look around us and see the beautiful colours of the falling leaves we know that God is still in control whatever is happening round about us. As Paul encourages us in Galatians 6 v 9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap a harvest if we do not give up".

"Whose we are and whom we serve. Amen"

Earl J. Matthew M.B.E.

Helen, Donald and Wilma would like to thank the family of St. Andrew's Church for all their lovely cards and flowers received on the sad loss of Earl. To the 7th Arbroath BB Officers for the lovely tribute at the church and to the Elder's who lined the cemetery gates our heartfelt thanks.

Thanks also to Rev Ian Gray for his comforting service, we are so lucky at St. Andrew's Church to have him. To the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, our own The Very Rev. W. Martin Fair grateful thanks for your tribute to Earl. God Bless You all.



Joan and Roberta's sunflowers were still thriving in mid-October!

Below left - the two crafts provided by Joyce and Fiona.

Below right - Our Harvest Gifts to the two selected charities.

