



Call On The Name Of The Lord

Dear friends

By the time you read this we will be “on the other side” of Pentecost Sunday and congregational votes on the Basis of Union will be occurring in all 9 places of worship in Arbroath and District. It is an uncertain time for us all and not easy to see what might be on “the other side” of the Union.

While the day of Pentecost that we read of in Acts Chapter 2 may have passed, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit most certainly has not! Jesus is continually present in his church, and in you and me through the Holy Spirit. Yet there have been dry and difficult periods in the life of churches across our nation, and we are so in need of renewal and revival where there is an increased awareness of God’s presence and people come to realise their need for Him.

We need such a season now in our churches.

The Thy Kingdom Come prayer week has provided us with the opportunity and challenge to come together in unity and pray with one purpose “Your Kingdom come; Your will be

done on earth as it is in heaven”. In essence we are saying “We are willing to co-labour with You Lord in the work of the Holy Spirit so that things on earth start to look and sound like they do in heaven” so that...

“everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Acts: 2: 21)

As I alluded to in my sermon on Pentecost Sunday, we need to pray that God will move amongst us, pour the new wine of His Spirit and His Kingdom into our churches, and give us a blueprint for the new wineskin of how we “do” church; a wineskin that is flexible and ready for this new wine.

Friends, let’s stay united in prayer and purpose through these uncertain times and keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus, trusting in Him and making room in our hearts for His Spirit.

Love to you all

Jonathan

Thank You All

Last week, we pictured the Sanctuary being used for a Craft Fair. It is also used by the Blood Transfusion Service and for Conferences etc. This brings in excellent income to the church, without which we would be struggling to meet our heating bills. However, it does entail a lot of setting up and taking down of tables and the stacking and then resetting of chairs. This is very largely done by Linda, our admin assistant, and a few helpers. If you are also fit and able to assist then please let Linda know. In the meantime a massive thank you to Linda and her helpers.



Our front and rear gardens are looking beautiful (see above) and our thanks have previously gone to Jack for his many years of diligent tending. We now have a band of volunteers who are also doing a great job - many thanks to them. Also thanks to Billy Beattie who has taken on the task of painting our sheds and some windows - which were previously done by Alan McSkimming on the Fabric Group.

Our Flower Club ladies continue to decorate our church from week to week and for special events - as seen above for Pentacost. Well done, and thank you all.

There are many others who give of their time and talents in many other different ways, and often not as visible - our thanks to all. If you feel you can offer help, then please do not hesitate to volunteer!

Jim seems to have everyone’s attention at the Café!



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ST. ANDREW'S ARBROATH**Member Records****May 2023**

Baptisms - None

Weddings - None

Funerals - None

Jonathan 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.

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as attachments,
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to the Editor by

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or to the church office by
FRIDAY 16th June

Toiletries

Another 20 bags of toiletries were delivered to the Women's Aid at Easter.

A very big thank you to everyone who left donations of toiletries in the cupboard in the small halls. As always, the Women's Aid were delighted to receive the bags.

The Dalitso Project

Hi everyone,

Apologies for missing the Quest last month so here is a 2-month update.

We are changing the format of how we inform our supporters. For 3 years now we have used an online magazine, or for some, a printed version, and the Quest. The online version though initially popular is no longer read as much – possibly because for the most of us life has returned to near normal after Covid. We want to keep things fresh and relevant so for those of you who have access to online items, we are going to move to a more regular, shorter newsletter that will come straight to your inbox, once a month, using MailChimp. If you would like to be included and/or have not received an email, please get in touch with me or Charis on 07866 256236 or any committee member. It is easy to add you to our email list. For those who received printed versions you will receive this as normal every 3 months. We hope you like the new format and that the shorter articles will result in you getting information in much more manageable chunks. Our past magazines will stay live on Issuu.com for any new supporters that would like to get a flavour of what's been happening over the last 3 years.

We will soon be getting the details of Autumn (no longer summer) & Christmas parcels to you. Everything will be different since we have no container, but flights are booked for a team going in October again, since that was successful last year. They will take the smaller parcel for your sponsor child with them, but Christmas will need to be treated differently. More news of that next time.

At our recent trustee meeting a date was set for our annual AGM. This is only a small part of the evening, so don't think anyone is going to railroad you to be on our committee!! Therefore, please come and join us for the highlight and main part of the evening. As we celebrate our 'Sweet 16 years', our focus is on what it is like to be a 16-year-old in Malawi. Hear stories and reflections from our centres as we compare how life is different to young people here in Scotland. What challenges do our young people face as they move from childhood to adulthood and how is your support ensuring these barriers are removed? Come and find out. A night not to be missed. 7pm for a 7.30 start at Dishlandtown Street Bowling club on Friday 9th June 2023.

See you there

Doris

Café : Wednesday May 3rd 2023

This was a special afternoon, as we were looking forward to our Afternoon Tea together and you'll see from the photos that we enjoyed a nice afternoon. We'd suggested not to have too much for lunch so that we had room for our special tea! We sang Happy Birthday to two folks who had May birthdays and then found out that Jim, who we had invited along from the Men's Shed as he had been so helpful making the putting markers for us, had celebrated his birthday the week before. However, we then had a fourth! Ashleigh, bless her, comes straight from work to help at Café and she'd hardly come through the door before she found herself in the limelight as we sang Happy Birthday to her as well!

On behalf of everyone at Café, thank you so much to all you kind people who supported us in our recent Soup Lunch. We made the wonderful and amazing total of £350 which will go a long way to buying some new activities for our monthly get-togethers. We are so grateful to you for your kindness and support.