



St Andrew's Parish Church  
(Church of Scotland),  
Inverurie

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Happy New Year!

I pray this year will bring you  
much happiness and joy.

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Dear friends,

I've been thinking about how different people look at the same situation or issue with different perspectives...

I can't help thinking of two of my aunts. One aunt lived in a London suburb and was petrified of burglars. Every window seemed to be double locked and you had to ask for the door to be unlocked if you just wanted to walk down to the pillar box! Our next visit was to Chichester. That aunt's cottage backed onto Marks and Spencer's car park. As a music teacher she had a flat roofed extension to house her piano. Above the flat roof was a large bathroom window. My aunt had been travelling for a few weeks. We picked her up at the railway station and drove to her house. As we arrived my mother was concerned and spoke of the open bathroom window. My aunt simply said, "My dear, I had to leave it open for the cat!"

We speak of glass half full people and glass half empty people... My sister and I have very different attitudes to our long distance walks. I am glad to do them but I cannot honestly say that I enjoy every step whilst Elisabeth relishes each stage and the more difficult the path and the more clambering around the better! Think of people's views about television programmes or films... even people with a great deal in common often cannot stand each other's favourites.

The beginning of a new year is perhaps a time to review some of the ways we look at life. As Christians we are called to seek God's perspectives rather than clinging to our own.

Paul offers us some timely food for thought in Romans Chapter 12, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

**With my love and prayers, Mary**

## On Hearing a Thrush Sing in a Morning Walk in January

Sing on, sweet thrush, upon the leafless bough,

Sing on, sweet bird, I listen to thy strain:

See aged Winter, 'mid his surly reign,

At thy blythe carol clears his furrowed brow.

So in lone Poverty's dominion drear

Sits meek Content with light, unanxious heart,

Welcomes the rapid moments, bids them part,

Nor asks if they bring ought to hope or fear.

I thank Thee, Author of this opening day,

Though whose bright sun now gilds yon orient skies!

Riches denied, Thy boon was purer joys:

What wealth could never give nor take away!

Yet come, thou child of Poverty and Care,

The mite high Heav'n bestowed, that mite with

Thee I'll share.

*(Robert Burns, 25 January 1759—21 July 1796)*



### 2017 Christian Aid Christmas Card Delivery

**Scheme:** Thank you to all the Christian Aid Christmas card volunteers, the sorting office staff and posties who slid around delivering Christmas cards. Over £1700.00 was raised for Christian Aid.

Also to all those who used the service and contributed to the work of Christian Aid in 2017. Look out for news of events in 2018.

**Alison Young**

### Lost & Found ...

A Mobile Phone has been handed into the church office. This was found in the church on Sunday, 3 December. Unfortunately the battery is dead so unable to access information on phone. Contact Jackie, Church Office.

## Our 175th Anniversary Year ...

**O**WOW! What a wonderful year we have had celebrating the 175th anniversary of the present church building. The first event was Stainer's "Crucifixion" held on April 9th with professional soloists and choir conducted by Brian Smith, our former organist. On May 20th, Brian was once more at St Andrew's when he played the piano for The Military Wives' Choir from Kinloss to a packed church. Again, this concert was a huge "hit" with the 300 + people in the audience. The committee would like to thank Molly and Mo for their vital liaising with Brian re these 2 concerts.

**O**n June 17th over 100 guests enjoyed the most successful Strawberry Tea ever held at St Andrew's, and on August 4th the church welcomed a group from Ghana (under the auspices of the AIYF) who gave a superb programme of singing, dancing and story telling. Audience participation was encouraged and it was great to see folk join in with the fun.

**O**n Sunday 13th August a special anniversary service was held to celebrate the very first act of worship held in the newly completed building on August 14, 1842. Sheila Craggs conducted the service and welcomed special guests: Ian and Yvonne Crichton (Ian's grandfather, Rev Alexander Crichton, was a former minister at Inverurie West); Rev and Mrs Iain Telfer (minister of St Andrew's 1989- 2000); Rev John Walker from St Mary's Episcopal Church, Inverurie; and Mr Jack Hendry who represented the Garioch Heritage Society. Stuart Watson gave an excellent "potted" history of Christianity in our area over the past 1600 years (for more information do buy Stuart's first class booklet on the history of St Andrew's); the hymns, played beautifully by our organist, Ian Milne, were sung with enthusiasm by the 180+ congregation; and the anthem from the choir was appropriate and greatly appreciated. After the last hymn, Mary Cranfield, our Interim Moderator, gave a fitting Vote of Thanks to all who had contributed to the service before cutting the anniversary cake - generously donated by JG Ross.

**T**hen came the Big Floral and Scarecrow Weekend - Friday 29th September - Sunday 1st October! How do I begin to describe the impact made not only on our church but throughout Inverurie and District. People came from near and far to admire the gorgeous floral decorations which were created by Eileen Robertson and her fantastic "flower" ladies. The 71 scarecrows which festooned the town of Inverurie were due to the hard work of Teams Naysmith and Robertson (PLUS husbands!) who encouraged churches, businesses, schools, individuals and other willing partners to be involved in a project which truly caught the imagination of the community! We even managed to get a slot on STV news! A Memorabilia Corner, organised by committee member Alison, proved tremendously popular with people chatting about "Old Inverurie" and the good old days! There was also a display of our fine church silver carefully arranged and presented by Ralph and Jenny Green. Throughout the weekend a variety of musicians played in the Old Chapel whilst people enjoyed their coffees, lunches and afternoon teas. The final event of this magnificent weekend was a terrific performance by the Inverurie Rock Choir. I think we all went home that night and gave ourselves a well deserved G&T!!

Then came a very different concert on October 28th, the Peterhead and Moray Male Voice Gospel Choirs, but equally enjoyable and much appreciated - beautifully sung choral pieces, duets and solos - all compered by chairman, Bill Sangster, with great good humour. The Committee would like to thank Alastair & Anne Smith and Molly for their help and support with this concert.

On November 11th another very successful Soup and Sweet Lunch (including Craft Fair) was held and this event also gave us the opportunity to sell tickets for our Grand Finale Concert on December 10th.

Grand Finale is the correct term to describe our ultimate BLOCKBUSTER Concert! Rosie Milne's irrepressible flair for cajoling groups/artistes/and soloist to take part meant that people were treated to an evening of great music, drama and fun. We are indebted to the Inverurie Concert Band for their terrific rendition of Peter and the Wolf with Stuart Watson as an excellent narrator; to the Mitchell School of Drama for their hilarious skits which had folk laughing their heads off; to Pieces of Eight (part of the all male Granite City Chorus) for their wonderful harmony (a capella/barbershop style); to Inverurie Choral Society, under the direction of Moira Hunter and pianist, Anna Geddes, for their beautifully chosen pieces, all sung with great musicality; and last, but by no means least, to Valerie Chapman, soprano, for her solos and for closing this memorable concert with the hauntingly beautiful "O Holy Night". I am sure everyone will carry the memory, for a very long time, of Valerie singing this final song within the candlelit chancel of our beloved church.

I have mentioned many people in my article but I must devote a paragraph to Pat Wink and her team of helpers who catered for all of the above events. Their contribution deserves the highest praise: the organisation, the generous donations, the baking, cooking, setting out - I could go on and on and still not thank them enough! St Andrew's is rightly known, far and wide, for its delicious food and this is all due to our marvellous catering ladies.

Of course, these events would not have been a success if you, our loyal audience, had not turned up, month after month, to support us, so a BIG "Thank you" to you all. Without YOU, there would have been no celebration! I should also like to record the committee's thanks to our invaluable Church Administrator, Jackie Reith, for her help which she gives so willingly - and always with a smile; to John Chapman for his assistance re the sound system - John, we could not have done without you! to our "Raffle Boys", Aly Bonnyman and Allan Duff; to Peter Donaldson for his super photography; and to all the volunteers who, in one way or another, assisted us during this special year.

Finally, as Convener of the 175th Anniversary Committee, I have to say what a privilege it has been to work with such a dedicated group. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Molly Conn, Rosie Milne, Eunice Naysmith, Eileen Robertson, Mo Vernal, Stuart Watson, Pat Wink and Alison Young. I can honestly say that we never had a cross word from start to finish and everyone gave freely of their talents, time and money to make the year's programme such a resounding success. Girls and Guy, you are all FAB - and it has been **FUN! THANK YOU!**

**Kit**

## Working in and around our Church ...

You may have noticed or heard from others that quite an amount of work has been taking place in and around our Church.

Old buildings, and as you will be aware St Andrew's Church is 175 years old, need regular, almost constant maintenance.

A great deal of work was carried out some 7 years ago when the Church, our Old Chapel and Hall were modernised and upgraded. Time however takes its toll, and almost 3 years ago we had a significant fire in the electricity sub distribution board in the Chapel of Apolinarus. The results of the fire were mainly taken care of shortly afterwards but there remains the issue of damp penetration on the rear wall. Some treatment has been carried out there but repainting of that wall has still to be attended to once we are certain that the damp penetration has been cured.

So what has been going on? In addition to the external wall treatment affecting the New Chapel of Apolinarus, considerable work was carried out to the porch roof entrance to the Old Hall and the drains from it. In addition to repairing the porch roof, Derrick Reith made an excellent job and painted all the low external fascias around the Church and halls. Derrick also repainted the pale

blue internal walls of the Church, and the sloping in-goes of the windows internally. These were being damaged by leakage from cracked window panes. On a horribly wet Monday (October 2017)



Garioch glazing replaced 17 small panes of glass in the large

Church windows so hopefully that problem is now resolved. It however became obvious that we could not stop there.

Externally the window frames and sills were badly in need of attention. It is almost 9 years since these were last attended to, given the lack of Church finances. Derrick was again employed to deal with these (see photos) and as I write (mid November 2017) this work is still ongoing, but should be finished soon. We are very grateful to Derrick for his excellent work.

In addition there have been a few issues with keys to the halls. Several keys have been removed from the key safes and not returned, and one key safe had to be replaced after being torn from the wall!

New vinyl flooring is also about to be undertaken in the gents toilet (very poor condition) and in the store cupboard in the New Hall (dangerous trip hazard).

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## The Manse

You will also be aware that our Manse has been vacant for some time and as we are hopeful that eventually we shall have a new minister, work is also required to improve the condition of the Manse.

Recently as a matter of necessity overgrown trees/shrubs were removed from the Manse garden and the large double glazed unit in the front lounge was replaced. The seal had gone almost two years ago. Again we are very grateful to Duncan Naysmith for its subsequent repainting at nil cost. Your Fabric Committee met recently at the Manse and agreed that given our limited funds we should prioritise work needed there.

It is our intention firstly to renovate the main bathroom, i.e. replace all sanitary fittings, bath etc with new ones and generally improve and upgrade on what

are 40 year old fittings. The Congregational Board endorsed this recommendation and competitive prices for this work are being sought. Work on the Manse bathroom is expected to start soon.

Depending upon actual costs, it is then hoped that our next priority will be the renovation of the Manse kitchen. All existing white goods are fairly new and are in very good condition, so work in the kitchen will be less onerous, and hopefully not too expensive.

Certain rooms in the manse need recarpeting or perhaps wood flooring, but these have yet to be prioritised by your Fabric Committee as it is a substantial redecoration, all dependant on finance being available. Updates will be given as works progress.

**Peter Donaldson**  
(Fabric Convener)

**“Time Out”** ... As it was the first Sunday of Advent we all went to church where Erin lit the first candle (“Hope”) in the ring and we heard the story of Advent. Back in the hall

the children listened to the final part of the Christmas story ending with a lovely prayer. Party games followed and we had some delicious food. All the children coloured in a Christmas card to take home and then they each received a gift of an Advent calendar, an Advent candle and a bag of toffee made by Joyce under the careful eye of her mother, Gerty! Thanks to the Time Out team who provided the food and to the Social Committee who donated the gifts. **Our next Time Out will be the first Sunday in February and we look forward to welcoming back all our faithful youngsters and hope to see some new ones. All welcome and good wishes for 2018.**



## Congregational Roll

### ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 23rd November - 31st December 2017

#### Recently Deceased

Mr W Lippe, 16 Selbie Drive      23/11/2017  
Mr J Fowlie, 28 Selbie Drive      21/12/2017

#### Service conducted by

Rev. M Cranfield  
Rev. R Cathcart

#### Change of Address

Mrs L Corsar (formerly 6 Golf Place)      now at Ellon      (MC118)

## Ministry of Flowers

### CHURCH

### VESTIBULE

#### JANUARY

7th	Ken & Jill Tuach, High Street	
14th	The Johnstone Family, Hay's Court	
21st	Mr & Mrs D Keith, The Gardens	Mrs N Sinclair, Don Crescent
28th	Mrs Ritchie, Middlepark	

#### FEBRUARY

4th      Mr Shand, Morningside Drive

**2018 Flower Calendar is now in the Church Vestibule.** Can I take this opportunity to thank all members of the congregation who have donated so generously to the flower fund in 2017. Every Sunday after the church service the flowers are distributed to members of the congregation who are ill or have suffered a bereavement.

With the new 2018 calendar now in the vestibule, could you please add your preferred date for flowers by writing your name and telephone number in the spaces provided. A few weeks before your date please put your donation into an envelope with your details, date, preferred colours, if any, and hand into the church office. If paying by cheque please make it payable to St Andrew's Church Flower Fund.

**Eileen Robertson** (*Flower Convener*)



## Sunday Services & Readings

### JANUARY

7th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Tom Dalgleish
14th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Sarah Davidson
21st	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Betty Gale
28th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Dr Eric Brew

### FEBRUARY

4th	10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out"	Minister:	To be confirmed
		Reader:	Moira Keith
11th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	To be confirmed
		Reader:	Alison Young



### Door & Welcome

### Offering & Count

#### JANUARY

7th	J Bruce	E Barrack	R Green	I Greig
14th	Jill Bruce	V Binnie	E Gale	S Hepburn
21st	G Bruce	H Christie	J Ingram	A Kelly
28th	B Cadenhead	Y Deacon	J Lawson	H Morrice

#### FEBRUARY

4th	Y Clark	C Clark	R Milne	K Pawson
11th	S Davidson	A Duff	A Smith	D Stuart

***If for any reason you are unable to manage any of the above dates,  
it is your responsibility to arrange a swap with someone  
else on the rota and then it is IMPORTANT to let our  
Church Administrator know of any changes. Thank you.***

## Diary of Events – School Term

<b>Mondays</b>		9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Signing Class (Old Hall/ Kitchen)
6.30 to 7.30 am	Boot Camp Tribal Core(Old Hall)	7.00 to 8.00 pm	Pilates (Old Hall)
10.00 to 11 .00 am	Zumba Class(Old Hall/Kitchen)	<b>Thursdays</b>	
3.00 - 5.30 pm	Pre-school Ballet classes (Old Hall)	8.00 am to 1.30 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)
6.30 to 8.30 pm	Boys Brigade (New & Old Hall)	9.30 to 11.00 am	Pre-school Ballet classes (Old Hall)
6.00 to 8.00 pm	Weight Watchers (Old Chapel/ Kitchen)	7.00 to 9.00 pm	Guides (New Hall)
<b>Tuesdays</b>		7.10 to 8.10 pm	MSD (Old Hall)
8.00 am to 2.00 pm	Playgroup (New Hall))	<b>Fridays</b>	
4.00 to 5.30 pm	Rainbows (Old Hall/Kitchen)	6.30 to 7.30 am	Boot Camp Tribal Core (Old Hall)
10.00 to 11.40 am	Scottish Slimmers (Old Hall/ Kitchen)	8.00 am to 2.00 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)
6.15 to 7.45 pm	Scottish Slimmers(Old Chapel)	9.30 am to 3.30 pm	Gordon Dementia Care (Old Chapel)
7.00 to 10.00 pm	Rock Choir (Old Hall)	7.30 to 10.00 pm	Boys Brigade (Old Hall)
<b>Wednesdays</b>		<b>Saturdays</b>	
6.30 to 7.30 am	Boot Camp Tribal Core (Old Hall)	12.30 to 5.00 pm	MSD (New Hall)
8.00 am to 2.30 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)	2.30 to 5.00 pm	MSD (Old & New Hall)

### OTHER EVENTS—JANUARY

7th	6.30 to 7.30 pm	MSD (New Hall)
7th	2.30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
10th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
10th	7.30 pm	Congregational Board Meeting (New Chapel)
14th	6.30 to 7.30 pm	MSD (New Hall)
16th	10.30 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
17th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
17th	7.00 pm	Playgroup AGM (Old Chapel)
19th	8.30 am to 1.00 pm	Mess Around (Old Hall)
19th	7.30 to 9.30 pm	RCCG (Old Chapel/Kitchen)
21st	6.30 to 7.30 pm	MSD (New Hall)
21st	2.30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
24th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
25th	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen)
26th	9.45 to 11.15 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen)
28th	6.30 to 7.30 pm	MSD (New Hall)
31st	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band

**FUNDRAISING (December): Teas £20.10 Rag Bag £78.00**

## 2018 Social Events for

*For more information please call either the Church Office or  
Mrs Molly Conn (Tel: 01467 620612) or  
email: conninverurie@aol.com*



St Andrew's Old Chapel

### Burns Lunch

Saturday,  
27th January 2018

12 noon - 2.00 pm

Haggis, Neeps & Tatties

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Trifle/Peaches, Meringue &  
Ice Cream

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Tea/Coffee & Tablet

Tickets : £6.00 pp

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appreciated.*

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### St Andrew's Safeguarding Statement

*(Relating to the Protection of Children and Young People in the Church.  
 Adopted by the General Assembly, May 1997.)*

The Church of Scotland has a deep concern for the wholeness and well-being of each individual. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of all people, regardless of age, who come into contact with the church and its organisations. It is the responsibility of each individual within the fellowship of the church to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children, young people and the vulnerable. St Andrew's Parish Church has a Zero Tolerance Policy to any form of abuse.