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(Church of Scotland),
Inverurie

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**Remember on Valentine's Day -
The Love of God sent to you!**

(quote by Roger W Hancock)

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Dear friends,

We often speak of respect. However sometimes in the way we use the noun or verb there seems to be an element of showing respect to certain people rather than others. We respect or admire someone or something because of their good qualities or achievements and so on... Of course it is very understandable and appropriate to mention one's respect for someone's contribution to society and to express, for instance, one's respect for a particular teacher who may have had a profound influence on aspects of one's life. But I do think that there is an even more important aspect to respect – the respect with which we are to regard **everyone**.

One dictionary definition speaks simply of considering “somebody or something worthy of respect”. There is a vital sense in which we are all “worthy of respect” because of our shared humanity. Again and again the Bible rejects exploitation and any behaviour in which the weak or vulnerable are marginalised or ignored. Each person is understood as someone created by God and someone for whom Jesus died and must therefore be treated with respect.

The same dictionary that speaks of being “worthy of respect” also mentions refraining from violation. As Christians it is our responsibility to do all that we can to promote respect for all and to prevent the abuse of the more voiceless and vulnerable members of our society and other societies. Until recently we weren't aware of some of the hideous manifestations of modern slavery, evident within this region and elsewhere, but now we are informed we surely cannot shy away from these realities and must try to do what we can to prevent them from happening. Recent months have also shown an increase in public awareness of other inappropriate practices. The constant media discussions of such issues mean that we may well have unusually frequent opportunities to promote the importance of respect for all in our encounters with family, friends and others.

With my love and prayers, Mary

Vacancy ... Some have been asking why we have no minister as yet. Unfortunately we have been very close to asking for someone to preach as sole nominee only to have them pull out at the last minute, and others we have seen have either gone elsewhere or have not been thought suitable for our congregation. The Nomination Committee continues to look and our vacancy remains on the

internet portal for the Church of Scotland. We do get the odd “nibble” but unfortunately these have not progressed. The reality is there are many more vacant churches than people in the ministry. Please keep praying, and as my gran used to say, “*What's for you will not go by you*”.

Robin Young, Convener of
Nominations Committee

News from the Congregational Board These are the key points from the meeting held on 10th January 2018 -

Social Committee

There will be a Burns' Lunch held on Saturday 27 January, 2018. This will be the last event for the foreseeable future - the social committee is taking a well deserved break after the 175th Celebrations. Sunday teas will continue as normal.

Change of Address: We are often not informed when members move house. If you are moving or you know of a member who has, or is in the process of moving, or whose circumstances have changed, can you **please let the office know**? We would rather hear 10 times than not at all.

Visits: Please inform the office if you know of anyone who is in hospital or at home ill who would like a visit from the Minister.

As stated before, Congregational Board and Kirk Session Meetings are open meetings and **you are welcome to attend** to observe what happens. It is very rare for any part of a meeting to be in private. If you have any matters about Church Property, Finance or Social Issues you would like raised at the Board or you would be willing to serve on the Board please speak to or email me, the office or the Interim Minister.

Joyce Lawson, Clerk to the Congregational Board



**DO YOU ENJOY
SINGING? IF SO,
ST ANDREW'S CHOIR
would make you so
welcome - we urgently**

need new members. In recent years many people have found great pleasure in choral singing via TV programmes or groups such as Military Wives' Choir. You do not need to be able to read music and there are no auditions. The only requirement is a willingness to enjoy a range of music.

We meet **fortnightly on a Thursday evening for one hour, 7.30-8.30 pm.** The next meeting is **Thursday, 8th February.** Please enter by the Church front door and meet upstairs by the organ. I look forward to welcoming you then.

Ian Milne, Church Organist



(from back row)- Rosie Milne, Eileen Robertson, Eunice Naysmith, Pat Wink, Stuart Watson, Mo Vernal, Kit Pawson, Molly Conn & Alison Young (inserted)

Our 175th Anniversary Year

Our first brainstorming/planning meeting was way back in October 2016. Obviously finances were discussed and we all agreed that it was essential to make sure we did not run at a loss and therefore at each event we had to at least break even. Whilst we did not set out to make money - our aim being to celebrate 175 years in our beautiful church - we hoped that we might make a small sum. As each event passed, however, it became clear that we were in fact raising quite a substantial amount. The **total profit of £10,585.75** (see breakdown of Income & Expenditure below) has far exceeded our expectations and we must thank all who supported our varied events throughout last year. One final note, you will see that our only loss

was due to the lack of tea towel sales so, if you have not bought one or would like another one, there are plenty left !!

Mo Vernal (Treasurer for the 175 Committee)

INCOME

Date	Item	Cost (£)
	Soup & Sweet	375.00
21.1.17	Haggis, Neep & Tatties	502.00
TOTAL SALES	Sunday Sales Table	269.50
TOTAL SALES	Sale of Tea Towels	625.50
9.4.17	Sale of Marmalade	14.00
9.4.17	Stainer's Crucifixion	314.28
30.4.17	Donations for Moderator's Visit	17.16
TOTAL SALES	Sale of Tickets (Military Wives)	2,850.00
TOTAL SALES	Sale of 175th Anniversary Booklet	305.00
19.6.17	Strawberry Tea	1,165.25
4.8.17	A.I.Y.F. - Ghana	478.00
5.9.17	Donation	35.00
5.10.17	Flower & Scarecrow Festival	6,003.20
28.10.17	Gospel Choir	650.00
11.11.17	Soup & Sweet	650.35
12.12.17	Quizzes	66.00
12.12.17	Floats	60.00
12.12.17	Gala Concert (inc. raffle)	1,844.20
	TOTAL INCOME	16,224.44

175th Celebration (contd)

EXPENDITURE INCURRED

Date	Item	Cost (£)
10.11.16	Donation to Nkhoma Hospital	200.00
12.1.17	Cheque to Alan Robertson - Banner	48.00
21.1.17	Haggis, Neeps & Tatties	93.78
6.4.17	Planters & Compost - Cheque to Eileen Robertson	107.98
9.4.17	Stainer's Crucifixion	127.84
20.5.17	Military Wives Concert	144.31
25.5.17	Cheque to Military Wives	1,285.00
19.6.17	Cheque to M. Vernal - Strawberry Tea	25.39
19.6.17	Food items from Morrisons - St. Tea	49.69
20.6.17	Cheque to M. Conn - Strawberry Tea	37.80
20.6.17	Repay Loan to Social Funds	2,225.42
6.9.17	Cheque to Alan Robertson - Banner	48.00
6.9.17	Cheque to M. Conn - Sausage Rolls	32.25
5.10.17	Flower & Scarecrow Festival	388.00
29.10.17	Gospel Choir	43.00
11.11.17	Soup & Sweet	45.29
11.11.17	£50.00 Cheque sent to A.I.Y.F. (Transport)	50.00
	plus £25.00 for the above	25.00
12.12.17	Gala Concert Expenses	181.30
8.1.18	Cheque to St. Andrew's Church for various printing costs	480.64
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,638.69

Accounts ... The accounts for 2017 will shortly be prepared. The accounts for 2016 were approved by the Board in December after a delay to reconcile between how they were to be presented. The congregation should be aware we continue to show a deficit in our Ministries and Missions Payments from previous years but during 2016 and 2017 we paid our full dues and managed to reduce the deficit slightly. We have made a commitment to Presbytery to continue to reduce this deficit where funds are available. You should note that we cannot use certain "Restricted Funds" to do this and the income from our current activities

barely covers our running costs. Over the past 2 years we have significantly reduced our running costs but there is little scope now to continue improving these savings without impacting on the workings of the Church. If we are to remain viable we must make all efforts to increase our earnings. Income has been increased through more use of the facilities by others but the church is now very busy and our only means of increasing income is to rely on an increase in givings by members of the congregation.

Robin Young, Treasurer

Fabric update ... As promised to members of the Congregation in an earlier article, I am now in a position to update what is happening in and around our Church.

Window repairs

Derrick Reith has done a marvellous job in cutting out rotten sills, replacing them with new timber and finally painting them in both the Church and the Old Chapel. The Fabric Committee is very grateful for all he has done. Cracked panes were also replaced by Garioch Glazing and our windows should be sound and free from water penetration for the foreseeable future.

Proposed lighting at the front of the Church

A substantial sum was raised over the last year by the 175th Anniversary Committee. They suggested that the Congregational Board/Kirk Session should, in addition to upgrading the Manse kitchen and bathroom, consider this proposal. If we proceed with this we may need Planning permission and approval from CARTA (Church Art and Architecture Committee).

On behalf of the Fabric Committee I've been in contact with a local Electrical Contractor who will ask a specialist in floodlighting to draft up a scheme to be presented to the Planning Authorities and CARTA. Positioning of the lighting is important so as to avoid spillage into adjacent properties and also to avoid shadows that rather than enhance the building could detract from it. This proposal will be considered in due course by members of the Fabric

Committee who will then make a recommendation to the Board as to whether we proceed.

Manse Bathroom upgrade

Three local contractors were invited to submit tenders for this work. The successful local contractor has indicated that the fitments are now on order and he will probably be able to start work in a week or so - late January/beginning of February.

I'll be asking members of the Fabric Committee for suggested wall colours in due course. A local painter will supply suggestions/colour charts. Aqua panelling will be put in place behind the Shower.

Proposed Kitchen upgrade

It is likely that we shall need to replace all the units as the existing cabinets etc are imperial measurement, (original installation was in the 70's) and it is unlikely that metric sized door panels will fit the existing carcasses.

One of the reps from the chosen supplier (not yet decided at date of writing) will come and measure up the kitchen and indicate prices. A member of the Congregation, a qualified surveyor, has offered to supervise the installation.

Choice of units /colour schemes etc will be left to the members of the Fabric committee, and then reported to the Board.

I shall report periodically in the Saltire so that members are aware of progress.

Peter Donaldson, (Fabric Convener)



ASH WEDNESDAY (14 February 2018) – mourning our sins ...

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition has its origins in the Old Testament. In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. They mourned for the damage and evil they had done. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin. (See Genesis 18:27; 2 Samuel 13:19; Job 2:8, 30:19; Isaiah 58:5; Jeremiah 6:26; Jonah 3:6).

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to 'rend your hearts and not your garments' (Joel 2:12-19). Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'.

The collect for today goes back to the Prayer Book and stresses the penitential character of the day. It encourages us with the reminder of the readiness of God to forgive us and to renew us. The Bible readings for today are often Joel 2:1-2, 12 – 18, Matthew 6: 1-6, 16 – 21 and Paul's moving catalogue of suffering, "as having nothing and yet possessing everything." (2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10)

The actual custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Church of England, receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Certainly the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds people of their mortality: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return..." (Genesis 3:19). The late medieval custom was to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL

31st December 2017 - 31st January 2018

Recently Deceased

Service conducted by

Mr W Proctor, Overdon Care Home	15/12/2017	Baldarroch Crem.
Mrs Jeana Lorimer, The Grove Nursing Home	31/12/2017	Mrs M Robb
Mr David Keith, 10 The Gardens	4/1/2018	Rev. S Craggs
Mr Charles Douglas, 8 The Gardens	4/1/2018	Rev. S Craggs
Mrs Elizabeth Trail, 24 Don House	8/1/2018	Mrs M Robb
Mrs Catherine Wink, 16 George Square	9/1/2018	Rev. M Cranfield
Mrs Eleanor Bannerman, 34a Middlemuir Rd	12/1/2018	Rev. M Cranfield
Mrs Edna Blacklock, Garioch Nursing Home	14/1/2018	Private Cremation
Mrs Eleanor Grant, Bennachie Care Home	26/1/2018	Rev. M Cranfield

Change of Address

Mrs C Milne, formerly of 27 Selbie Drive	now at Inverurie Hospital
Mr & Mrs A Thain, formerly of 1 Ardtannes Pl	new address unknown

Ministry of Flowers

CHURCH

VESTIBULE

FEBRUARY

4th	Mr Shand, Morningside Drive
11th	IMO of Mr & Mrs Robertson
18th	Anon
25th	George & Betty Ross, Duncairn

MARCH

4th	The Murray Family, Dugisla	Norman Peters & Family, Ritchie Row
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2018 Flower Calendar is now in the Church Vestibule. May 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 would 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

FEBRUARY

4th	10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out"	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Moirra Keith
11th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Alison Young
18th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Robin Young
25th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	To be confirmed
		Reader:	Kit Pawson

MARCH

4th	10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out"	Minister:	To be confirmed
		Reader:	Stuart Watson
11th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	To be confirmed
		Reader:	Peter Donaldson



Door & Welcome

Offering & Count

FEBRUARY

4th	Y Clark	C Clark	R Milne	K Pawson
11th	S Davidson	A Duff	A Smith	D Stuart
18th	Dr E Brew	P Donaldson	J Williams	P Wink
25th	I Fraser	A Duff	R Young	A Young

MARCH

4th	I Greig	E Gale	Dr E Brew	Joyce Bruce
11th	S Hepburn	J Ingram	M Vernal	V Binnie

***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

Mondays		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)	Thursdays	
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)
Tuesdays		7.10 to 8.10 pm	MSD (Old Hall)
8.00 am to 2.00 pm	Playgroup (New Hall))	Fridays	
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)
Wednesdays		Saturdays	
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—FEBRUARY

4th	2.30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
4th	5.30 to 8.30 pm	MSD Group (New Hall)
7th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
13th	10.30 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
14th	7.30 pm	Kirk Session Meeting (New Chapel)
14th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
16th	7.30 to 9.30 pm	RCCG (Old Chapel)
17th	2.30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel & Kitchen)
21st	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
22nd	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen)
23rd	9.45 to 11.15 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen)
26th	1.00 to 3.00 pm	Abricabeats by Eve
28th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band

FUNDRAISING (January) : Teas £31.43

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS : Offerings at the Christingle and United Services amounted to £753.45. Agreed this to be split between Christian Aid and Aberdeenshire (North) Foodbank.



Presentation of Long Service Certificate

Rev. Sheila Craggs presented a long service certificate to Mr Graham Bruce for his services to the Church of Scotland. He was unable to attend the service in April 2017 when the Moderator carried out this duty.

Letter received from Foodbank to St Andrew's Church

(15.1.2018) Dear All, We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donations of 15th & 22nd December which totalled 57.50 kg of food to the Aberdeenshire North Foodbank in Inverurie. We are most grateful for your support and can assure you that all donations of food make a huge difference to the Foodbank which helps local families and individuals in need.

As well as providing our normal and emergency food parcels over the Festive Season, we were able to deliver over 500 Christmas Hampers. This was all due to the generous donations handed into Foodbank.

Kind regards Doreen Adams (Inverurie Foodbank Administrator)

Burns' Lunch On Saturday 27th January we had our annual Haggis, Neeps & Tatties Lunch. Molly Conn on piano & Murray Cowie on accordion entertained us with a marvellous medley of Scottish music. It was an afternoon of great food, great music & great fellowship. Thanks to all who came, who donated food & drinks, who gave raffle prizes, who helped in the kitchen & chapel & who entertained us. A wonderful £440.00 was raised.

Mo Vernal & The Team



I just had to write to say a most sincere thank you for the large number of sympathy cards we received from members of the Congregation. I was quite overwhelmed by the thoughtful and caring messages.

Thank You



God Bless. **Moira Keith**

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MARCH 2018 -SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, **4th March 2018.** Please email material for the **March Saltire** to The Church Office by **20th February 2018.**

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.