



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

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Dear Friends,

It won't have escaped your notice that we are now in Lent. There are of course many different traditions for this time of year. Reflecting the forty day period that Jesus spent in the desert just before the beginning of his ministry Christians often use this period as a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. Traditionally within many parts of the Church people have given up something like chocolate. People also sometimes give up particular habits. Apparently in the Archers on radio 4 many of the characters are speaking of giving up complaining! This year the Church of England has offered plenty of topical food for thought with their "Lent Plastics Challenge". In this challenge which has been taken up by many different other groups including some politicians people are encouraged to really think about their use of single use plastics. There's the inevitable mention of plastic straws but people are also invited to consider using a bamboo toothbrush!

Another approach to the period of Lent is to do an extra positive thing everyday. I first came across this in another Church of England campaign. One of their dioceses started the "Love Life Live Lent" campaign some years ago. They produced some really colourful and imaginative pamphlets which offered many different suggestions – give a friend an apple, allow someone ahead of you in a supermarket queue, contact a lonely friend or relative ....

I know that it often does make sense to have a time limited challenge, and that following a challenge for a limited time sometimes means that one can add to the intensity of the challenge. But I cannot help thinking that some of these challenges don't make much sense unless they are continued after Lent finishes.

However you are using this period I thought that you might like to read a few verses from Hebrews which the congregations of Culsalmond & Rayne & Daviot are using as what one might call a key note text for this Lent:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of <sup>1</sup> the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart." Hebrews 12: 1-3

**With my love and prayers, Mary**



**Palm Sunday,  
25th March 2018  
at 10.00 am**

## News from the Kirk Session .... These are the key points

from the meeting held on 14th February 2018:

The Kirk Session met on 14 February 2018 for a general business meeting.

Arrangements were completed for the Easter services. A joint Easter Sunday Service with the West Church will be held this year in St Andrew's.

The Time Out Team reported that they had increased the roll to 16 and with the increase in the roll they were now looking for additional volunteers for extra support.

The Communion dates for this year were agreed: 25th March, 2018 and 23rd September, 2018.

**Ken Tuach**, Session Clerk

ABERDEEN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK

2018

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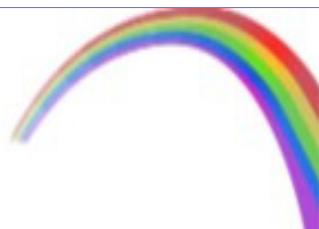
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A good number of parents and supporters joined Boys and Officers for their Burns' Supper held in the Church Hall – the Senior Boys did the cooking, preparation & serving of an excellent full meal, (supervised), washed down with our “other National Drink”. The evening was a great success socially with an entertaining quiz which was good fun and plenty of laughter – the Officers thanked everybody for help in the evening and also the Church for its support and facilities.

Thanks to the Captain, Michael, for his enthusiasm and organisation, the Company is having a successful year but one of the new officers will be getting married and leaving the area. An existing Officer is struggling with work commitments, so again we look for people to help.

**Alastair Smith**



**TIME OUT** .... We were delighted to welcome some more new children to Time Out this month. Over the next few Time Out sessions we shall be learning about some Scottish Saints but as we were meeting for the first time this year, in

February, it seemed appropriate to learn about St. Valentine. It appears there may have been more than one St. Valentine. He may have been a Roman priest. One story tells of how he would secretly marry young couples so that the husband would not have to go to war, as it was thought unmarried men made better soldiers because they did not worry about a wife at home. Another story says that when he was imprisoned for this, he restored the sight of the daughter of his jailer who then became a Christian. He refused to accept pagan gods and would not give up his Christianity so in 270 AD Emperor Claudius the second put him to death on the February 14th. In all the stories we heard there was a thread of love running through them and this is why we associate St. Valentine with love and romance. For our craft activity we made a stained glass window and beautiful paper flowers. **We are always looking for volunteers to join our wee band at Time Out. If you would like to come along to help us please contact Mo Vernal on 01467 628778**

## **Celebrating Easter – how do various Christians do it?**

Virtually all Christians mark Easter (the Society of Friends or Quakers is one of a few exceptions). The ways they celebrate it vary:

The week leading up to Easter Sunday is often called Holy Week and Christians focus more deeply than usual on their faith. It begins with Palm Sunday. Services on this day, seven days before Easter, recall Jesus entering Jerusalem triumphantly, cheered by crowds as He rode a donkey. Palm leaves were waved on that occasion, and are still significant in church worship, often twisted into the shape of a cross.

Four days later is Maundy Thursday, when Jesus' followers remember that, on the night before He died, He asked them to remember Him by eating bread and drinking wine. Maundy comes from the Latin word for commandment, recalling Jesus' command that day that Christians should love each other in the same way that He loves them. The next day is Good Friday (called Holy Friday in countries with large numbers of Roman Catholic Christians). This is the most solemn day of the Christian year be-

cause it is used to recall the appalling death of Jesus. Although it is a public holiday, it is increasingly difficult to distinguish it from other days of the year, so many churches hold processions or open-air services in public places to draw attention to its significance. Inside churches there are meditative services in a bare setting. It may be that the day was originally known as God Friday, and the name changed as language developed. Elsewhere in the world, it is called Great Friday or Holy Friday. Easter Sunday recalls the day when Jesus' followers discovered that His tomb was empty. It is the most important and joyful day of the Christian year. Jubilant music is performed, and flowers and banners fill the churches with colour. The centuries-old cry, 'Alleluia! Christ is risen!' is met with the response, 'He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'

In the first Christian centuries Easter Sunday was the day on which new converts to Christianity were baptised. This tradition continues in some places. More recent, but popular, ways of celebrating include Easter vigils late on Saturday night, which begin in darkness and culminate in the lighting of a fire in the early hours of Easter morning. Since the 18th century there has been a tradition of gathering on the highest local hill for a service of praise to God as the sun rises.

## PARTNERPLAN

# David & Rebecca Morton - Malawi January 2018

c/o Nkhoma Hospital  
PO Box 48  
Nkhoma  
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Dear All,

This is an urgent prayer request for the following issues with us and with Nkhoma.

I have not been able to get tax clearance from the Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA), which is required to renew my work permit which runs out 03 February. I have been given no reason (this is my fifth work permit renewal for Malawi and I never had this issue before). It is now in the hands of Nkhoma Synod for them to try and sort this out. What this means is that unless I get this and my renewal application in by 02 February, Rebecca and I will need to leave Malawi by 03 February. Pray this clearance will go through immediately, and we will have no other issues with the work permit renewal.

Nkhoma is owed now over \$82,000 for SLA invoices from Malawi government. There are issues related to how CHAM (Christian Hospital association of Malawi) is handling this, but we need the issues cleared and need to be paid. Pray at the minimum we will be paid what is owed through November by next week. Otherwise we will not meet the end of the month payments.

There are some conflict issues amount staff, even senior staff, please pray for the Holy Spirit to bring humility and peace among us.

I am still struggling with major issues with the Eye program and its donor, please pray I can get all of the finance and other reports done to everyone's satisfaction within the next 10 days.

Pray that Rebecca and I will handle this situation well, and are able to relax and just trust our Lord to work His will, and that we can accept whatever that is.

Please share this with others, especially our church partners in Lewis and Gordon Presbyteries

Thanks so much

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# Ministry of Flowers

## MARCH

### Church

4th	The Murray Family, Dugisla
11th	The Watson Family, Crosslett
18th	Allan Duff (IMO Jean & Morag)
25th	Mrs Margaret Alexander, Hay's Court

### Vestibule

Norman Peters & Family, Ritchie Row
Mrs Edna Angus, Charles Place

## APRIL

1st	Ian & Diane Stuart, Carisbrooke
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**2018 Flower Calendar is now in Vestibule**—Please add your preferred date by writing your name and contact telephone number in the space provided. A few weeks before your date, please put your donation into an envelope with your details and preferred colours, if any, and hand into the church office. If paying by cheque, please make payable to St Andrew's Church Flower Fund. Every Sunday after the church service the flowers are distributed to members of the congregation who are ill or have suffered a bereavement.

**Please would members of the congregation let Jackie (Office), Moira Keith or Eileen Robertson know of anyone who is ill or bereaved so that they may receive Sunday flowers. Thank you.**

**Eileen Robertson** (Flower Convener)



## Door & Welcome

## Offering & Count

### MARCH

4th	S. Hepburn	E Gale	Dr E Brew	I Fraser
11th	I. Greig	J Ingram	M Vernal	V Binnie
18th	A Kelly	K Pawson	E Barrack	Jill Bruce
25th	R Milne	A Smith	H Christie	Y Deacon

### APRIL

1st	S Davidson	P Wink	C Clark	Y Clark
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***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.***

# Sunday Services & Readings

## MARCH

4th	10.00 am Parish Worship <b>"Time Out"</b>	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Stuart Watson
11th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Peter Donaldson
18th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Vera Binnie
25th	<b>10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>"Palm Sunday"</b>	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Bert Cadenhead



## Easter Services

Monday, 26th March - Friday, 30th March 2018

**IDCT Holy Week Services**

**7.30 pm each evening in The West Church, Inverurie**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 29th March**

**7.30 pm Passover Meal in the Acorn Centre (£15.00 per person)**

**GOOD FRIDAY, 30th March**

**8.00 am Walk of Witness beginning at the Roman Catholic Church and making its way through the town to the foot of the Bass.**

**9.30 am Breakfast in St Mary's Church**

**EASTER DAY, 1st April**

**8.00 am Sunrise service at the Bass**

**8.00 am Ground level service in the Chapel at St Andrew's Church**

**8.30 am Easter breakfast in St Andrew's Church Hall**

**10.00 am United worship in St Andrew's Church**

**Knitting for Nkhoma** ... Theresa Macdonald, the Howe Trinity elder who coordinates the transport of knitting to Nkhoma, has asked if there are any congregations in the Presbytery who have any knitting stockpiled. She hopes to deliver the knitting to the Banana Box Trust in Dundee in the next week or two, and would be pleased to receive as much knitting as possible to take down. **Her email address - [madge509@aol.com](mailto:madge509@aol.com) (Tel 019755 62816).**

# Congregational Roll

## ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 1st - 28th February 2018

### Recently Deceased

Recently Deceased		Service conducted
Mr Peter Cameron, Overdon Care Home	5/2/2018	Rev. M Cranfield
Mr Charles Chalmers, Coburn, Port Road	7/2/2018	Mrs M Robb
Mrs Annabella Lamb, Bennachie Care Home	11/2/2018	Rev. M Cranfield
Mrs Edith Murray, 10 St. Andrew's Gardens	14/2/2018	Rev. S Craggs
Mr Lewis Rae, 32 Pleyfauld House	18/2/2018	Aberdeen Crematorium
Mr John Simpson, 8 Don House	20/2/2018	Rev. M Cranfield
Mr Brian Christie, Rothandene, St. Jame's Place	3/3/2018	Rev. Iain Telfer

### Change of Address

Mrs Caroline Milne, formerly of 27 Selbie Drive	now at Drumdarroch Care Home, Inch
Mrs M McHattie, formerly 7 Golf Place	now at 13 Nether Davah House
Mrs Sheila Johnstone, formerly Hay's Court	now at Garioch Nursing Home
Mr & Mrs A Thain, formerly 1 Ardtannes Pl	now at 13 Stonefield Drive

## Weekly Freewill Offering (WFO) ....

We thank you for your contributions in the past year through the weekly envelopes. Your generosity is much appreciated, and we trust you wish to continue. The envelopes for the 2018 – 2019 year will be issued in late March for starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April – any spare envelopes left over from the current year at that point should be scrapped. If you have any queries, errors or omissions regarding the scheme these can be directed to myself on 623148 or through Jackie in the Office on 628740.

Many Thanks  
**Alastair Smith**  
*WFO Convener*

## Monthly Count Offering (MC) ....

Thanks to all who contribute to the church in this way. Please note that we have renumbered some monthly envelopes entries. **Those who had a number ranging from 601 to 670 have been allocated a new number between 501 and 600.** The lists for the magazine distributors have been altered to reflect these changes. If any contributor or distributor has a query about this please ask us or the church office (tel: 628740) about these. Thanks to the newsletter distributors for delivering the envelopes and collecting them month by month throughout the year.

**Vera Binnie & Diane Stuart**  
*Monthly Collection Conveners*

## FUNDRAISING (February) -

Teas £33.90; Rag Bag £78.80 Donation from St Andrew's Ladies £270.00

## Diary of Events - School Term

### **Mondays**

10.00 to 11 .00 am Zumba Class(Old Hall/Kitchen)  
 6.30 to 8.30 pm Boys Brigade (New & Old Hall)  
 3.30 to 5.30 pm Weight Watchers (Old Chapel/  
 & Kitchen)  
 6.00 to 8.00 pm

### **Tuesdays**

8.00 am to 2.00 pm Playgroup (New Hall)  
 9.30 to 11.30 am Scottish Slimmers(Old Hall)  
 4.00 to 5.30 pm Rainbows (Old Hall/Kitchen)  
 5.15 to 6.45 pm Scottish Slimmers(Old Chapel)  
 7.00 to 10.00 pm Rock Choir (Old Hall)

### **Wednesdays**

8.00 am to 2.30 pm Playgroup (New Hall)  
 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Signing Class (Old Hall/  
 Kitchen)  
 7.00 to 8.00 pm Pilates (Old Hall)

### **Thursdays**

8.00 am to 1.30 pm Playgroup (New Hall)  
 9.00 am to 2.00 pm Pre-school Ballet classes (Old  
 Hall)  
 1.30 to 3.30 pm French Classes  
 6.00 to 7.00 pm Dru Yoga (Old Hall/Kitchen)  
 7.00 to 9.00 pm Guides (New Hall)  
 7.10 to 8.10 pm MSD (Old Hall)

### **Fridays**

8.00 am to 2.00 pm Playgroup (New Hall)  
 9.30 am to 3.30 pm Gordon Dementia Care  
 (Old Chapel)  
 7.30 to 10.00 pm Boys Brigade (Old Hall)

### **Saturdays**

12.30 to 5.00 pm MSD (New Hall)  
 2.30 to 5.00 pm MSD (Old & New Hall)

## **OTHER EVENTS—MARCH**

4th 2.30 to 5.30 pm Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)  
 4th 5.30 to 8.30pm MSD Group (New Hall)  
 6th 6.45 pm Gordon Presbytery Meeting (Church/Old Hall/  
 New Chapel/Kitchen)  
 7th 7.30 to 9.45 pm Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)  
 11th 5.30 to 8.30 pm MSD Group (New Hall)  
 13th 10.30 am Monthly Count (New Chapel)  
 14th 7.30 pm Congregational Board (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 2.00 to 4.00 pm Birthday Party (Old Chapel/Kitchen)  
 17th 7.00 to 10.00 pm Barnardo's Quiz Night (Old Hall/Kitchen)  
 18th 5.30 to 8.30 pm MSD Group (New Hall)  
 18th 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)  
 23rd 9.45 to 11.15 am Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen)  
 24th 10.00 am to Noon Birthday Party (Old Hall/Kitchen)  
 25th 5.30 to 8.30 pm MSD Group (New Hall)  
 28th 7.30 to 9.45 pm Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)  
 29th 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen)

## The Moosie's Prayer

A puir wee kirk moose a' forlorn  
 Its furry coat fair sairly worn  
 Sank doon upon its bony knees  
 And prayed – for just a wee bit cheese.

The tears ran doon its wee thin cheeks  
 But nane could hear the saddest squeaks  
 That drifted oan the cauld nicht air  
 Till whilst it couldnae pray nae mair.

Syne daylight cam, the kirk bells rang  
 The doors swung open wi' a bang  
 Communion day had come oan by  
 Wi' wine and plates o' breid held high.

The wee moose lay as still as daith  
 And watched it a' wi bated braith  
 Then thocht – if I keep awfu' quate  
 A bit micht jist fa' aff a plate.

And so it gazed as roond they went  
 Then jist as tho twas heaven sent  
 Whit landed richt upon its heid  
 Bit twa lumps o' communion breid.

The staff o' life lay oan the flair –  
 Then, bountenous answer to his prayer  
 Jist as he thocht, 'It looks fell dry'.  
 Ae body couped some wine forbye.

Wee moosie stoated up the aisle  
 Wearin sic a boozy smile  
 The folk stopped singin', fair aghast  
 Tae see a drunken moose walk past.

The organist fell aff his chair,  
 The meenister could only stare  
 Tae see this drunken, sinfu' moose  
 Cavortin' in his sacred hoose.

(Author : Anon)

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## APRIL 2018

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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 and young people and the vulnerable. St Andrew's Parish Church has a Zero Tolerance Policy to any form of abuse.