



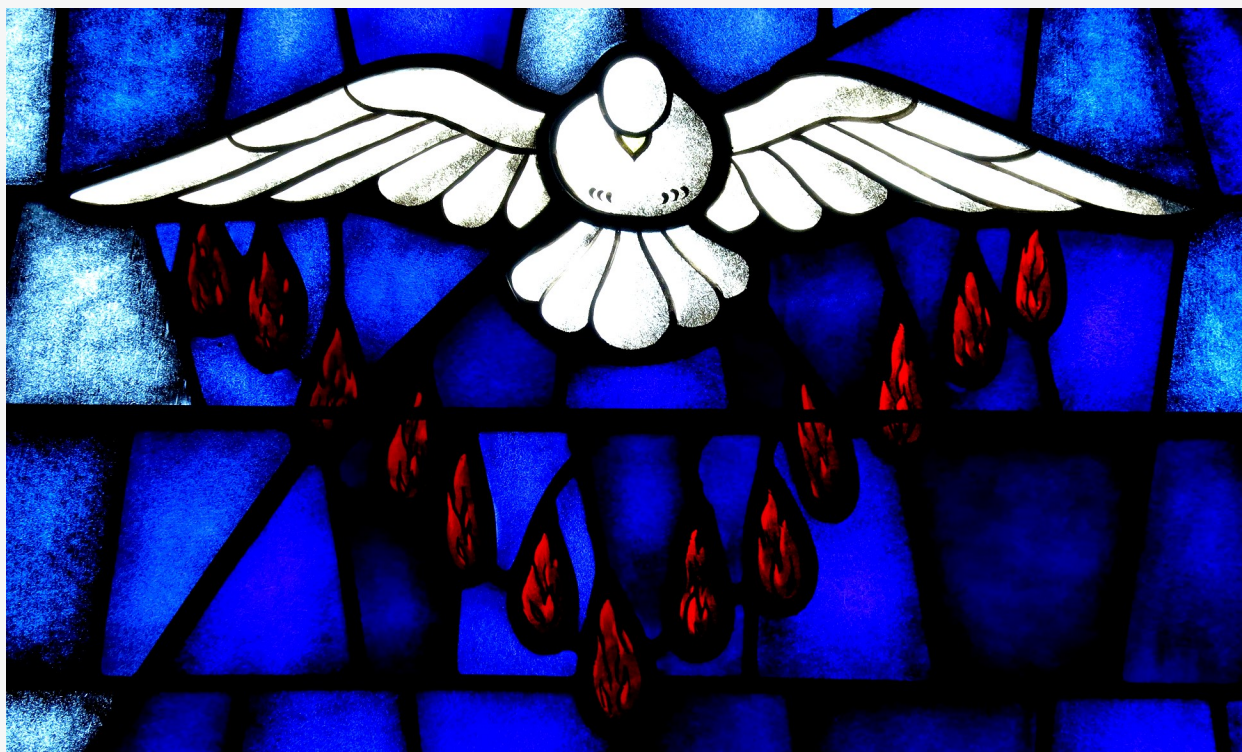
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(Church of Scotland),
Inverurie

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Pentecost - 20th May 2018

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Dear Friends,

Like many of you I have been horrified and ashamed at what has been happening recently to some of the people who came to Britain from the Caribbean following the Second World War. They were invited to come to help rebuild Britain and have made a huge contribution as part of our communities and nation. I imagine that we have all come across the stories of how individuals and families have suddenly been made to feel unwelcome as they have got caught up in particular interpretations of recent immigration policies and have been denied medical treatment, denied readmission to Britain and even been deported. It has become clear that many people are deeply ashamed at what has happened and are really upset at the appalling situations into which people have been placed, and the personal cost in terms of distress and fear, as well as the trauma of being made to feel unwelcome. Until recent days there has been the added stress of being forced to attempt to jump through all kinds of impossible bureaucratic hoops.

What is quite obvious is that for those involved the systems had become devoid of any kind of common sense and compassion. For some of us it seems that there may even have been some more sinister elements as it now seems possible that there may have been people deliberately targeting a group that were vulnerable in order to meet certain targets.

As Christians we are called to challenge situations in which vulnerable people are treated badly and it is surely our responsibility as citizens to do all that we can to ensure that our governing systems are at all times respectful and compassionate towards all.

At the heart of our faith is the love and respect God has for all his people. Just think how Jesus went out of his way to offer respect to those who were too often despised or ignored! I'd like to finish with a passage from Ephesians which emphasises how each of us is important and has an important part to play, *"But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."*

With my love and prayers, Mary

20th May Day of Pentecost – Whit Sunday ...

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion. A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born. Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for His disciples – but He knew they could not do the work themselves – they would need His help. And so they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with his other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many

tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning. That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the disciples and followers of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course, Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, He could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of his Holy Spirit.

The Day of Pentecost

(Acts 2)

From prophecy to fulfilment,
from fear to courage,
from confusion to conviction,
from despair to certain hope,
from head to heart,
from longing to knowing,

from weakness to strength,
from paralysis to power.
What a difference a day makes -
The Day of Pentecost
when the Spirit came
and everything was different and possible...

by Daphne Kitching

News from the Kirk Session These are the key points from the meeting held on 11th April 2018:

- Good feedback had been received on the joint Easter Sunday service with West Church.
- The Time Out Team reported that the children were present in church on Easter Sunday at the start and at the end of the service, retiring to the hall for the middle part of the service. With the roll now increased to 16 the Time Out team are looking for additional volunteers for extra support.
- The Boys' Brigade are now helping with serving the teas after the Sunday morning services.
- The Kirk Session discussed the requirements of the new Data Protection Regulations and are awaiting guidance from the Church of Scotland to ensure that we can comply.
- A new kitchen and bathroom have now been fitted to the manse.

Ken Tuach, Session Clerk

“Growing Young” National Tour - Aberdeen

Date: 1st June 2018

Time: 09:30 - 12:00

Address:

Deeside Christian Fellowship
Binghill Drive, Milltimber Aberdeen, AB13 0JE

Age: 18+

Location: NE & Shetland, National

Type: Training

Summary:

An event for church and youth leaders. Come and explore the findings of the Fuller Youth Institute's 'Growing Young' research and consider resources and ideas from SU Scotland that may help you grow young people in your church and community.

Booking is Essential - Spaces can be booked at: <https://www.suscotland.org.uk/growing-young>





Christian Aid Week 2018

The Christian Aid bookstall will be open in the West Church hall from Monday 14th until Saturday 19th May. Donations of second hand books (both children and adults books) would be much appreciated. These can be handed in to the Acorn Centre from the beginning of May **or please contact Alison Young if you need books uplifted 01467 625646.**

There will be a Christian Aid stall at the Farmers' Market on Saturday 12th May from 9am - 1pm. This will be to raise the awareness of Christian Aid. Jams and marmalades will be for sale and any donations of these would be most welcome. All the churches within the Inverurie Christian Aid group have a time slot on rota to run the stall.

Volunteers are needed for St. Andrew's between 12 mid-day and 1pm.



We are very fortunate to have Sally Foster-Fullerton, Head of Christian Aid Scotland, as speaker at the Regional Service at Kemnay Parish Church (Fraser Place) on Sunday 13th May at 6.30 pm. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the service.

(for further details see <http://kemnayparish.church/wp>)

Volunteers are also required for the door to door collections. If you can deliver but not uplift envelopes please let Alison know.

Please consider supporting the local Christian Aid group during Christian Aid week.

Alison Young

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Fabric Matters:

A fair amount around the Kirk has happened since my last report so I'll launch straight in and bring everyone up to date.

The Manse

Renovation and upgrade of the Manse bathroom is complete. Thanks to the ladies on the Fabric committee, Joyce Bruce, Jenny Green, and Mo Vernal for choosing the colour scheme. I took some pictures which you can see as part of this report. A wonderful transformation! You can see it in colour on the web site copy of the magazine.

The Manse kitchen is 99% finished and, though I took pictures, it still needs to be redecorated so you'll have to wait until next month to see it in all its glory! Again thanks to the above ladies for choosing the layout and colour schemes.

Around the Kirk.

Generally there has also been a few things happening around the Church. There is usually something needing to be done in such an old building.

You may have noticed that one of the large main lights above the gallery has failed as have two of the spotlights above the

organ. These are due to be replaced. The work has been ordered, but, because of the height, scaffolding will be necessary. This is not easy as the gallery floor is stepped making stability a problem. Two other light fittings have been replaced in the New Hall - again they were past the point of repair.

Badly needed floor coverings have been replaced in the Gents toilet, Old Hall and in the New Hall store where the old covering had almost disintegrated and was a trip hazard. Grateful thanks to Derrick Reith for emptying and refilling the store before and after the work was done. Derrick also fitted the baby changing unit in the uni-sex disabled toilet in the Old Hall and this is now available for use.

Finally, our two main boilers are due for their annual maintenance service and this will be done late May. We need the heating and as all of us take it for granted, this work is essential! Having the work done during the better weather means it's cheaper and less inconvenient.

Peter Donaldson
(Fabric Convener).



St Andrew's Manse Main Bathroom (newly fitted)



Superhero and Princess Fun Day

@ St Andrews Church Hall

INVERURIE 25th May

1st Session 10am – 12am

2nd Session 12.30pm - 2.30pm



Meet with Princess Anna and Spiderman!!!



Have Fun at our Play Tables



Have a bite to eat



Have your Face Painted

Bounce on our fab Bouncy Castle



2 hours of Fun for Only £15 per Ticket which includes all the above and more

Buy tickets here! Morning Session:
<http://buytickets.at/standrewschurchplaygroup/155306>

Afternoon Session:
<http://buytickets.at/standrewschurchplaygroup/155317>

Join Spiderman and Princess Anna for 2 hours of fun!

Includes:

Bouncy castle

Facepainting

Loads of crafts to make and take home

Picnic lunch included

Unlimited diluting juice

Come dressed as your favourite character if you wish
£15 per child age 1-10

(Free for under 12 months, and age 12-23 months if attending with older siblings)

Tickets must be booked and paid for in advance.

Choose from 2 session times (10am-noon or 12.30-2.30pm)

All profits to go St Andrews Church Playgroup, Inverurie.

Registered charity number: SC032553

**Any queries - please phone Kate
07872908121**

Ministry of Flowers

Church

Vestibule

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6th	Mrs Ritchie, Middle Park
13th	Alastair & Ann Smith, Cairn Wynd
20th	Irene & Peter Fraser, The Gardens
27th	George & Betty Ross, Duncairn

Betty Gale, Pleyfaulds House
Neil & Louise Grant, Rutherford Flds

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3rd	Eleanor Douglas, Don Crescent
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2018 Flower Calendar is in the 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. **Eileen Robertson**, Flower Convener



Door & Welcome

Offering & Count

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6th	E Barrack	H Christie	J Ingram	A Kelly
13th	G Bruce	Y Deacon	J Lawson	H Morrice
20th	B Cadenhead	D Stuart	R Milne	K Pawson
27th	Y Clark	C Clark	A Smith	D Stuart

JUNE

3rd	A Duff	M Conn	R Milne	K Pawson
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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

MAY

6th	10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out"	Reader: Mr David Smith Reader: Kit Pawson
13th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Robin Young
20th	10.00 am Parish Worship "Day of Pentecost"	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Stuart Watson
27th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Vera Binnie

JUNE

3rd	10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out"	Minister: To be confirmed Reader: Peter Donaldson
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24th May: John & Charles Wesley:

Let's Sing a Hymn

by Canon David Winter

Later this month the Church calendar celebrates the lives of John and Charles Wesley. John's great gift to the Christian cause was the little matter of founding the world-wide movement known as Methodism. His brother Charles had an equally profound impact through his hymns. He actually wrote over 6000, most of which aren't sung nowadays, but among the ones we do still sing are all-time favourites – 'Love divine, all loves excelling', 'O for a thousand tongues to sing'. 'Jesu lover of my soul', 'Hark the herald angels sing' – and scores more.

40 years ago almost everybody knew quite a lot of hymns, but sadly that's

no longer true. Traditional hymns aren't usually sung at school assemblies, not even in church schools, and while the audience for 'Songs of Praise' on BBC TV is substantial, most of those watching are over 50.

With only about ten per cent of the population even irregular church-goers there is inevitably a lack of familiarity with hymns of any kind. Christmas carols are an exception, as is 'Jerusalem' and 'Amazing Grace', because they are frequently heard outside church. Singing hymns is a wonderful experience at its best – just ask a Welsh rugby crowd singing 'Bread of heaven'! It seems a pity to lose it.

It's not a bad idea to take ten minutes and think what is your favourite hymn, and why – ancient or modern doesn't matter. Then try singing it in the bath or under the shower – a very purifying experience.

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 27th March - 24th April 2018

Holy Baptism

22nd April 2018

Dylan Robert Davidson,
(son of Marcus & Sarah Davidson,
2 Westburn Drive, Inverurie)

Service Conducted

Rev. S Craggs

Recently Deceased

Mrs W Catto, 4 Ladeside Road, PE	4/4/2018	Rev. M Cranfield
Mrs H Walker, c/o Drimmies House, Provost Circle	14/4/2018	Rev. M Cranfield
Mrs A Mackie, 79 George Square	16/4/2018	Mrs M Robb
Mr R Gall, Craigforthie, Inverurie	17/4/2018	Mrs M Robb
Mr A Ledingham, 70 Provost Circle	19/4/2018	Rev. M Cranfield

Change of Address

Mr & Mrs B Edmond (formerly Burnside Steading) now at 5 Riverside Place, Inverurie

Time Out

... Our latest Time Out was on Easter

Sunday and Sheila Craggs welcomed us in to church at the beginning of the service. Sheila showed us a number of chocolate sweets and biscuits when talking about her theme of "slogans." We all responded as she held up each item. The message was that there is also an Easter slogan which is "Jesus is Alive." We went over to the hall where we talked about the Easter story, had our Feast, made an Easter garden, made and decorated little Easter boxes (with a wee surprise inside) and completed another stained glass window depicting the cross on which Jesus was crucified. A busy session! We then all returned to church and the children told the congregation what they had been doing and showed their craft work and the Easter garden. As usual, we joined everybody for tea (juice, pancakes and biscuits) in the hall and each child received an Easter egg gifted by the Social Committee. **Although some children were off on holiday our numbers are slowly rising so if anyone would like to join our wee team at Time Out please get in touch.**



Time Out Team

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 & 6.00 to 8.00 pm	Weight Watchers (Old Chapel/ Kitchen)

Tuesdays

8.00 am to 2.00 pm	Playgroup (New 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)
6.30 to 8.30 pm	MSD (New 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—MAY

2nd	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
5th	1.45 to 15.45 pm	Birthday Party
6th	2.30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
9th	7.30 pm	Congregational Board Meeting (New Chapel)
9th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
13th	1.00 to 3.00 pm	The Critter Keeper (Old Hall)
15th	10.30 am	Monthly Count (Old Hall)
16th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
18th	7.30 to 9.30 pm	RCCG (Old Chapel)
20th	2.30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
23rd	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
25th	0945 to 11.15 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen)
26th	9.00 am to 4.00 pm	Playgroup Fundraiser (Old Hall/Old Chapel/ Kitchen)
30th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)

FUNDRAISING : (APRIL)

Teas: £58.05

Rag Bag: £72.40

Anon Donation: £3.40

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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.