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Dear Friends

A student had just graduated from University and secured a job working as an Education Welfare Officer. The essence of the job was to help families who for one reason or another were finding it hard to get their children to go to school. Sometimes this meant working with the young person and at other times it involved working closely with the family.

One instance was when a young person was referred to the graduate whose job it was to go out and meet with the family and so it involved quite a lot of cold calling. The graduate would stand alone on the doorstep hoping that the person answering the door was friendly, not too large and fully dressed.

As time went on the graduate became more aware of the inherent danger of the situation, there on his own with no back up and no mobile phone.

In considering this story it seemed to me that over 2000 years ago a man called Jesus had a better understanding of how to protect those around him from danger. When Jesus sent people out to tell others about what he was doing he sent them out in pairs. He sent them out with support. He sent them out, so they could encourage one another, but also because they could share the experience of the journey.

The American author Gina Greenlee once said this: *‘When we establish human connections within the context of shared experiences we create community wherever we go.’*

Often the word we use in church for these deep, shared communities is **fellowship**. Fellowship is about being part of a community that holds devotion to Jesus’ life, death and resurrection as its highest principle and lives out its shared life in response to that. Fellowship is part of developing a meaningful community and a meaningful church community that is built on our shared faith in Jesus.

Fellowship is praying together, encouraging one another, building up each other, teaching one another and setting an example to each other. It’s about sharing life together, not just on the surface, not just passing the time of day or asking how the weather is. It’s about being willing to enter the other person’s world and about creating a community where we feel confident enough to be vulnerable.

Pastor Rick Warren describes fellowship like this: *Fellowship is a place of grace, where mistakes aren’t rubbed in but rubbed out. Fellowship happens when mercy wins over justice.*

Fellowship creates spaces where real life can happen and where real support through love and grace can happen. That is what I pray for St Andrew’s Church. My hope is that this church can be a place where that happens, not just with one person but with the whole community. My hope for you, the congregation, is that you have places where you find community, and, in that community, you find real, lasting, true fellowship where your mistakes are rubbed out and never rubbed in.

With my love and prayers Sheila

News from the Congregational Board

These are the key points from the meeting held on 11th July 2018:

- **Social Events:** Dates for your diary -
 October 6th: Soup & Sweet and Craft Fayre.
 November 24th: Victorian Tea & Craft Fayre.
 Military Wives' Choir: date to be confirmed.
- **BBQ:** The West Church will hold a BBQ at Kellands Park on Sunday 26th August at 11.30 am. ALL WELCOME *(See page 11 for further details).*
- **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?**
- **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

Data Protection ... Enthusiastic volunteer required from our congregation to help with the monitoring and administration of the Data Protection regulations introduced in May 2018.

St Andrew's Church, like everyone else, requires to comply with these regulations. In the first instance, please contact Jackie in the Church Office (01467 628740). Thanking you in anticipation.

Visiting Westminster Abbey for Free

It may be of interest to members of Presbytery and their congregations, that ministers can visit Westminster Abbey for free, and can get a church pass for members of congregations. The pass allows free admission for up to 4 members at a time, and can be used up to 6 times a year. Click on this link, and scroll down to "Church Pass" for further information.

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/visit-us/prices-entry-times/>



Thank you to all door to door collectors and those who baked and

served at the Farmers' Market stall and bookstall during Christian Aid week. It only happens because everyone works together. **The final total for Inverurie House-to-House collection was £3979.62.** This total is again up a little on last year which is encouraging. When all the street totals are added in together, it is heartening to know that all the small amounts do add up. A total for the Garioch Area is still to come. **Our next event is to be an Afternoon Tea in the Acorn Centre on Sunday, 9th September, 2.00-4.00 pm. Tickets available from Acorn Centre and St Andrew's Church Office.**

Alison Young



God is a Community (What Christians actually believe)

A short course Bible Study

Kintore Parish Church

22 August - 10 October

Wednesdays 19:30 - 21:00

Everyone Welcome

For details call Rev Neil Meyer

01467-632219



We do a short-course Bible Study at the beginning of each new session at Kintore which draws together all our various fellowship groups and in the past a number of groups and individuals from other congregations have joined us. They would be welcome to join again.

The course (6 sessions) is spread over 8 weeks. A good bit of robust debate and questioning is always welcome at our studies.

Neil Meyer (Kintore Church Minister)

Coming home ... During the first two weeks of July there was great talk in the media about England perhaps being able to "bring home" the World Cup. It was not to be --- though the young team did remarkably well.

Over the past month, I have had my own "coming home" when Tom and I moved (after 43 years!) from Oyne to Inverurie. As some of you may know, I was born in the old St Andrew's Manse (or the South Manse as it was originally called) and during the beautiful weather of the past 3/4 weeks, I have enjoyed walking along familiar streets and paths. The other night I explored George Square and remembered playing with my friends, Christine Morrison and Edith Brown, who lived there in the 1950s. I also recalled spending nights (or sleep overs as they would now be called) at the old Congregational Manse (at the corner of George Square and the High Street) with my friend, Nanita Ralston, whose father was the minister. However, I was not allowed to spend Saturday nights there as the Rev Ralston complained to my dad that I was such a chatterbox he could not concentrate on his sermon for the next day!! Tom informs me that nothing has changed!! I look forward to more of these walks down Memory Lane --- recollecting times past as well as savouring days present and hopefully to a future filled with happiness and contentment.

Kit Pawson

Safeguarding

Coordinator ... St. Andrew's Kirk Session are looking to appoint an additional safeguarding coordinator from amongst the congregation to work together with the current coordinator.

The purpose of the role is to ensure that the Church of Scotland Code of Good Safeguarding Practice is effectively implemented in our congregation.

If you have current or previous experience in a professional or voluntary

setting and an understanding of child or adult protection then we could use your skills. Furthermore, if you would like to develop your skills in this area then please get in touch. The Church of Scotland Safeguarding has a training programme for all coordinators.

If you are interested in supporting your church in this role please contact Jackie at the Church Office (01467 628740) or Alison Young Safeguarding co-ordinator (01467 625646).

Alison Young

FUNDRAISING : (JULY)

Rag Bag : £70.00

In Our Community ..

The Garioch Partnership has been working towards an asset transfer of Market Place Primary School. We are now at the stage of gathering letters of support for this. Our hopes are to keep the building in public use, as a hub for the third sector, which would benefit the community and small business start-ups in the middle of the town - not tucked out of the way at Thainstone, or Crichtiebank. We would keep it affordable thus within reach of many individuals and groups.

In the short-term there would be access to building and general facilities. In the future we would wish to develop affordable childcare and to support people back into education, training and work. We would also encourage a wide variety of community and arts groups into one central location – and who knows – maybe even some tourist information on the wealth of activities that Inverurie and the Garioch have to offer! As the facility develops, so

will the ideas with the engaged users of a truly community facility be implemented.

If we are successful, the partnership can continue to develop and grow which will offer our communities new and exciting opportunities to come together in affordable, accessible space – right in the centre of Inverurie. I am hoping you will consider supporting our request to help keep Market Place School in community use!

We would be grateful if you would also consider signing our online petition available at <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/market-place-school-as-a-3rd-sector-hub>

Thanks in advance,
John Chapman (chairperson) &
Dawn Brown (development worker)



The Boys' Brigade are currently offering Spree Books at £20 each. These discounts are on offer for the next year at many places in the area for eating out etc and you can save the £20 in a very short time!

**For further information please contact Michael
on 07967000121.**

Thanks, Alastair Smith



Remembrance100 *(Note from editors: More will be written in our Church November magazine about the end of the war, but we felt this particular article was relevant for this month's issue.)*

On **4th August 1918** King George V met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament. One hundred days later, the war ended. **This year, 4th August 2018, will be the first day of 100 days of prayer across the country, running until Armistice Day in November.** Every day there will be prayers, Bible readings and reflections written by contributors from UK churches, ministries, chaplaincies and the Armed Forces' Christian Union. These *100 Days of Peace and Hope* can be downloaded, a week at a time from **www.remembrance.co.uk** for churches and individuals to print and use.

In an introduction to *100 Days of Peace and Hope*, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby says, "From 4th August let us mark 100 days with prayers for peace, hope and reconciliation.' On Sunday, 11th November 2018, people around the Commonwealth will mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. As well as reflecting on loss, this year also gives us the chance to look forward as we mark the end of World War 1 and pray for peace."

Remembrance 100 has been set up by HOPE, in partnership with a cross section of Christian denominations and ministries, to help churches bring communities together to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. HOPE has also published a beautifully illustrated booklet called *Silence* to give away at Remembrance events. *Silence* invites readers to look back with gratitude for the sacrifice made by so many in war, and to reflect on eternal themes of faith, hope and love.

To find out more, to download

100 Days of Peace and Hope, or to order copies of *Silence*, visit **remembrance.co.uk**.



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

Ministry of Flowers

AUGUST

Church

Vestibule

5th	Jean Williams, Townhead Terrace	Jean Williams, Townhead Terrace
12th	Eileen Law, Hay's Court (IMO of George Black)	
19th	Neil & Louise Grant, Rutherford Folds	
26th	The Family of the late Albert McCombie	

SEPTEMBER

2nd	Ralph & Jenny Green, Rutherford Folds
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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

AUGUST

SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

5th	V Binnie	M Vernal	A Duff	I Fraser
12th	A Young	B Cadenhead	R Green	I Greig
19th	Joyce Bruce	E Barrack	E Gale	S Hepburn
26th	V Binnie	H Christie	J Ingram	A Kelly

SEPTEMBER

2nd	Jill Bruce	Dr E Brew	J Lawson	H Morrice
9th	G Bruce	A Duff	R Milne	K Pawson

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

AUGUST

5th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Kit Pawson
12th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Stuart Watson
19th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Peter Donaldson
26th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
		Reader:	Vera Binnie

SEPTEMBER

2nd	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. S Craggs
	"Time Out"	Reader:	Bert Cadenhead

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 28th June - 31st July 2018

Recently Deceased

Mr J Bruce, 17 Don Crescent	5/7/2018	Rev. S Craggs
Mrs P E Young, Highfield, Balhagardy	9/7/2018	Funeral Private

Service Conducted by

Change of Address

Mrs McLean (formerly Marva, Blackhall Road)	to be confirmed
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St Andrew's would like to thank the West Church for their warm welcome at their July services. All of us who attended appreciated being able to worship with our fellow Christians during these united services. And a very special "Thank you" in advance to the West Church for organising the BBQ on August 26th at Kellands Park -- please see the Social Calendar on page 11 for more details.



The flowers outside the church are in full bloom and give pleasure to everyone walking along the High Street. Our thanks to those who water and look after them - especially during the recent weeks of very hot weather. In the past the containers were looked after by the late Mr Smith and it is good to note that Mrs Smith continues to support our floral displays.

Time Out ... On Sunday, 24th June we held our end of session picnic in Kellands Park. Firstly, we went to church where the Rev. Sheila Craggs told the children a story and taught them a new song - "Our God is so Big" which she would like them to sing when we next meet. Sheila then presented all the children with a book which was kindly donated by the Social Committee.



In the lovely sunshine we walked to the park while tak-



ing part in a quiz written by Hilda. We ate delicious food, had fun on the park play equipment and played with our parachute (always a favourite with the children).

Yet again we have to say thank you to Joyce for giving all of us a bag of her

lovely toffee. Thanks to all the "Time Out Team" and our devoted band of children who join us on the first Sunday of each month.

We resume on Sunday, 1st September at 9.45 am in the New Hall. All welcome, no matter how young - or old!

Mo Vernal



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—AUGUST

14th	10.30 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
17th	7.30 to 9.30 pm	RCCG (Old Chapel)
19th	10.00 am to 4.00 pm	Gyms (New Hall)
22nd	7.30 to 9.30 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
29th	7.30 to 9.30 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
30th	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen)
31st	9.45 to 11.15 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen)

Social Events : Dates for your Diary

August : 26th August (Barbecue at Kellands Park with West Church -11.30 am) - Cost £6.00 adults, children (*under 12's*) £4.00.

October : 6th October (Soup & Sweet & Craft Fayre)

November : 24th November (Christmas Fayre)

Military Wives' Choir accompanied by Brian Smith - *date still to be decided*

(Further information re dates and times in September Magazine)

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SEPTEMBER 2018 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, 2nd September 2018. Please email material for the September Saltire to The Church Office by 20th August 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 and young people and the vulnerable. St Andrew's Parish Church has a Zero Tolerance Policy to any form of abuse.