



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

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Dear Friends

My goodness the first month of this year has already flown by and here I am with the message from the minister for this new month of February. January has been a very busy month with a number of funerals, three baptisms and our fund-raising event on 13th January. The Burns' Lunch organized by the Social Committee saw over ninety people gather to enjoy a wonderful meal of haggis, neeps and tatties, followed by a choice of trifle or cranachan and a wee dram. Sherry or a soft drink was offered as well with tea and coffee and shortbread concluding the meal.

Throughout the lunch we were entertained by Molly, Murray and Lesley, with a song by James a member at Keithall Church who joined us for the day and also donated all the potatoes for the lunch. What a wonderful day it was with tremendous friendship and fellowship amongst those there. The camaraderie of the Social Committee and all their hard work made for another successful fund-raising event. Something very positive is happening in Inverurie St Andrew's which is drawing the congregation and the community together.

On 5th February St Andrew's Church will be hosting the Presbytery meeting and making a presentation in a positive and friendly way about St Andrew's to those gathered. We will highlight the many great things taking place in the church, but we will also explain some of the difficulties we have encountered.

I am sure that we can show to other churches that we are working together, even though we are still in a vacancy, and we are remaining upbeat as we look to the future.

In March we will be involved in a Stewardship Campaign as there has not been one for five years. The elders will be visiting their districts to deliver the Communion cards for March and will also speak about Stewardship for Inverurie St Andrew's Church.

As a church looking to sustain itself through the ups and downs, I hope and pray that the members of this congregation will greet their elders in a positive way and think long and hard as to whether they can increase their giving and include their giving with Gift Aid.

On behalf of St Andrew's, I thank you in advance for your understanding and willingness to help us continue to grow and reach out to members and community alike as we take on this Stewardship Campaign.

My experience with this congregation has been a wonderful one and I hope we can continue to work together.

I wish you all health and happiness now and always. God bless you all.

Sheila

News from the Congregational Board

These are the key points

from the meeting held on 6th January 2019 -

- **Presbytery Meeting:** A presentation to Presbytery will take place on Tuesday 5th February with teas/coffees at 6.45 pm, meeting at 7.30 pm. All welcome.
- **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.
- **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.

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

My Encounter with Royalty

The year was 1960, and as a fresh-faced youngster of some 17 years, I stood with a dozen or so Queen's Scouts outside the Town House in Arbroath, complete with scout shirt, muffler and woggle, kilt and sporran and with a five foot scout pole in one hand. We had even been graded in height, with the tallest standing nearest the door, leaving me second in from the kerb. The occasion was the Queen Mother's visit to the Angus town and she was due to be greeted by the Provost and his Council after opening a new wing to the hospital. Now the Town House in Arbroath is not an imposing edifice. A large doorway leads to the foot of a wide stairway which, in turn, opens to a reception area, and here, sheltering from the rain sweeping in from the North Sea, stood the Provost and assorted dignitaries.

Earlier than anticipated, the royal limousine swept to a halt between the two lines of bedraggled scouts, the back door was opened by the chauffeur, screening out the smallest scout standing at the kerb, and daintily, out stepped the Queen Mother. To this day, I remember that my first thoughts were first that she was so small, and second, that she

was that close to me. I could have poked her with my scout staff. She turned and did that peculiar wave she employed to the crowds behind us, then, turning to the door, she realised straight away that someone had blundered. There was no-one to meet her!

But you can't faze Royalty. She turned to the nearest scout - me - and asked with that gentle smile, "Will you do the honours?" I fumbled my staff to the scout standing next to me and stammered something about the honour being mine as her hand fluttered on to my arm. Together we walked to the door and began the ascent as the officials tumbled down towards us, suitably red-faced. However, she continued to rest her hand on my arm and carried on her conversation with me as we progressed up the stairs. She had a remarkable ability to put people at ease and disarmed me completely by perceiving that I possessed a thick mid-Aberdeenshire accent. "Where are you from" she asked, and being told, then said "Inverurie - that's on Donside isn't it? Then we're almost neighbours. I have a wee house on Deeside!"

(Extracted from Stuart Watson's
"Through the Pend")

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Congregation Number 331972

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We use the information you give to us:

- to administer membership records including a Communion Roll;
 - for pastoral care purposes;
 - in relation to participation in Congregational activities;
 - to provide you with information about news, events, and activities within the Congregation or the wider Church of Scotland;
 - to provide the services of a parish church to the local community;
 - to fulfil contractual or other legal obligations;
 - to manage our employees;
 - to further our charitable aims, for example through fundraising activities;
 - to maintain our accounts and records (including the processing of Gift Aid applications);
- if CCTV is in place, we have this for the prevention and detection

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The Congregation will only share your personal information where this is necessary for the purposes set out above. Information will not be shared with any third party outwith the Church of Scotland without your consent unless we are obliged or permitted to do so bylaw.

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You can request details of the personal information which the Congregation holds about you by contacting us using the contact details given below.

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If we are processing your data on the basis of your explicit consent, you can withdraw your consent at any time. Please contact us if you want to do so.

Contact us

You can contact us by getting in touch with the **Data Protection Co-ordinator: ken.tuach@yahoo.com**

How to complain

You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office about anything relating to the processing of your personal information by the Congregation. You can contact the ICO via its website at www.ico.org.uk or at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.



Aberdeenshire North Foodbank is looking for a co-ordinator in their Inverurie Foodbank which is situated at 4 St James' Place, Inverurie. They are looking for someone who can lead a team of volunteers to ensure that all areas of the Foodbank Distribution

Centres are run efficiently, effectively and to a high standard, in accordance with ABNF policies, procedures, guidance and statutory requirements. If interested in the position and for more information please send an email to **Beverley Simpson, Assistant Manager.**

bsimpson@aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk



And when you pray....

Matthew 6:7a

“How do you eat yours?”

That was the question in a certain egg-shaped confectionery advert. The implication being that there is no right way to do it, but rather it's about how you best experience the egg.

How do you pray?

Perhaps you haven't really thought about it too much. Perhaps it's now hard to concentrate because you're thinking about chocolate, but regardless of appetite, past experiences, how we wrap it up or try to explain it, prayer can be rather confusing. It can often be a mystery. It can at times seem like a chore. It can even be a blessed relief.

So then, how do you pray?

Are you a morning person? Do you greet the sunrise with thanks and praise to our God? Do you utter hopeful words and try and live them throughout the day to come? Are you more spontaneous?

Do you respond to life with a 'breath prayer', off the cuff, as life makes you dance to its tune and in each moment you seek the steadying hand of our Creator and Sustainer?

Perhaps you find yourself needing space. Like a free-diver coming up for air after plumbing the depths. Maybe you carve out some time in your day to be still and know the presence of God. You may prefer to reflect on your day in the presence of God, as was the practice of Ignatius of Loyola, who gave us the daily examen – a way of praying that helps us recognise God's presence in the midst of the day just lived.

The practice of prayer is part of the lifeblood of our faith. We may find ourselves in the darkest of circumstances, when prayer is the only thing that we can turn to for comfort. We might see prayer as that thing we do together on a Sunday, or as the words said on our behalf by a minister or worship leader. Maybe it is the one thing that keeps us going, those times when we can just let God know how we are feeling.

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It might even be that thing that happens by accident or that we're unaware of until, looking back on a time of quiet, perhaps with a cup of tea or watching the world go by from our living room window, we realise that in the stillness, God was there the whole time.

Whatever your habit or preference may not really matter. What is important is that we are having the conversation, that we are opening ourselves up to God in whatever moment we can manage, that in some way prayer is part of our life. Prayer may be a constant companion on the journey, or a friend that visits once in a while, to bring comfort and sol-

ace. It may be something deeper, more mysterious that is largely left unspoken, something felt, yearned for, grieved over or something long-forgotten brought to mind.

How we pray then, is not the most important thing, but rather that the experience of prayer and the encounter with God is recognised. That our faith is tended and our relationship with God is nurtured, in precious moments. No fancy wrapping is needed and it may not always taste sweet but, in the midst of life, listening for and opening our hearts to God is indeed food for the soul.

*Resourcing Worship Team,
Mission & Discipleship Council*

14 February - The very first Valentine card: a legend

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home with their wives, instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry but now couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

Extracted from Parish Pump

Ministry of Flowers

FEBRUARY

Church

Vestibule

3rd	Mr Shand, Morningside Drive
10th	Anon
17th	Mr C Robertson (IMO Mr & Mrs A Robertson)
24th	Mrs Hilda Christie, St James' Place

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2nd	The Watson Family, Crosslett
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Xmas Workshop

24 ladies took part in our Festive Floral Workshop in the church hall. Thank you to all who took part and we successfully raised **£380 for the church general fund.** A big thank you to all the flower team for their hard work -

Maisie Roger, Audrey Paterson, Moira Thomson and Hazel Gauld. Also a big thank you to Eunice Naysmith and Moira

Keith for a delicious fly cup. Thanks also to Duncan Naysmith for helping Eunice, and to my Alan and Moira's Allan for helping us to set up.

We gave a festive arrangement each to Sheila and to Jackie to wish them both a Merry Xmas.

Happy New Year to everyone

Eileen Robertson, Flower Convener

With the new 2019 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. Thank you.

Sunday Services & Readings

FEBRUARY

3rd	10.00 am Parish Worship "TIME OUT"	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Stuart Watson
10th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Vera Binnie
17th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Bert Cardenhead
24th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Sarah Davidson

MARCH

3rd	10.00 am Parish Worship "TIME OUT"	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Kit Pawson
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Door & Welcome

Offering & Count

FEBRUARY

3rd	I Greig	J Ingram	Jill Bruce	H Christie
10th	S Hepburn	H Morrice	G Bruce	B Cadenhead
17th	K Pawson	J Lawson	C Clark	Y Clark
24th	D Stuart	R Milne	Y Deacon	A Duff

MARCH

3rd	P Wink	A Smith	S Davidson	I Fraser
10th	J Williams	Joyce Bruce	R Green	I Greig
17th	M Vernal	R Young	E Gale	S Hepburn

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.

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL

27th December 2018 - 28th January 2019

27th January 2019

Holy Baptism

Jason Argo (son of Victoria Suvalova & John Argo, Blairview Cottage, Kinmuck)

Kyle Argo (son of Suzanne Argo, 1 Don Crescent)

Jacob Dey (son of Stephen Dey & Toni Thompson, 16 Townhead Road)

Service Conducted by

Rev. S Craggs

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Recently Deceased

Mr R Mackie, 79 George Square

27/12/2018

Mrs M Robb

Mrs J Allan, 35 Barclay Road

19/1/2019

Rev S Craggs

Mr F Norval, 7A Bennachie Avenue

24/1/2019

Mrs M Robb

Change of Address

Mrs M Green, formerly 5 Selbie Drive

now at 2 Wyness Court



Social Events ...

Burns' Lunch - We've moved !!! Due to how popular our social events have become our new venue is the church hall. On Saturday at our Haggis, Neeps & Tatties lunch the hall was full to capacity with our overspill having to go

back in to the chapel. While eating a delicious meal, everybody was entertained to wonderful Scottish music played by Molly Conn, Lesley Edmond & Murray Cowie, not forgetting James Stuart's beautiful singing. Thanks go to all those who cooked, worked in the kitchen & hall, gave donations, including James Stuart for the tatties, Margaret Collie for the neeps, those who made trifles, cranachan and shortbread and to Eileen Robertson for the beautiful floral arrangements. A wonderful £758.50 was raised. Thanks also go to those who came along and enjoyed the fellowship and fine fare. Great turnout, wonderful event, watch out for our next one!!



Fun, Food & Fellowship



A Reminder -

An idea to raise funds for our Church. The idea is that a host/hostess will invite a few friends to their home to share fun, food and fellowship in the form of a simple coffee morning, a soup and sandwich lunch, or an afternoon tea (plain or fancy). There is no set charge, simply ask your guests to make a donation. **I am delighted to say that £372.00** has already been raised. Thank you to all who participated. Please pick up your host./hostess pack after church or during the week from the

church office. **Any queries, please contact Eileen Robertson on Tel. 01467 625895**

Diary of Events - School Term

Mondays

10.00 to 11 .00 am	Zumba Class(Old Hall/Kitchen)
2.00 to 5.45 pm	Pre-school Ballet (Old Hall)
6.45 to 7.45 pm	Anchor Boys (New & Old Hall)
6.45 to 8.45 pm	Junior Section (New & Old Hall)

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 (Church)

Wednesdays

8.00 am to 2.30 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)
10.30 to 11.30 am	Signing Class (Old Hall/ Kitchen)
11.45 am to 2.00 pm	
7.00 to 8.00 pm	Pilates (Old Hall)

Thursdays

8.00 am to 1.30 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)
9.30 to 10.00 am	Pre-school Ballet classes(Old Hall)
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)
7.15 to 9.30 pm	Company Section BB (Old Hall)

Saturdays

12.30 to 5.00 pm	MSD (New Hall)
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OTHER EVENTS—FEBRUARY

3rd	2.30 - 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/ Kitchen)
3rd	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
5th	6.45 pm	Gordon Presbytery Meeting (Church/Hall)
5th	7.30 - 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
6th	7.00 - 9.00 pm	NESHEPS Meeting (Old Chapel/Kitchen)
9th	9.00 - 11.00 am	Balance Bike Kids (Old Hall)
12th	7.30 to 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
12th	10.30 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
13th	7.30 pm	Kirk Session (New Chapel)
15th	7.30 - 9.30 pm	RCCG (Old Chapel)
17th	2.30 - 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
17th	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
19th	7.30 - 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
22nd	9.45 - 11.00 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen)
24th	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
26th	7.30 - 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
28th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen)

FUNDRAISING (January):

Teas - £157.72	Rag Bag - £74.00	Anon - £4.71
Flower Workshop - £380.00	Fun, Food & Fellowship - £372.00	

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MARCH 2019 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, 2nd March 2019. Please email material for the February Saltire to The Church Office by 20th February 2019.

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.