



**St Andrew's Parish Church**  
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Dear Friends

March 7<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and it is the day when we enter into an annual pilgrimage that takes us from the grave that none of us can escape from to the surprising gift of an empty tomb that changes everything. It is a time to enter into some sort of Lenten discipline, maybe increasing your Bible reading or, God forbid ... giving up chocolate. Lent is not about losing weight, or denying yourself,



or taking on a new project. At its core, Lent is about returning to God. Often things happen in our lives that cause us to re-evaluate where we stand in relationship to God. Life circumstances can come at us like a wake-up call and if we're smart, we'll listen.

Paul admonishes his readers, "Be reconciled to God!" By God's grace, even though what you bring to the table is worthless, in Christ it's become acceptable to God. Though we have nothing, we possess everything. This marvellous reconciliation with God is not a gift to be ignored! God has made it possible for us to be in a loving relationship with him, to be reconciled. That's the action of Lent. It's not about performing empty gestures, denying ourselves, or giving up bad habits that we'd be better off giving up anyway. It's about reconciliation. There's also a challenge in Lent for us to do more than receive the gift of reconciliation. For if that gift is truly received in our hearts, we know that it's not intended to be hoarded for ourselves. It's intended to be shared with others.

During the season of Lent, instead of giving up chocolate, we can do something that will really make a difference in our lives. There may be someone you have a hard time getting along with, a relationship that's been damaged. Or perhaps there is someone you haven't taken the time to get to know very well, but you would like to. Or maybe there is someone you have trouble understanding because you seem to have such different ways of looking at the world. What can you do to work at repairing that relationship, removing the wall that stands between you, or accepting your differences?

I encourage you to take the ministry of reconciliation seriously and act on it during this season of Lent. You may have a long list of people you would like to work at reconciling with, or a short list, but I'll bet we all have a list! If you knew that this was your last day, who would it be important for you reconcile with? Perhaps a long-lost friend, or a family member, or God. Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. In chapters 5 and 6 of 2 Corinthians we have a two-part plan for our Lenten discipline. One part of the plan is inward and involves opening our hearts to reconciliation with God. The other part of the plan is outward. It is about being reconciled to one another. I encourage you to take that plan up this Lenten season. In Christ, be reconciled to God and to one another.

**God bless you all. Sheila**

## News from the Kirk Session:

meeting held on 13th February 2019 -

These are the key points from the

- The Presbytery of Gordon held a Focus meeting with St Andrew's on 05 February 2019. To prepare for this meeting Presbytery visited St Andrew's on 13 January 2019 to meet with the Congregation after morning worship. The preparation meeting went very well and helped us to prepare for the Focus meeting. The Focus meeting also went very well with good feedback from Presbytery. The Kirk Session thanked everyone involved in making this meeting a success and especially our Interim Moderator, Rev Sheila Craggs, for guiding us through this somewhat stressful time.
- Arrangements were completed for the Easter week services and the joint service with the West Church on Easter Sunday in the West Church at 10.00 am. Details of Holy Week services will be in the April magazine.
- Communion will be celebrated on 24 March 2019.
- The Stewardship Campaign planned to run during March 2019 will now run later in the year.
- The Kirk Session has appointed the Session Clerk as Data Protection Coordinator.
- The Safeguarding Coordinator still requires someone to help her in the role and act as a joint coordinator. Any member of the congregation who thinks they may be able to help with the safeguarding role is asked to contact the church office for more information.

**Ken Tuach, Session Clerk**



## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday, 24th March 2019**

**10.00 am**

**Minister: Rev. Sheila Craggs**

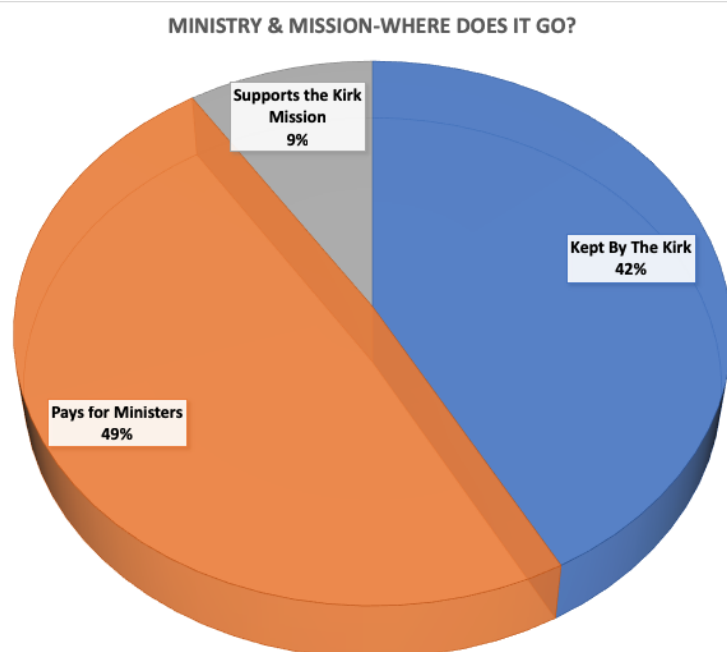




## NEWS FROM THE FINANCE VAULTS

Two months into 2019 and financially we have good news to share. The final assessment of Ministry and Missions Contributions has realised a reduction from £4,900 to £3,660 per month. The reduction reflects our reduced income and Minister Vacancy.

Many members have wondered what happens to our Ministry & Missions contributions and how they are spent.



In addition, due to a collection of circumstances, St. Andrew's Ministry & Missions debt has been reduced from £28,648 to £7,452.

Whilst that is good news, we still have a long standing Church of Scotland Loan of £20,000 for which the Finance Committee are pursuing means of repayment. They will be visiting 121 Edinburgh in the near future to see what arrangements can be negotiated.

2019 will be another challenging financial year for St Andrew's which requires your continued support and contribution. Our income levels must be raised so that we can afford to undertake ongoing repairs and improvements to our buildings. These costs could be in the order of £15,000-£30,000 but the cumulative impact would enable us to reduce expenditure for heating, external painting, protection of the window glazing etc. thus ensuring our buildings remain fully fit for their long term future.

An example of additional storm glazing at Cuminstown Kirk is shown:

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How can we help? There are four things happening to improve our financial wellbeing:-

- 1) Improve utilisation of our buildings by external groups. Under the leadership of Kit Pawson a Lettings Brochure and Poster have been prepared and will be distributed to strategic locations around Inverurie.
- 2) Our Givings, together with HMRC tax benefit, provide a valuable source of income. Although we are acutely aware of the changing economic circumstances (personally, locally, nationally) we will be requesting our members to review their Givings and to make any adjustments they consider appropriate. Letters will be issued during March and we ask that you do read them and give kind consideration to our request.

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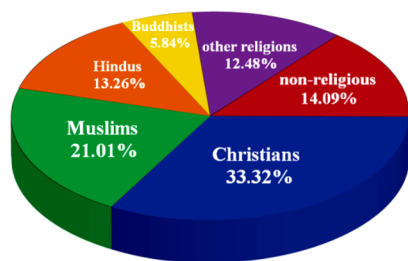
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- 3) Givings are currently donated through a number of methods e.g. Standing Orders, Envelope, Offering plate. We appreciate that these are perhaps not convenient for everyone so during 2019 the Finance Committee will be looking into alternative online electronic methods e.g. Give Net Fundraising, Text Giving, Contactless, Facebook/Website Donate.
- 4) With kind help from Mo and Hamish Vernal, sources of grants (not loans !!) are being investigated to help us meet our building repair and improvement obligations.

Unfortunately our financial position does not make all things possible - we very much have to "cut the cloth" but with everyone's help the Finance Committee believe we can end 2019 in an improved financial position.

**Many thanks to you all,**  
**Tom J**

World Religions by percentage



## The next 30 years of world religions ...

How will the world change with respect to religion over the next 30 years? What will the map of world religions look like in 2050? A link-up between the Global Christian Database in Gordon-Conwell University and *Operation World* staff on the Lausanne website suggests the following trends in relation to population:

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- A third of the world will still be calling itself Christian in 2050.
- A high rate of growth in Islamic countries (because of high birth-rate) will bring Muslim numbers almost up to Christian numbers.
- All the other religions (Hindus, Buddhists, Chinese religions) will be a smaller percentage then.
- The non-religious parts of the world will shrink because their birth-rates are low.
- The number of young people under 15 will be roughly the same then as today, around two billion, but the over-60s will more than double from under a billion today to over two billion then.
- Half the world lives in a city today; by 2050 it could be two-thirds.
- Four out of every 10 Christians in 2050 will live in Sub-Saharan Africa, and another four elsewhere in the Global South. The remaining fifth will be in Europe or North America.

The key determinants then over the next thirty years will most likely be greater urbanisation, increasing Muslim dominance and ever more older people. These trends will also most likely occur in the UK, and are in fact already happening, and projected to continue. In 1960, 78% of the population lived in an urban area; by 2017 it was 83%. In 2001 just 2.7% of the UK population was Muslim, in 2011 it was 4.4%. In 1991, 16% of the UK's population was 65 or over, in 2016 it was 18%, and by 2041 it is projected to be 25%. Africa is probably the continent that will change most in the years ahead. It is still the poorest continent – 37 out of the world's 40 poorest countries are in Africa. Already a fifth, 20%, of the world's young people (under 15) are in Africa; by 2050 that proportion will rise to a third, 33%. If they were “disciples of Jesus [they] could be a power for good; unemployed and angry they could be the fuel for civil wars.” Already a quarter of the world's Christians are African, by 2050 that could be two-fifths, 40%. “In great prayer meetings, in faithfulness to the Bible, in starting new churches at home and overseas, Africans are changing the world.”

Sources: *Praying for the World*, Week 2, 2019, Lausanne website, [www.lausanne.org/pray](http://www.lausanne.org/pray); Office for National Statistics for UK figures.

*Extracted from Parish Pump*

## Time Out

In our session in February we heard the first part of the story about Joseph. We heard how his father had given him a coat of many colours as he was his favourite son. His brothers were jealous of him and eventually sold him to Egyptians. The brothers told their father that Joseph had been killed. In Egypt, he was a slave, then a helper to an important man. He got in trouble and was sent to jail. Here, he interpreted dreams. Pharaoh called him to explain one of his dreams. Joseph previously told his brothers about his own dreams. But more of his dreams in the next session....

We made a coat of many colours, did colouring, sang songs, had our feast, joined the congregation telling them about what we had done that day and finally we had our snack with everyone else.

**We meet on the first Sunday of the month. All welcome. We are also looking for helpers so come along to see if you'd like to help.**

**Timeout Team**

### WFO Envelopes ...

WFO Envelopes for the year April 2019 – 2020 will be issued in March – thanks for all the contributions made in the past year, particularly those who are tax payers and are able to sign up for Gift Aid. This enables St Andrew's to reclaim 25p for every £1 you have given.

Any queries on WFO– please contact me and thanks again,  
**Alastair – Tel. 623148”**

### Buttery and Pancake Morning, Saturday

**9 March 10-12 am at Grampian Opportunities for Tumaini Sewing for Hope project**

On Saturday, 9th March there will be a Coffee Morning in the premises of Grampian Opportunities, 54 West High Street from 10 am to 12 noon. This event is being held in support of the Sewing for Hope project which brings together Scottish and Syrian ladies who make practical items using sewing machines. The Coffee Morning falls within the Fairtrade Fortnight so Fairtrade goods such as tea, coffee and sugar will be used.

**Tickets may be obtained at the door: £3.00 for adults and children £1.00. All welcome.**



# Ministry of Flowers



March	Church	Vestibule
3rd	The Watson Family, Crosslett	
10th	George & Betty Ross, Duncairn	Peters Family, Ritchie Row
17th	Rosie & Pete Milne, Barclay Road (IMO James & Edith Murray)	Mrs E Angus, Charles Place
24th	Mrs M Alexander, Hays Court (IMO W Alexander)	Ralph & Jenny Green, Rutherford Folds
31st	Allan Duff, Middle Park (IMO Jean & Morag)	

**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.**

Eileen Robertson, Flower Convener

**Monthly Envelopes ...** Thanks to all who contribute to the church in this way. Please note that we have renumbered some monthly envelopes entries from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019. Those who had a number ranging from 151 to 200 have been allocated a new number between 1 and 150.

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 (tel: 622275) & Diane Stuart (tel:620931)



# Sunday Services & Readings

## MARCH

3rd	10.00 am Parish Worship <b>"TIME OUT"</b>	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Kit Pawson
10th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Bert Cadenhead
17th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: To be confirmed Reader: Sarah Davidson
24th	10.00 am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Moira Keith
31st	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Sarah Davidson

## APRIL

7th	10.00 am Parish Worship <b>"TIME OUT"</b>	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Alison Young
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### Door & Welcome

### Offering & Count

## 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
24th	V Binnie	A Young	J Ingram	J Lawson
31st	Jill Bruce	D Stuart	H Morrice	A Smith

## APRIL

7th	H Christie	E Barrack	K Pawson	R Milne
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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.***

# Congregational Roll

## ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL

29th January - 28th February 2019

### Recently Deceased

### Service Conducted by

Mrs E Wakeford, 22 Hays Court	30/1/2019	Rev. S Craggs
Mr S Morrison, c/o Sue Ryder Care Home	11/2/2019	Rev. S Craggs
Mr A Cheyne, 33 Provost Florence Dr, Oldmeldrum	15/2/2019	Rev. S Craggs

## God and the Tesco token

I was shopping recently with my wife at the local Tesco store. Having paid for our goods we were given a blue token, which my wife explained we could place in the donation box of a local good cause as we left the shop.

Sure enough, near the exit were three large plastic containers into which we could drop our token, each representing a different charity needing support. The more tokens they receive, the bigger the donation they will be given from the supermarket, so it was a weighty choice! I chose the local Youth Choir.

I am in the habit, just before I sleep, of looking back over the day that just finished. That night as I went to sleep God reminded me about the blue token and my concern to use it wisely. As I get older I am increasingly aware of the importance of every day, that each new day is a gift from God to be

enjoyed and cherished. None of us know how many days we have, but we do know they are running out. All the more reason, then, to use them wisely.

As I thought about the token it seemed to me that with each new day I have been given the gift of a token from God, and I should do my best to use it for His glory. When we are young, with our lives stretching out ahead of us, it is as if we have thousands of tokens to spend (70 years, for example, would be 25,550 tokens), so to waste a few is not such a disaster. However, now that I am in my 69<sup>th</sup> year, there may not be so many tokens left! I need to spend each one wisely.

Moses, who lived to the grand old age of 120, prayed to God like this: "Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12)."

*Extracted from Parish Pump*

## SOCIAL EVENTS 2019: *(more details in April magazine)*

### Daffodil Tea and Craft Fair

**Saturday, 27th April 2019 - 11.00 am to 2.00 pm**



## 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)
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7.10 to 8.10 pm	MSD (Old Hall)
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### **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—MARCH**

2nd	11.00 am - 12.00 pm	Face-Off (Old Chapel)
3rd	2.30 -5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel & Kitchen)
6th	7.30 - 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
9th	11.00 am - 12.00 pm	Face-Off (Old Chapel)
10th	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
12th	10.00 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
13th	7.30 - 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
13th	7.30 pm	Congregational Board Meeting (New Chapel)
14th	10.00 am - 2.00 pm	Dyslexia Meeting (Old Hall & Kitchen)
16th	1.00 am - 12.00 pm	Face-Off (Old Chapel)
17th	2.30 - 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/ Old Chapel & Kitchen)
17th	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
20th	7.30 - 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
22nd	9.45 - 11.00 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall & Kitchen)
23rd	11.00 am - 12.00 pm	Face-Off (Old Chapel)
23rd	6.00 - 10.00 pm	Barnardo's Quiz (Old Hall & Kitchen)
24th	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
27th	7.30 - 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
27th	6.00 - 9.00 pm	Dyslexia Mtg (Old Chapel & Kitchen)
28th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Guide Dogs (Old Hall & Kitchen)
31st	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)

**FUNDRAISING (February):** Teas : £91.53 Rag Bag : £73.60

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**APRIL 2019 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, 31st March 2019. Please email material for the February Saltire to The Church Office by 20th March 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.