



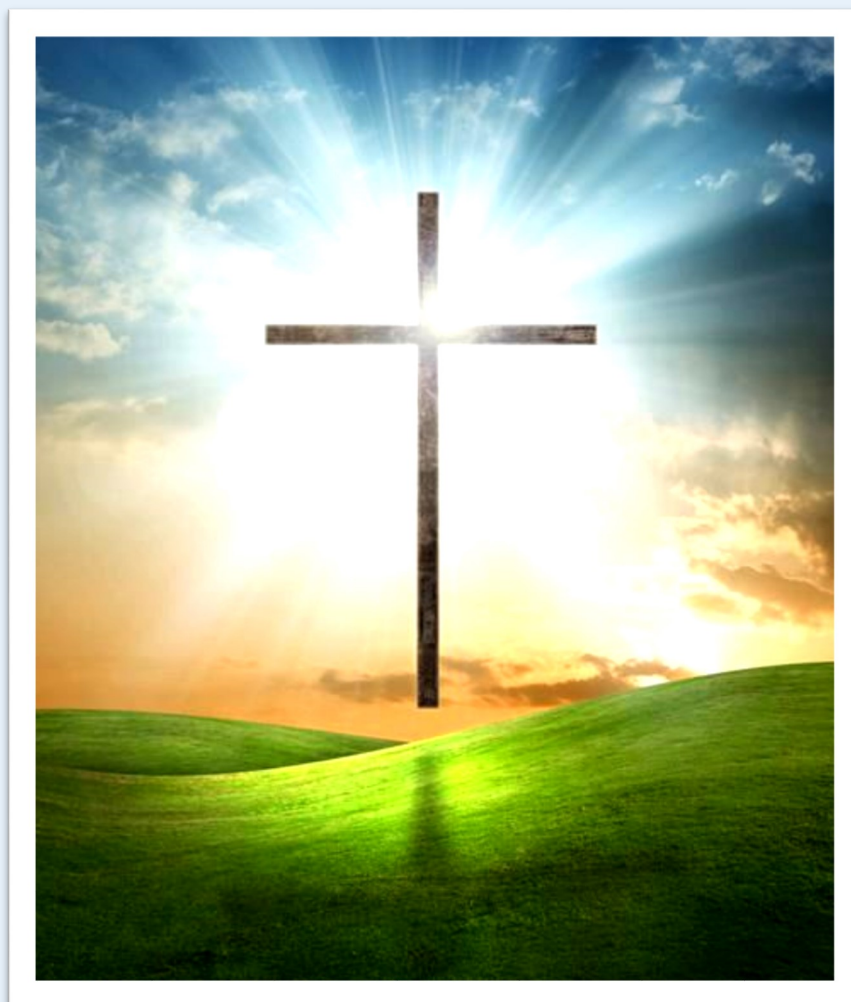
St Andrew's Parish Church

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Dear Friends,

If you go into the Supermarkets you will be inundated by Easter eggs, encouraging you to buy them at half price. In other shops scenes are set with Easter bunnies, fluffy yellow chicks and spring flowers.

What is Easter to you? For many children and maybe some adults too, the Easter story is the Crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday. So, if I were to ask you what a donkey, three coins, praying hands and a strap of leather have to do with Easter how many of you could answer that question? To help children and even adults understand the story I have a set of coloured plastic eggs which when opened reveal the story of Easter.

The first egg reveals a donkey. It was on Palm Sunday the first day of Holy Week that Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem on a donkey to the cheers of the crowd. Little did they know the following days would lead to Jesus being crucified on a cross.

The second egg reveals three coins reminding us that Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Even though Judas was one of Jesus trusted disciples he turned his back on him.

The third egg reveals a cup which reminds us of the Passover Meal Jesus shared with his disciples on Maundy Thursday. Jesus took the cup saying, 'This is my blood which is shed for you, drink from it to remember me.'

The praying hands revealed in the fourth egg show how important going to pray was to Jesus. After he was betrayed by Judas, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. After Jesus' trial before Pilate, he was whipped by the Roman soldiers and so the fifth egg reveals a strip of leather.

The sixth egg contains a crown of thorns which reminds us of the crown that the soldiers placed on Jesus' head while mocking him, saying 'Hail, King of the Jews'

Inside egg seven we find three nails formed into the shape of a cross which remind us of the nails driven into Jesus' hands and feet to nail him to the cross. Then egg eight reveals a dice reminding us of the Roman soldiers gambling for Jesus' robe.

Egg nine reveals a spear used by the Roman soldiers to pierce Jesus' side when he was on the cross. Inside egg ten is a piece of linen the cloth used by Joseph of Arimathea to wrap Jesus' body after he died on the cross.

On Easter morning when Mary went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, she found the stone rolled away. In egg eleven is a stone reminding us of the stone rolled away. They were shocked and did not know what had happened.

The final egg, an empty egg, reminds us of the empty tomb and Jesus Resurrection from the dead. By rising from the dead Jesus proved once and for all that he was the Messiah, the Saviour of the World, the Chosen one and the Lamb of God. By dying on a cross and rising from the dead, Jesus did what no other had done before.

I hope as you read this message that Easter will mean more than chocolate eggs, bunnies, fluffy chicks and spring flowers and you will once again relive the sadness of Good Friday but the joy of Easter Sunday when we can say, **'He is risen hallelujah!'**

May God bless you this Easter.

Happy Easter from

your Interim Moderator Sheila

News from the Congregation Board:

These are the key points

from the meeting held on 13th March 2019 -

- **Minister:** The Vacancy Committee is still working/pursuing all avenues to obtain a suitable candidate for our Minister. Currently there are 167 vacancies in Scotland and 6 in the Gordon Presbytery.
- **The Manse:** The Board is pursuing the option to lease out the Manse.
- **Legacy:** St Andrew's Church is very grateful to have received the following legacies: Lena Mitchell - £5,000, Annie Singer - £1,000, John Bruce - £43,658.
- **Social Committee:** The Social Committee has arranged a number of gatherings in 2019, the first event being a Daffodil Tea & Craft Fair on Saturday, 27th April 2019 - 11 am - 2 pm.
- **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

Flower God, God of Spring

by Robert Louis Stevenson

FLOWER god, god of the spring, beautiful, bountiful,
Cold-dyed shield in the sky, lover of
versicles,
Here I wander in April
Cold, grey-headed; and still to my
Heart, Spring comes with a bound,
Spring the deliverer,
Spring, song-leader in woods, chorally
resonant;
Spring, flower-planter in meadows,
Child-conductor in willowy
Fields deep dotted with bloom, daisies
and crocuses:

Here that child from his heart drinks of
eternity:

O child, happy are children!

She still smiles on their innocence,
She, dear mother in God, fostering vio-
lets,

Fills earth full of her scents, voices and
violins:

Thus one cunning in music
Wakes old chords in the memory:

Thus fair earth in the Spring leads her
performances.

One more touch of the bow, smell of the
virginal

Green - one more, and my bosom
Feels new life with an ecstasy.



Why Easter will never go away

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man did rise?

At the end of St Luke's Gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: "You crucified Jesus, but God raised him up!"

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But, of course each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds. He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped. The disciples nursed Him back to health. But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

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Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life-changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: 'He came to those men

who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me", and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.'

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.

Extracted from Parish Pump

COME ON AN ADVENTURE WITH GOD THE COLUMBA EXPERIENCE

WEEK 1: 22ND-29TH JUNE

WEEK 2: 29TH JUNE-6TH JULY 2019

A pilgrimage for 18-25 year olds, following in the footsteps of the Celtic saints

facebook.com/thecolumbaexperience

What is it?

The Columba Experience is an 8 day pilgrimage through Argyll, where a group of young pilgrims journey together, learn the legacy of the Christian pioneers such as Columba, explore faith and create community.

Who are you?

The Columba Experience is run by a group of youth workers and volunteers. Experienced youth workers lead each pilgrimage, and accommodation along the way is provided by churches and Christian groups. People taking part can come from any faith background or none- all are welcome. We are trying to create a diverse team for each week with people with a variety of backgrounds and skills.

I'm interested... what next?

If you would like to find out more, have a look at our Facebook page facebook.com/thecolumbaexperience where you'll find links to more information and our application form.

The deadline for receiving application forms is Friday 10th May 2019 and we will get back to you with a decision about whether you have a place by Friday 17th May

2019. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Kenny at the email address below.

We try to keep the costs of this as low as possible and this year we are asking for a contribution of £35 from each participant. If money would be the only reason you couldn't take part, please get in touch and we'll see what we can do. **If you have any questions, please contact Kenny Wilson: kwilson@churchofscotland.org.uk**

Our visit to Singapore, Australia & Bali

Ever since I was a 10 year old I wanted to fly and, as soon as I was able, I joined the Air Training Corps with the aim of joining the RAF as a fighter pilot. At 16 my hopes were dashed as my eyesight wasn't 20/20 and I needed glasses.

So long haul flights have never been a problem: for me enjoyable, but as we get older the after effects, stiffness, and jet lag, are more severe. That said, as our two sons and our 6 grandchildren are scattered over the world, needs must and we tackle the 14 hour flights to Singapore fairly regularly. Both our sons lived in Singapore until recently when our eldest moved with his wife and family to Sydney, Australia - another 7-8 hour flight. We are lucky we can stopover in Singapore.

Long haul flights are not without their own issues. After a connecting flight from Aberdeen we boarded our late evening flight to Singapore at Heathrow. Everything was as before, quite normal and dinner and drinks was being served when it was suddenly interrupted. Doreen had hers but the stewardess was instructed by another to stop and the trolley vanished. Normally the cabin staff walk calmly but it was obvious something was afoot as several male stewards appeared almost running to the back of the plane. A young couple were brought up to vacant seats near us, the girl was in tears and stewardesses were comforting her and taking statements! Quite a time passed and the chief steward came round all passen-

gers to apologise that there had been an "incident" but all was back to normal. Not quite, as when Doreen went to the toilet she saw a man on the floor being restrained by 3 male stewards with his hands behind his back secured by plastic cable ties. We were given the impression that it was a drunk creating disturbance. The Captain also came round and assured everyone all was well. However when we landed at Changi Airport, as we neared the top of the air bridge, there were about 10 armed police waiting, some carrying assault rifles. Whatever the passenger had done he would face some hard justice in Singapore and would be detained in the notorious Changi Jail! Curiously enough, despite searching the local papers and the internet, the incident was not reported! Makes you wonder these days!

We had just over two weeks in Singapore and spent most of it with our 3 year old grandson, taking him to

Sands Hotel, Singapore



his nursery school, to the beach at East Coast Park and generally enjoying ourselves. A lot of the time we also had his 3 year old "girlfriend" Arya with us as they are together much of the time. She is a very pretty if feisty little girl, her dad is Scottish and her mum is Indian. Most of the time they play well together! Singapore was very hot, around 30-35 degrees and very humid so it's very tiring until you acclimatise. We were therefore glad of the air conditioned malls and indoor play areas where we could escape the extreme heat.

A week before Christmas we left Singapore and this time we had an uneventful BA flight to Sydney. On arriving in Sydney we were met by



my eldest son and our eldest grandson. The difference in temperature was not great

but the sky was blue and the air felt much fresher than Singapore. Great to feel a breeze!

The family live about 20 miles north of Sydney in a place called Narrabeen and commute to Sydney for my son's work. It's really quite beautiful, still almost tropical with flowering trees and shrubs in abundance. And beaches, wow! miles and miles of beautiful golden sands all of which have lifeguards from early morning until curiously 5.00 pm after which you swim or surf in the sea at your own risk.

I discovered that on the huge East Coast of Australia while there are

sharks, the really dangerous ones, the great whites, tend to follow the whales (which they eat) up the West Coast. In fact, more people die from drowning because of rip currents than from shark attacks in all of Australia, hence the lifeguards on every beach.

Most of our time was spent with our 3 grandsons who were enjoying their school summer holidays. We went with them to surf training schools (on Manly Beach) and to the Nippers live-saving classes on Warriewood Beach. I think we were on most of the beaches in that part of Australia! Great fun in the sun, though all of us had to be plastered with Factor 50 sunscreen. The sun there is fierce!

It wasn't all surf and sand. Next time I'll tell you about Christmas Day and how we celebrated in 40 degrees of brilliant sunshine after a huge tropical storm with golf ball sized hailstones.

To be continued.

Peter Donaldson (Elder)

Time Out ... In our session in March we heard the rest of the Joseph story. This covered how he did well in Egypt after getting out of jail and telling the king what his dreams meant. He foretold of the years of plenty and famine to come, so that Egypt could prepare. His brothers came to get food during the famine and he finally told them who he was. After this his father and family came to Egypt. Our craft work concentrated on colouring pictures of the dreams that Joseph interpreted and making dream clouds with these pictures. They're on the Timeout notice board in the old hall. Have a look.

As usual, we had our feast and told the congregation what we had been doing and then we had our snack with everyone else.

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

Timeout Team

Ministry of Flowers

April	Church	Vestibule
7th	Ian & Diane Stuart, Carisbrooke	
14th	Tom & Margaret Dalgleish, Middlemuir Rd	Rosella Bruce, Belvidere
21st	Ken & Jill Tuach, High Street	West Church
28th	Sandy & Vera Binnie, Howieson Pl	
May		
5th	Mrs D Ritchie, Middle Park IMO Adam Ritchie	

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



Door & Welcome

Offering & Count

APRIL

7th	H Christie	E Barrack	K Pawson	R Milne
14th	B Cadenhead	G Bruce	D Stuart	P Wink
21st	A Duff	R Young	WEST CHURCH	
28th	C Clark	Y Clark	A Young	M Vernal

MAY

5th	I Fraser	S Davidson	Joyce Bruce	V Binnie
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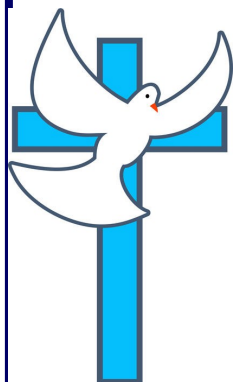
If for any reason you are unable to manage any of the above dates, it is your responsibility to arrange a swap with someone else on the rota and then it is IMPORTANT to let our Church Administrator know of any changes. Thank you.

Sunday Services & Readings

APRIL

7th	10.00 am Parish Worship "TIME OUT"	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Alison Young
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14th	10.00 am Parish Worship "Palm Sunday"	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Robin Young
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Easter Services

Monday, 15th April - Friday, 19th April 2019

IDCT Holy Week Services

7.30 pm each evening in St ANDREW'S CHURCH, Inverurie

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 18th April

7.30 pm Breaking of Bread

GOOD FRIDAY, 19th April

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 Andrew's Church

EASTER DAY, 21st April

8.00 am Sunrise service at the Bass

8.00 am Ground level service in St Andrew's Church

8.30 am Easter Breakfast in The West Church

10.00 am United Worship in The West Church

28th	10.00 Parish Worship "Stated Annual Meeting"	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Kit Pawson
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MAY

5th	10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out"	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Peter Donaldson
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Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL

Recently Deceased

Mr A Wilken, 5 Crosslet Court	25/11/2018
Mrs A Singer, 76 Selbie Drive	11/2/2019
Mr I Cameron, 8 Laing Court	5/3/2019

Service conducted by

E Massie Chapel
Funeral Private
Rev. S Craggs

Change of Address

Mrs C Beattie (formerly 6 Burnside Court)	now at 10 Broadshade Drive, Westhills
Mrs E Pyper (formerly 14 Townhead Pl)	to be confirmed
Mrs M Coutts (formerly 3 Golf Walk)	now at The Grove Nursing Home, Kemnay
Mrs S Maclean (formerly Marva, Blackhall Rd)	now at Manilla, Blackhall Rd

Transfer of Lines

Mr & Mrs T Rodger, Tonburn, Main St, P.E.	from Glenmuick Church, Ballater
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Social Events 2019:



27th April -

DAFFODIL TEA & CRAFT FAIR

11.00 am to 2.00 pm

Tickets: £7.00 (Contact Molly Conn
01467 620612)

1st June : **SOUP & SWEET & CRAFT FAIR**

29th June : **STRAWBERRY TEA & CRAFT FAIR**

24th August : **PETER SCATTERBY, Accordionist**

7th September : **CANDLELIT SUPPER**

12th October : **HARVEST SOUP & SWEET & CRAFT FAIR**

16th November : **CHRISTMAS VICTORIAN TEA & CRAFT FAIR**

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—APRIL

7th	2.30 - 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
7th	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
9th	10.00 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
10th	7.30 pm	Kirk Session Meeting (New Chapel)
13th	11.00 am - 12 noon	Face-Off (Old Chapel)
13th	12 noon - 2.00 pm	SNP (Soup & Sweet) (Old Hall/Kitchen)
17th	6.00 - 9.00 pm	SpikinAutism (Old Chapel/Kitchen)
17th	7.30 - 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
19th	9.30 am	Good Friday - Walk of Witness Breakfast
20th	11.00 - 12 noon	Face-Off (Old Chapel)
21st	2.30 - 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
21st	6.45 - 8.18 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
24th	7.00 pm	Playgroup Meeting (Old Chapel)
24th	7.30 - 9.45 pm	Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall)
25th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen)
26th	9.45 - 11.00 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen)
27th	11.00 am - 2.00 pm	Daffodil Tea & Craft Fair (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
28th	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
28th	11.00 am	Annual Stated Meeting (Church/Old Hall)

FUNDRAISING (March):

Teas : £90.65

Rag Bag : £60.40

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 5th May 2019. Please email material for the May Saltire to
 The Church Office by 20th April 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.