



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

THE

JUNE 2019

DAY OF PENTECOST



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Dear Friends

This is what the living God, the Holy One of Israel says: 'return to me and find your salvation in being still, for in rest and quietness lies true strength', but you just weren't interested in listening. Isaiah 30:15

One of the bugbears for motorists today is the ever-increasing number of speed bumps in our towns and cities. I speak from personal experience: just about every route to the town centre from my home seems to have been designed to shake loose as many nuts and bolts as possible.

As the car suspension takes yet another pounding, it's hard sometimes not to question the wisdom of the powers that be, but, of course, however unwelcome traffic-calming devices may seem, they are installed for a purpose to slow drivers down so as to make residential areas that little bit safer for pedestrians.

Let's face it, we can all on occasions be tempted to drive faster than we ought to, and if speed bumps help to save even one life or prevent an ugly accident, they've more than served their purpose.

In life, as much as on the road, we can be in too much of a hurry sometimes. For all our labour-saving devices, we live today at a more hectic pace than ever before, always feeling under pressure and striving to cram that little bit extra into the unforgiving minute.

But are we happier for it? Probably the opposite is true. Many today feel stressed and overloaded and crave some respite in which to pause and get their bearings. We all need time to unwind, to reflect on what we are doing and why and above all, time for God. That is why God's advice in the verse at the beginning is so important, for unless we learn to be still in his presence, we will lose sight of what really matters, and all our hustle and bustle will count finally for nothing.

So, I am going to listen to these words, and I am going to try to be still and rest and reflect as I set off on holiday for two weeks to Portugal. Hopefully the weather will be warm and sunny, and I will be able to sit and enjoy a lovely book or two as I rest after a very busy few months of this year where I feel life has never stopped and allowed me to slow down.

When I return, I will be ready to serve you once again with God walking by my side helping me to maybe slow down as I do his work in St Andrew's Church and its congregation.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, whenever we forget you, believing we have more important things to do, more pressing concerns to see to, remind us that you hold the words of eternal life, the answer to our inner hunger and deepest needs. In our list of daily priorities, help us to set time aside for you first, not last, Amen

Every blessing to you all, Sheila

News from the Congregation Board: These are the key points from the meeting held on 8th May 2019 -

- **Donation:** William Lippe, Architects, has generously donated a large Board Room table and chairs to the Church. This table has been placed in the Chapel and it is the intention to hire the Chapel out for meetings which may be an attractive option for some groups now that we have a Board Room table. St Andrew's are very grateful to Mr Lippe for this generous donation.
- **Social Committee:** The next social event is 1st June - Soup & Sweet and then 29th June - Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair. 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

To Make you Smile

A burglar breaks into a house. He starts shining his light around looking for valuables. Some nice things catch his eye, and as he reaches for them, he hears, "Jesus is watching you." Startled, the burglar looks for the speaker. Seeing no one, he keeps putting things in his bag. Again he hears, "Jesus is watching you." This time, he sees a parrot. "Who are you?" the burglar asks. "Moses," the bird replied. "Who the heck would name a bird Moses?" the man laughed. "I dunno," Moses answered, "I guess the same kind of people that would name a Rottweiler "Jesus".

Extracted from "The Window", Clackmannan Parish

9th June 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 seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter.

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.

Extracted from Parish Pump



Diane and I thought it might brighten up the summer months of the Saltire if you could send us some holiday photos with a brief description.

Please forward to Jackie at the Church Office

- standrews@btinternet.com.



News from the General Assembly 2019

The General Assembly 2019 opened on Saturday 18th May with the installation of the new Moderator Rt. Rev Colin Sinclair. Representing the Queen was the Duke of Buccleuch who addressed the Assembly. The retiring Moderator Rev Susan Brown also addressed the Assembly. Following a time of worship led by the Moderator, the Assembly welcomed Delegates and visitors.

Monday opened with Holy Communion conducted by the Moderator. The main business of the day was the Report of the Special Commission which was charged with the task of reforming the Management of the Church. This is to be achieved in as prompt a timescale as possible by a top tier comprising a body with a wide range of experience, skills, gender and geographical balance ... to be called The Assembly Trustees who will appoint a Senior Management Team. The aim is to streamline the running of the Church and make savings of at least 20%.

This was followed by the Report of the Social Care Council who outlined the great work being done by the Church through Social Care and Crossreach such as the Bungalow at Stonehaven which enables 5 people with support to live quality lives, and also the invaluable help given to Prison Visitor Centres.

On Tuesday, the main discussion took place on the Radical Plan which again is designed to restructure the way the Church is organised. The report of the World Mission Council outlined the work of the Church worldwide, in cooperation with partners of all faiths under extremely difficult conditions. There has to be careful negotiation to try and influence change in areas of difficulty, such as blasphemy laws in Pakistan. Positives include work in Egypt where, among other helping projects, was the provision of a children's playground funded in part by the BB.

The Guild reported on their activities, not only in Scotland but also around the World – a series of support visits had been started – so far the North has been completed and overall membership is up by 500. Again, the Guild have been very generous with donations to the Church and also to various charities such as Crossreach, BB, Malawi etc.

Wednesday opened with a speech from the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon who praised the Church for all the work and support it gives both at home and worldwide.

On Thursday, the Chaplains to the Armed Forces were praised and thanked for their invaluable work supporting and ministering to all branches of the Navy, Army and Airforce.

The Report from the Youth Assembly was received with admiration for the enthusiasm of the Youth of our Church (including Olivia Paterson from the West Church) – something we should care for and nurture. Indeed there was much demand that they should receive more financial support to enable them to develop as they are the future of our church.

Alastair Smith, Elder

**A Colouring-In Page for our younger readers and
maybe the not so young?**



"May the *grace* of
the Lord **JESUS CHRIST**
and the *love* of **GOD**
and the fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be with you."



2 Corinthians 13:13



Time Out ... Because Easter was so late this year we continued with that theme at our May Time Out. The children watched a DVD and we discussed the difficulty of believing in something which you cannot see and why Thomas became known as "Doubting Thomas." Quite a difficult concept for youngsters.

After our feast and prayer, small crosses and one large one were decorated. Each child took home a simple "map" of the Easter story and Easter worksheets. Before joining the congregation in the hall for juice and pancakes etc. we went in to church to tell everyone what we had been doing and to show our crosses. A special thanks to Brian Reid for making the large cross.

Time Out Team



We are raising the roof!

**BARTHOL CHAPEL
INTER-KIRK
QUIZ NIGHT**

**BARTHOL CHAPEL SCHOOL
FRIDAY JUNE 7TH**

**7 PM START
DOORS OPEN AT 6.30**




Come as a team (maximum of 5) or
join a team on the night

£20 a table or £5 for an individual ticket

Tickets available on the door but please email
SessionClerk@bartholchapel.com
to secure a table in advance

Refreshments and delicious home bakes in the interval

BYOB

PRIZES GALORE!

A fun night and a little brain gym to help
us keep out the elements

Gordon Dementia Services SCIO ...

We are pleased to now offer a drop-in service. We are a small charity providing a day service for people suffering from dementia. This can be used by existing or new service users. If you have an appointment, need to do a bit of shopping or just need a bit of time to yourself then why not give our service a try? Our aim is to promote social independence along with providing physical & mental stimulation. The service is adapted to meet the needs of each individual attending and provide respite for carers. **It will run Monday to Thursday at Pleyfauld House any time between the hours of 10 am till 3 pm and on a Friday at St Andrew's Church Hall 10 am till 3 pm. It costs £10 an hour with £3.50 if you require lunch. For more information please contact us :**

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Ministry of Flowers

| JUNE | Church | Vestibule |
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| 2nd | Ken & Jill Tuach, High Street | Betty Gale, Pleyfauld House |
| 9th | Chris Robertson, Keithhall Rd (IMO Mrs Moyra Robertson) | |
| 16th | Sheena Yeats, Hay's Court | John & Marjorie (IMO Mr & Mrs J A Ross) |
| 23rd | Eileen & Alan Robertson, The Willows | Mr & Mrs C Clark, Bennachie Av |
| 30th | Jean Williams, Townhead Terrace | Alan Duff, Middlepark (IMO Jean & Morag) |
| JULY - WEST CHURCH | | |

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



Social Events 2019

St Andrew's Church
Hall & Chapel



Saturday, 29th June -

Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair

11.00 am to 2.00 pm

Tickets: £7.00 Free Entry to Craft Fair

(Contact Molly Conn, tel. 01467 620612)

Sunday Services & Readings

JUNE

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| 2nd | 10.00 am Parish Worship “Time Out” | Reader: Stuart Watson Reader: Bert Cadenhead |
| 9th | 10.00 am Parish Worship “Pentecost” | Minister: Rev. A Craig Reader: Sarah Davidson |
| 16th | 10.00 am Parish Worship | Minister: Rev. A Craig Reader: Sarah Davidson |
| 23rd | 10.00 am Parish Worship | Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Moira Keith |
| 30th | 10.00 am Parish Worship | Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Alison Young |

JULY

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| 7th | 10.00 am Parish Worship | WEST CHURCH |
| 7th | “Time Out” Picnic (St Andrew’s Church New Hall 9.45 am) ALL WELCOME | |

Invitation from Kintore Parish Church

On behalf of the Congregation and Kirk Session of Kintore Parish Church, I would like to invite you to a Celebration in Words and Music on Saturday, 15th June 2019, at 6:30pm in Kintore Church.

In 2019 the church building at Kintore Parish Church is 200 years old. We are taking the opportunity of this Bicentennial to celebrate the even longer history of the Christian congregation that has worshipped in this place and has served the community of Kintore with the Good News of the Gospel and the kindness of God’s compassion – possibly since as early as the 7th Century! While we are spending the whole year in celebration, the centrepiece of our festivities will take place on the weekend of 15th – 16th June. You are therefore welcome to join us as our special guests at the concert on Saturday evening, and again at a special Bicentenary Service on Sunday morning at 10am as well as at our Fathers’ Day Barbecue on Sunday afternoon, starting from 15:30.

We do hope you will be able to join us and we look forward to welcoming you on this special occasion. Would you be so kind as to let our Church Secretary, Jane McIntosh, know whether you will be able to attend? You can contact her at kintorekirk.secretary@gmail.com or on 01224-791688.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Neil Meyer

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 27th April - 27th May 2019

Recently Deceased

| | | |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| Mrs J M F McKay, Grassieslack, Daviot | 4/5/2019 | Rev. M Cranfield |
| Mrs A Halliday, Pitcairn Care Home | 7/5/2019 | Rev. S Craggs |
| Mr A Abel, 11 Pleyfauld House | 13/5/2019 | Rev. R Cathcart |
| Mrs A Barclay, Mandalay, 1 Maryfield Gdns | 14/5/2019 | Rev. S Craggs |
| Mr P J Walker, 4 Cuninghill Avenue | 23/5/2019 | Rev. E Glen |
| Mr J Petrie, The Rowans, Marchfield Dr | 26/5/2019 | Rev. S Craggs |

Service

conducted by

Change of Address

Mr & Mrs T G Reid, 63 Kellands Road now at 1 Wallace Road



Door & Welcome

Offering & Count

JUNE

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| 2nd | H Morrice | S Hepburn | D Stuart | |
| 9th | J Lawson | J Ingram | A Duff | S Davidson |
| 16th | R Milne | P Wink | I Fraser | R Green |
| 23rd | A Smith | M Vernal | I Greig | E Gale |
| 30th | J Williams | J Bruce | S Hepburn | J Ingram |

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| 7th | R Young | B Cadenhead | WEST CHURCH |
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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.***

Diary of Events - School Term

Mondays

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| 10.00 to 11 .00 am | Zumba Class(Old Hall/Kitchen) |
| 1.15 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

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| 8.00 am to 2.00 pm | Playgroup (New Hall) |
| 4.00 to 5.30 pm | Rainbows (Old Hall/Kitchen) |
| 7.00 to 10.00 pm | Rock Choir (Church) |

Wednesdays

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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

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| 8.00 am to 1.30 pm | Playgroup (New Hall) |
| 7.00 to 9.00 pm | Guides (New Hall) |
| 7.10 to 8.10 pm | MSD (Old Hall) |

Fridays

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| 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

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

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| 1st | 12 noon - 2.00 pm | Soup & Sweet (Old Hall/Kitchen) |
| 1st | 11.00 - 12.00 noon | Face-Off (Old Chapel) |
| 2nd | 2.30 - 5.30 pm | Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen) |
| 5th | 7.30 - 9.45 pm | Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall) |
| 8th | 11.00 - 12 noon | Face-Off (Old Chapel) |
| 11th | 10.30 am | Monthly Count (New Chapel) |
| 12th | 7.30 - 9.45 pm | Inverurie Concert Band (New Hall) |
| 16th | 2.30 - 5.30 pm | Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen) |
| 16th | 6.45 - 8.15 pm | Yoga (Old Hall) |
| 18th | 7.00 - 9.00 pm | Girl Guiding Association (Old Chapel/Kitchen) |
| 19th | 7.30 pm | Kirk Session Meeting (New Chapel) |
| 22nd | 4.00 - 5.30 pm | Scratch Squad Flyball Meeting (Old Hall/Kitchen) |
| 23rd | 6.45 - 8.15 pm | Yoga (Old Hall) |
| 27th | 9.30 am - 12.30 pm | Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen) |
| 28th | 9.45 - 11.00 am | Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen) |
| 29th | 11.00 am - 2.00 pm | Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen) |
| 30th | 6.45 - 8.15 pm | Yoga (Old Hall) |

FUNDRAISING (May): Teas : £119.85 Rag Bag £40.00

Donations : Anon £20.00; £50.00 towards Fun, Friends & Fellowship

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**JULY 2019 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday,
 30th JUNE 2019. Please email material for the July Saltire to
 The Church Office by 20th June 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.