



# St Andrew's Parish Church

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**Inverurie**

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**JULY 2019**

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**The Interim Moderator, Rev. Sheila Craggs, may be contacted  
for pastoral care by contacting her on 01358 723055**

Dear Friends

July is the month when the congregation of St Andrew's joins together for worship with the West Church and then the West Church congregation comes to St Andrew's in August. It is always lovely to share together throughout those two months and it is great to see the wonderful friendship and fellowship too as we gather together over a cup of tea and a fine piece.

I hope that over the summer many of you will be able to spend precious time with family and friends in whatever way you can and enjoy every moment. I love sharing time with my family whether around a table for a meal or out and about enjoying each other's company. Even though my life can be very busy those special times mean a lot to me.

I hope that however you spend your summer that you will have many special moments shared with family and friends to enrich your lives and bring you much joy.

Jesus who spent the last three years of his life travelling around teaching and preaching as well as performing many miracles probably did not have much time to share special times with his family but we know that he tried to spend quiet moments with his heavenly Father as he talked to him in prayer.

Summer break doesn't mean that we forget about God but that we remember He is with us wherever we are and that we can spend special moments talking with him in our prayers.

Enjoy your holidays and if you are just relaxing at home enjoy that time too. Hopefully the sun will shine, and we will feel its warmth helping us feel refreshed and renewed ready to face the remainder of the year.

### **Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for Summer. We thank you for the warmth of the sun and the long evenings of daylight. We thank you for the beauty we see all around and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoying your creation.*

*We thank you for the increase of time we have with family and friends and for the more casual pace of the summer season.*

*Draw us closer to you. Teach us how to pray no matter where we are or what we are doing. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence and light our path with your love.*

*Let us be grateful for the gift of summer and allow us to enjoy it with those we love around us.*

**Amen**

**Every blessing Sheila**

**News from the Kirk Session:** These are the key points from the meeting held on 19th June 2019 -

- **Summer services at 10.00 am this year will be held in West Church in July and St Andrew's in August.**
- The Stewardship Campaign planned to run during March 2019 will now run later in the year.
- 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.
- Mr Alastair Smith, Elder, attended the General Assembly with the Interim Moderator.

**Ken Tuach**, Session Clerk



## **The Bible that was thrown away ...**

The story is told by Brother Andrew, who worked for many years with the Persecuted Church, of a Christian pastor who was travelling some years ago on a train in the old Soviet Union. There was just one other passenger in the railway car, and soon the two men were chatting. The subject of religion came up, and the other man extolled the logic of atheism and criticised religious belief. Then the Christian bravely expressed his own views, and even took out his Bible to show the man some relevant verses. But the atheist was both unmoved and annoyed.

As the futility of their argument became clear, the men lapsed into silence. When a little later the Christian was nearing his stop, he left the compartment for a few moments to get his suitcase. He returned to find his Bible was missing. The atheist was just closing the train window and sneered at him. It was clear that he had thrown the Bible out. The journey continued the final few miles in stony silence.

A few months later, a stranger came to call upon the Christian pastor in his village. It was a man from a neighbouring village who asked to be baptised. The pastor was astonished and asked him what he knew about such things. The stranger told him this story: "Until a few months ago I knew nothing of Christianity. I am just a local builder, working on a site near the railway track. Then suddenly one afternoon a book came flying out of the window of a passing train and landed in the dust nearby. I walked over and picked it up. It was a Bible – the first I had ever seen. "So I took it home and out of curiosity began to read it. I was amazed by what I read, and I have become a Christian. Now I want to be baptised and meet with other Christians. I have heard rumours that you are also a Christian, so I hoped that you would help me." The astonished Christian pastor did indeed baptise the builder, and also confided his side of the story of the flying Bible. Within a few years the builder had converted several of his neighbours, and a tiny Christian church had been planted within his own community. **All because of a thrown-away Bible.**

*(Extracted from Parish Pump)*



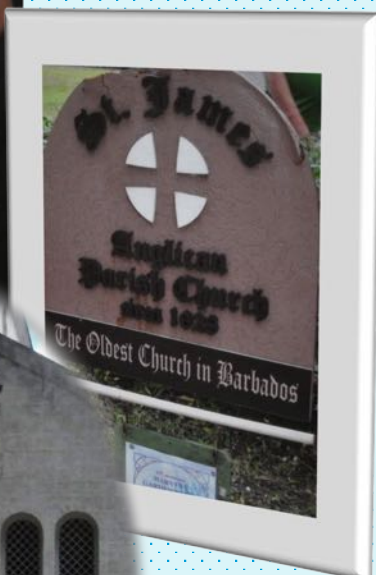
# Holiday Snaps from our Congrega- tion



*Kit Pawson with grand daughter, Nashilu, aged 3, at The Falconry Centre, near Huntly. Nashilu over from Kenya on holiday with her Mum and baby sister.*



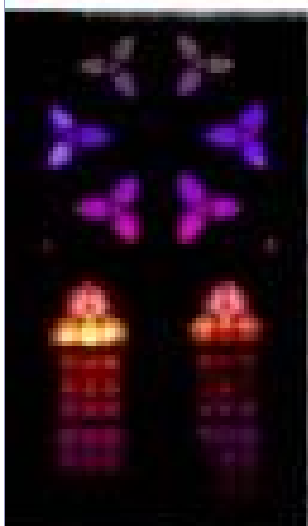
*Having ice cream at midday is what you do on holiday. Cala Bona, Majorca  
- Tom & Margaret Dalglish*



*Joyce Bruce with Minister of The Christ  
Church of Barbados*



*Visiting the Mourne Mountains, Newcastle, N.I. -  
Diane & Ian Stuart; Vera & Sandy Binnie;  
& the dogs Molly & Lady*



## 2019 AUTUMN ENCOUNTERS with *The Iona Community*

18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October

*Ripening in Wisdom: Elder Poets as Sages for the Harvest of Life*  
Mark Burrows, Protestant University of Applied Sciences, Bochum

23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October

*Kicking Leaves and Kindling Fires*  
Jo Love, Wild Goose Resource Group

28<sup>th</sup> October - 2<sup>nd</sup> November

*Lighting the Dark, Darkening the Light: Exploring the Shadows of Art and Faith*

Debbie Lester, University of Glasgow

<https://iona.org.uk/island-centres/bookings/ae2019/>

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## Walking Together – Reflective Walks for All Ages

*Walking Together* was the theme of the 2018-19

Moderator, the Very Rev Susan Brown, and the General Assembly has been encouraging churches to get involved in different types of pilgrimage.

What opportunities might there be to walk with a group from your church? Can you create a time to walk, talk and pray? Reflective walks can be a meaningful way for people to connect with God, creation and each other. They can be done alone or in a group, with church regulars or those with no church connection, in a rural or urban setting.

**Walking Together** cards have been produced to encourage conversation and reflection with people of different generations. These have proved very popular and have already been used by Boys and Girls Brigade groups, Guild groups and church groups of different ages. The cards focus on a theme such as a view, a stone, food or water, and provide walkers with prompts for something to think about, something to do and something to talk about.

Free sets of cards and a Leaders' Guide can be downloaded or ordered from the Resourcing Mission shop: <https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/shop>

In Your paths, Lord Jesus,  
We walk, our hands in Yours  
As You lead us forward  
In step  
Together  
Open to You  
And Your world  
For Your sake

*Very Rev Susan Brown*

There are countless definitions and interpretations of pilgrimage.

A new page on the Resourcing Mission website signposts just a few of these different approaches. <https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/mission/pilgrimage>

## FUNDRAISING (June):

Teas : £160.01

Donation of £30 from Gordon County Guide Association  
for use of the Hall.



**Time Out ...** In Time Out in June we heard the parable of the mustard seed. Even although this is a very small ordinary seed it grows to be a big plant. Similarly, ordinary people can make a big difference too.

Continuing our planting/seeds theme we replanted the cross at the back of the church with small plants which will grow to have blue and white flowers, representing St Andrew. We also planted wild seeds on a prepared area across from St Andrew's Gardens. Have a look at both of these as the plants grow.

We had our feast, played with the parachute and told the congregation what we had been doing. Then we had our snack with everyone else.

**Our final session of the year is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, even although the congregation will be at the West Church. We are still looking for helpers. The start of the new session is on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September and this would be a good time to join the team. Come along to see if you'd like to help.**

**Time Out Team**



## **Social Events 2019**

**Saturday, 24th August 2019**

**12.00 - 2.00 pm**

*Mince, Tatties, Peas & Skirlie  
followed by light dessert & coffee/teas*

**Entertainment by well known accordionist  
Peter Scatterty**

£7.00 pp Tickets available

*Contact Molly Conn, Tel. 01467 620612 for further information*

**On Saturday 1st June** we had a wonderful musical **Soup & Sweet**. We were entertained on the keyboard by Molly Conn, accordion, Peter Taggart, fiddle, Lesley Edmond and singing, Marie Taggart. As well as providing delicious food there was a fantastic atmosphere in the hall with many folk singing along with Marie. Yet again the fellowship was overwhelming and we, The Social Committee, must thank all who entertained us, gave donations, made the food and helped in the hall and kitchen. Finally a big thank you to all who came and supported us, **raising £442.00 for church funds**. These events, however, are not just about fundraising, important though that is, I believe that they fulfil a vital part of church life. As Russell Barr (a previous Moderator who visited St. Andrew's) said to us, the church has to be more than Sunday worship. We had already taken this on board at St. Andrew's and enjoy meeting old friends and making new friends from the wider community.

**Mo Vernal.**

# Ministry of Flowers

Church

Vestibule

**JULY - WEST CHURCH**

## AUGUST

4th	Jean Williams, Townhead Terrace	Jean Williams, Townhead Terrace
11th	Eileen Law, Hay's Court (IMO George Black)	
18th	Ann & Alastair Smith, Cairn Wynd	Neil & Louise Grant, Rutherford Folds
25th	The Family of the late Albert McCombie	

**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

## Reach for your Dream

Reach for your dream, reach for a star,  
No matter how near, no matter how far.  
Follow the path, though it may not al-  
ways be straight,  
Keep following that dream, though the  
burden be great.

Don't turn aside, no matter what,  
Keep right on and unravel the plot.  
Don't get downhearted, don't get low,  
Get right on up and follow the flow.

So reach for that star, that's just out of  
your grasp,

Reach out and touch it and in your fin-  
gers it clasp.

Your goal is in sight, though it may not  
always seem,

But it can be for you, if you follow your  
dream.

*by Robert Kerr*



# Sunday Services & Readings

## JULY

7th - 28th

**10.00 am Parish Worship**

**WEST CHURCH**

7th

**"Time Out" Picnic (St Andrew's Church New Hall 9.45 am)**

**ALL WELCOME**

## AUGUST

4th

10.00 am Parish Worship

Minister: Rev S Crggs

Reader: Bert Cadenhead

11th

10.00 am Parish Worship

Minister: Rev S Craggs

Reader: Sarah Davidson



## 7<sup>th</sup> July St Willibald – the first ever Anglo-Saxon travel writer

Where do you go on your summer travels? If you enjoy including a Christian element to your trips, such as making a pilgrimage, or

visiting places rich in Christian history, then St. Willibald (d. 786) is the saint for you this month. He was one of the most widely travelled Anglo-Saxons of his time.

Willibald began life in Wessex, becoming a monk at Bishops Waltham (Hants). But he obviously had the curiosity that besets all keen travellers – what is it like over there...just over the next hill, round the next corner? And so Willibald set out... for Rome, Cyprus, Syria and above all, Palestine. It was an amazing achievement, just to survive such journeys back in the early 8<sup>th</sup> century.

In Palestine, Willibald made his way round all the Holy Places associated with Jesus, as well as the numerous communities of monks and hermits living there. On his eventual return to Europe, Willibald decided to tell his story. He dictated an account of all his travels to a long-suffering nun, Hugeburc, who wrote it up under the title of *Hodoeporicon* – the first ever travel book to be written by an Anglo-Saxon

After a long stay in Constantinople, the year 730 found Willibald back in Rome, where he settled at the monastery at Monte Cassino. Under his reforming influence, the monastery began to prosper. That got Willibald 'noticed', and soon Boniface asked Pope Gregory III to send him on to Germany, where Willibald was made bishop of Echstatt. Here he founded a monastery that became an important centre for the diffusion and development of monasticism.

After 45 years as Bishop at Echstatt, Willibald died in c. 786. His relics remain there till this day.

*Extracted from Parish Pump*

# Congregational Roll

## ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL

28th May - 26th June 2019

		Service conducted by
<b>Recently Deceased</b>		
Mrs C E Duncan, 3 Airlie House, Kintore	16/4/2019	
Mr A Mackie, 1 Don House	1/6/2019	Rev E Glen
Mr F Murison, 1 Irvine Place	22/6/2019	Rev S Craggs
<b>Transfer of Lines</b>		
Mr & Mrs I Smith, 49b Harlaw Road	to Belhelvie Church	
Mr & Mrs H Taylor, 16 Davidson Pl	from West Church to St Andrew's	
<b>Change of Address</b>		
Mr G Whyte (formerly 16 Garioch Road)	now Westbank Care Home Oldmeldrum	



### Door & Welcome

### Offering & Count

#### JULY

7th	R Young	B Cadenhead
14th	A Young	Jill Bruce
21st	Dr E Brew	H Christie
28th	E Barack	V Binnie

#### WEST CHURCH

#### AUGUST

4th	G Bruce	A Duff	A Young	M Vernal
11th	C Clark	Y Clark	Joyce Bruce	V Binnie
18th	Y Deacon	I Fraser	E Barrack	Joyce Bruce
25th	S Davidson	R Green	H Christie	G Bruce

***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

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

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

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)
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—JULY

7th	2.30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
7th	6.45 to 8.15 pm	Yoga (Old Hall)
9th	10.00 am	Monthly Count
21st	2.30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
24th	9.30 am to 2.00 pm	Tiny Talk (Old Hall/Kitchen)
26th	9.45 to 11.00 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen) - TBC



This project is ongoing.

To date we have had morning coffees, lunches and afternoon teas and so far from these events we have **raised £562.00.**

It would be much appreciated if other members of the congregation could host a wee coffee morning or afternoon tea as not only do these events raise essential money for St Andrew's, but they create fun and fellowship for everyone involved. Thank you.

**Eileen Robertson**



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 4th August 2019. Please email material for the July Saltire to  
 The Church Office by 20th July 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.