



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

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**SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**Sunday, 15th September 2019 at 10.00 am**

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**St Andrew's is an open and inclusive Church**

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

Dear Friends

I hope you have all had a good summer and feel ready to face the coming months - sharing together in worship, friendship and fellowship. It was lovely sharing services during the month of August with members of the West Church and it was inspiring to see a full church and the singing was great.

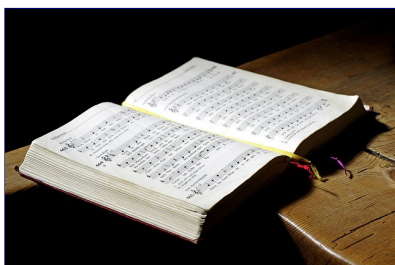
This month of September is going to be an exciting and challenging one for me but with God's help I am sure I will enjoy every moment of it. On 3<sup>rd</sup> September I have the privilege of being inducted in St Andrew's Church as Moderator of Gordon Presbytery, a role I shall fulfil until June next year, but I will still be your Interim Moderator. I was given the choice of being inducted in St Andrew's or in my home church in Ellon, but I knew in my heart that it would be in St Andrew's as I have had a wonderful time with this congregation and a lot of love and support from them too. It will be a challenging year because there will be a lot of discussions regarding the whole of the Church of Scotland and the way forward regarding the shortage of ministers. I hope I do the job justice and make the congregation here in St Andrew's proud.

The 15<sup>th</sup> September will be Communion when we shall gather at the Lord's Table to share in the bread and wine. It is always a special time in the church, and I hope that many of you will gather together that Sunday.

To round off the month it will be a time of celebration and joy as my husband Tom and I celebrate our Golden Wedding on 20<sup>th</sup> September. I can remember well the day I walked down the aisle in my local church with my father to marry Tom and here we are fifty years later going to have a celebration with our two daughters and their husbands and our five amazing grandchildren. My brother is also coming up from Somerset to share with us too.

A busy month but an exciting one to look forward to. I hope you will keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I take on the challenge of being the Moderator of Gordon Presbytery, but I know that there will be lots of support from this wonderful congregation.

God bless you all. Sheila



# The story behind

## the hymn:

# “How Great Thou Art”

This well-loved, world famous Christian hymn began in Sweden, moved to Germany and Russia, and thence to England and the USA, where it became world famous as the signature song of George Beverly Shea in the great Billy Graham Crusades.

In about 1887 Carl Boberg was a young lay-pastor in Sweden, walking home from church near Kronoback, Sweden, and listening to the church bells. Suddenly a violent storm blew up, with lightning and thunder and wind – and just as quickly it departed. In the calm following the storm, a rainbow appeared, and all nature was at peace. Boberg was inspired to write a poem, ‘O Store Gud’, on the greatness of God in Nature. He set it to an old Swedish folk tune, and it was first sung in Varmland in 1888.

‘O Store Gud’ became popular, and it began to spread. By 1907 it had been taken to Germany by a wealthy Baltic Baptist nobleman. From there it moved to Russia in 1912, where it was called *Velikiy Bog* – or ‘Great God’. By 1925 it had been translated into English ‘O Mighty God’ by a professor at

North Park College in Illinois. But this gave way in 1949 to a different English translation, done by a British missionary to the Ukraine, Stuart K Hine, who called it *How Great Thou Art*, and rewrote some verses.

It was Hine’s version which went on to gain wide popularity in the USA. It was first recorded by a Bill Carle in 1958, and then the Manna Music version of the song was popularised in the 1950s at the Billy Graham Crusades. It was sung in the 1955 Toronto campaign, and then it really took off in 1957 in Madison Square Garden, New York, where Shea sang it 100 times during the campaign.

George Beverly Shea’s recording of the hymn has been ranked number 204 on the top recordings of the 20th century. Billy Graham once said: “The reason I like ‘*How Great Thou Art*’ is because it glorifies God. It turns Christian’s eyes toward God, rather than upon themselves. I use it as often as possible because it is such a God-honouring song.”

**“How Great Thou Art”** was voted the United Kingdom's favourite hymn by BBC’s Songs of Praise programme, and it was second on the list of the ‘favourite hymns of all time’ in a 2001 survey by *Christianity Today* magazine.

*Extracted from Parish Pump*



SCOTTISH FAITHS  
ACTION FOR REFUGEES

Church of Scotland Presbytery of Gordon

## SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN SCOTLAND

Join us for an inspiring evening

- Exploring the situation of refugees in Scotland and locally in Aberdeenshire
- Learning more about refugee integration
- Finding out how you might be able to make a difference

Thursday 19 September 2019, 7-9pm

Inverurie St Andrews

Inverurie High Street, Inverurie AB51 3QJ

**All are welcome!**

Refreshments available



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faced Jackie always had a cheerful smile. On behalf of the Flower Committee Moira Keith presented Jackie with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and after the service cake was served in the Old Hall. Jackie will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her new job and we will be keeping in touch with her.

**Farewell to Jackie ...** Our minister Sheila Craggs presented Jackie with money raised by the Congregation who wish to express their gratitude to her for all the work and help she has given over the last 5 years. Whatever challenges she



*Jackie & her daughter, Rebecca*



## Holiday Snaps from our Congregation



*Hugh & Mary Morrice attending a Family Reunion of The Morrice Family in Morrice Township, Bay City Michigan.*

*The village was named after the pioneers who moved from New Deer and settled in Michigan. White settlers began exploring what is now the State of Michigan at the end of the 17th/ beginning of the 18th centuries.*

*Around 1838 William Morrice (originally from New Deer) came to the area and settled with his young wife along with his three brothers.*

*He and his fellow Scotsmen, formed the First Presbyterian Church of Bennington (a name later changed to Morrice) in 1839.*



*Over the years Morrice has become a thriving township with excellent schools, a Lions' Club, Boy and Girl Scouts, sports clubs and a variety of churches. Morrice now has a population of 865 and is a popular town for families, including several from the University of Michigan. Remarkably it has no chain stores or franchises and it is proud to promote a happy, inclusive community.*





## Greek Weddings ...

Weddings - when we think of them I am sure most of us recall weddings in Scotland or in the rest of the UK. They all, more or less, follow a certain format which is well honed and well delivered. This summer Tom and I were invited to a wedding on the Greek island of Lesbos which turned into the most unpredictable but utterly charming event.

The wedding was that of George Andreadis, a friend of our son Mark - they met at

Aberdeen University in the 1990s and have been close buddies ever since. George was marrying Macarena, a beautiful girl from Tierra del Fuego, the most southerly point of Argentina.

The Pawson family (Tom, Mark, wife Barbara and their 2 boys, Ben 12 ,Max 9 and I) flew out to Lesbos on July 20th where Barbara had rented a villa for the fortnight. Blessedly the villa was air conditioned as the temperatures rose to 40 degrees some days. The villa was in the very north of the island, close to the medieval village of Molynos at the edge of the Aegean Sea. It was a heavenly spot.

The wedding was on Wednesday 24th July and this is where things were done a wee bit differently from Scotland! On the day we received news of FOUR different times for the ceremony which was finally settled at 7.00 pm. Just another minor hiccup - the location of the church. Seemingly the wrong church had been put on the invitation but after a few hasty phone calls we set off for our destination which was an hour or so south of Molynos. Arriving at the Greek Orthodox Church you can imagine our amazement and delight to hear the sound of pipes - being played by Kate, another former university friend. I was thrilled when Kate, in between tunes, asked me for a request and I immediately asked her to play my mother's favourite Scottish song, "Rowan Tree" - it was incredibly moving to listen to this well loved piece of music so far from home and in such an exotic setting.

We then entered the church which was of course a total contrast in style to our St Andrew's - much more ornate. The bride (looking stunning) and groom arrived together and entered with the priest to begin the hour long ceremony which was very different from a Scottish Presbyterian wedding - but one that I found to be both fascinating and beautiful. At the beginning of the ceremony the wedding rings were placed on the tips of the bride and groom's fingers and the best man exchanged them 3 times. The priest then blessed them 3 times. Candles were held throughout the ceremony to represent the Light of Christ. The bride and groom then took 3 sips of wine each from a common cup. This represented their successful union.

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The "Stefana" or wedding crowns, made from flowers, foliage and precious metal and joined together by a strand of ribbon were held above the heads of George and Macarena by the best man. This symbolised the union of 2 people into one couple. The crowns were swapped back and forth 3 times before the couple walked round the altar 3 times to represent their journey through life together. The priest then blessed George and Macarena before removing the crowns - interestingly, no vows were exchanged between the couple.

Prior to the start of the ceremony we had all been given small paper cones filled with rice which I presumed we would throw over the couple once they left the church. Oh no! Much to my surprise the guests threw the rice at the couple INSIDE the church and as I was standing close to the front I got a headful of rice!!! The bride, groom and their families then lined up beside the altar and the guests went to greet and congratulate them.

With the piper playing "Highland Cathedral" we left for our cars to go to the hotel for the reception. Champagne, canapes followed by delicious Greek food and wines served round an enormous pool made for a memorable occasion. Dancing, including lots of Scottish Country, continued till dawn, and the atmosphere was filled with fun and happiness. We did not stay till dawn: Barbara, Tom, Max and I left to go back to Molynos - leaving Mark, who was MC'ing the evening, and Ben to enjoy the festivities. As we drove up the mountain overlooking the wedding village, I looked back and saw the lights dazzling round the pool and heard the fading sounds of Scottish music but, most of all, I was awestruck by the thousands of stars adorning the sky as though some ancient Greek god had gathered and scattered diamonds throughout the heavens. I knew that I had been both privileged and blessed to have had the wonderful experience of this unforgettable Greek wedding.

**Kit Pawson**



## **Science & Religion**

### **Exploring relationships between Science & Christianity**

A short course Bible Study  
Kintore Parish Church  
4 September—9 October  
Wednesdays 19:30 - 21:00  
Everyone Welcome  
For details call Rev Carl Irvine  
01467-671135



A series of six workshops, exploring the widely held belief that Christianity and Science are in conflict, will be held in Kintore Parish Church from 7:30pm to 9:00pm on six consecutive Wednesdays from 4 September to 9 October inclusive. At each workshop there will be a starter paper with questions to stimulate discussion. The discussions will aim to help understanding of the issues involved rather than come to definitive answers.



## Candlelit Supper

**Saturday, 7th September 2019**

**7.00 pm**

**Tickets : £18.00 pp (3-course meal)**

***Tickets available from Church Office or after Sunday service in the Old Hall. Sheila's son-in-law, a well known chef, has kindly offered to cook for us ... and also as a thank you in recognition for all the great work undertaken by the Social Committee.***

**On Saturday 24th August** we had the most superb lunchtime concert by the well known north east musician, Peter Scatterty, with 120 folk attending, filling both the hall and chapel. Our thanks go to Peter, Molly Conn & the Social Committee, all helpers in the hall, chapel & kitchen, those who cooked the delicious food (in particular Molly's skirlie!), those who gave donations, those who came along and Eileen Robertson for the lovely table decorations. Yet another wonderful day at St. Andrew's Church, delivered due to team work mixed with fun, laughter & camaraderie. **Great fellowship with a marvellous £924.55 raised for church funds.**

**LIFE  
AND WORK**  
THE MAGAZINE OF THE  
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

## **LIFE & WORK - Orders for 2020**

It's time to order Life & Work, the Church of Scotland magazine, for 2020. The discounted price for the year remains at £30.60. Please let me know if you want to continue with or place an order. I need to know numbers by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019. Payment of £30.60 should be paid to me by 31 December 2019. This can be handed in through the offering plate in a clearly marked envelope. Thank you.

**Vera Binnie, 12 Howieson Place, Inverurie AB51 4ZX (tel 622275)**



## Sunday Services & Readings

### SEPTEMBER

1st	10.00 am Parish Worship <b>"Time Out"</b>	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Eileen Law
8th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Sarah Davidson
<b>15th</b>	<b>10.00 am Holy Communion</b>	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Alison Young
22nd	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Robin Young
29th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Kit Pawson

### OCTOBER

6th	10.00 am Parish Worship <b>"Time Out"</b>	Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Stuart Watson
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## Ministry of Flowers

	Church	Vestibule
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
1st	Irene & Peter Fraser, Nursery Gdns	Norma Tough & Family
8th	Margaret & Tom Dalglish, Middlemuir Rd	
15th	Anon	Mr C Robertson (IMO Mr Andrew Robertson)
22nd	Mrs K Pawson (IMO Rev. Inglis & Grace Black)	Mary & Hugh Morrice, Davidson Drive
29th	Eleanor Douglas, Don Crescent	

**The 2019 calendar is in the vestibule so 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**

# Congregational Roll

## ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 1st - 28th August 2019

### Holy Baptism 4th August 2019

Ellie Anne Zaboraite, daughter of  
Hannah Gillies & Zydrunas Zaboras,  
Kingseat, Newmachar

### Service conducted by

Rev. S Craggs

### Recently Deceased

Miss S Taylor, 11 Howford	26/7/2019	Rev. S Craggs
Mr R Slater, Joslin, Cuninghill Road	31/7/2019	Rev. S Craggs
Mr C Watson, 7 Overburn House	4/8/2019	Rev. S Craggs



### Door & Welcome

### Offering & Count

#### SEPTEMBER

1st	P Donaldson	E Gale	B Cadenhead	Y Deacon
8th	I Greig	J Ingram	C Clark	Y Clark
15th	S Hepburn	H Morrice	A Duff	S Davidson
22nd	K Pawson	J Lawson	I Fraser	R Green
29th	D Stuart	R Milne	I Greig	E Gale

#### OCTOBER

6th	P Wink	A Smith	S Hepburn	J Ingram
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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.*

## Safeguarding Training for Volunteers ...

An upcoming Volunteer Course is to be held in St Andrew's Church on Monday, 9th September 2019 for a 7 pm start. Both St Andrew's and Kemnay Co-ordinators will be in attendance. This course is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The course should take just over 2 hours. Refreshments will be provided. **Please contact Alison Young, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator (Tel. 01467 625646) if you wish to attend.**



## 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—SEPTEMBER

1st	2.30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/ Old Chapel/Kitchen)
4th	7.00 to 9.00 pm	Playgroup Meeting (Old Chapel)
7th	7.00 pm	Candlelit Supper (Old Chapel/Old Hall/ Kitchen)
9th	7.00 to 10.00 pm	Safeguarding Meeting (New Chapel)
10th	10.00 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
11th	7.30 pm	Congregation Board Meeting (New Chapel)
15th	2;30 to 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel/ Kitchen)
15th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
19th	7.00 to 9.00 pm	Refugee Event (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Church Kitchen)
25th	9.00 am to Noon	Energy Action (Old Chapel/Kitchen)
26th	10.00 am to 12.30 pm	Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen)
27th	9.45 to 11.00 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall/Kitchen)

**FUNDRAISING - August:** Teas : £135.96

£100 donation received from Mr E Bisset

# Who's Who at 'St Andrew's'

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**OCTOBER 2019 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, 6th October 2019. Please email material for the October Saltire to The Church Office by 20th September 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.