



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

THE

OCTOBER 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

Last month I mentioned it would be a time of celebration and it certainly turned out to be an amazing month. The celebration of my induction as Moderator of the Presbytery was so well supported by members of the congregation. The celebration of Communion was also well attended, and it was a joy and a privilege to share in such a special occasion. And finally, this past weekend we had a wonderful time celebrating our Golden Wedding.

However, the celebrating does not end as we are approaching the time when we celebrate the gathering of the harvest. Our Harvest service will take place on Sunday 13 October the day after our Harvest Soup and Sweet Lunch. The church will be open for people to come in and see the wonderful arrangements by our Flower Committee of flowers and fruits and the harvest.

Here is something to think about as we consider the Harvest and how can it can reflect our lives.

Have you ever planted something and wished you had not done so? It is easily done. One look at a seed catalogue and it is hard to resist splashing out in the hope of creating a tapestry of colour in your own garden. The trouble is that many plants are entirely unsuitable for small spaces: some grow far too tall, others prove invasive, and others produce too many seeds that they are almost impossible to eradicate once they become established. It pays to consider carefully the things you sow and grow. The same applies to life in general, for there, too, often, we reap what we sow. Unkind words and thoughtless deeds lead to strained relationships, carelessness to accidents, laziness to missed opportunities, and pride to a fall.

So much of what we do, say or think has a habit of rebounding on us, for better or for worse. More disturbingly, once we allow a seed to germinate, whether it's a fault here or a mistake there, the result can take on a life of its own, like a pernicious weed that is hard to remove once it has taken root.

Whatever you allow to grow in your life, consider first the likely harvest.

Prayer

God of the seasons as earth turns over into Autumn and the days empty more quickly of light, we turn to you. Amongst the red and orange and gold and the revealed praying boughs of the trees that seem to reach to heaven itself, remind us of the colour and architecture of our natural faith. Remind us to let our roots run deep into your hope and be nourished by your loving presence. Remind us to raise hearts and minds and eyes upwards like branches to embrace the far horizons of your grace. Bless and protect us and warm our very souls Amen

God bless you all. Sheila

News from the Congregational Board meeting on 11 September 2019 -

- A revised copy of the 2018 accounts were approved. The revisions were required by Gordon Presbytery to take account of past accounting practices. The revised accounts will now be submitted to Gordon Presbytery.
- It was agreed to replace the laptop used by the Time Out Team which had reached the end of its useful life.
- It was agreed that we should pay the outstanding amount owed to Gordon Presbytery for our Ministry and Mission contribution.
- St Andrew's Church requires to appoint a new Treasurer by November 2019 to replace Mr Tom Craggs who is stepping down in 2020. Anyone who would just love to take on this little job is asked to contact the church office.
- The Congregational Board recognised the Social Committee who had raised the excellent sum of around £7000 during the last year for church funds. Thanks were passed to the Convener and members of the committee for this great effort.

Ken Tuach, Session Clerk



**Happy 50th
Wedding
Anniversary
To our
minister
Sheila and
her husband Tom.**

Session Clerk Ken presents Sheila with a bouquet of golden flowers.

Fun Food and Fellowship Update.

If you have already taken part then thank you so much, you have raised over £600 already. If you haven't there is still time. You can collect an envelope from Linsey in the office, invite a few friends round for a fly cup or a light lunch. It's a fun way to raise funds for the church. It would be fantastic if we could reach £1000 by Xmas.



Eileen Robertson



Introducing our new Church Administrator, Mrs Linsey Stewart

Linsey is our new administrator and we are delighted to welcome her into our St Andrew's family. Linsey was born and brought up in Dyce but now lives in Chapel of Garioch with husband, Scott, son Daniel, aged 15, and daughter Rachel, aged 12, who attend Inverurie Academy. Originally Linsey worked in the oil industry but once she had her family she was a "stay at home" Mum till the children went to secondary school. Having said "stay at home", Linsey was in charge of Scott's accounts -- a job she still continues to do once she returns home in the afternoon from St Andrew's! Linsey is interested in art and is also busy helping her joiner husband renovate their house. She has a cockapoo puppy called Lottie. Her favourite holiday destination in the UK is York -- a city that the family never tires of exploring.

Linsey does have an interesting connection with St Andrew's. She was married in St Machar's almost twenty five years ago at a time when the cathedral was between ministers and the ceremony was conducted by a former minister of this parish -- the Rev. Douglas Lister. Linsey has asked me to thank everyone for the warm welcome she has received from the church -- she is so appreciative of the congregation's kindness, friendliness and patience as she gets to grips with her new job.

Kit Pawson

Thank You



for your Kindness

Just want to say thank you so much for all the lovely cards, flowers and gifts. I have enjoyed working at St. Andrew's over the last five years and will so miss all the friends I have made. The people make St. Andrew's. Everyone has been so kind to me and my family and we really appreciate it.

Lots of love to you and your families.

**Take Care
Jackie x**



Time Out ... We all met in September after our summer break and welcomed Pat Wink and Callum Davidson to our "Time Out Team." It was decided to learn more about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit over the next few months. This month we talked about God the Father and the children heard a story

about The Creation, made crowns and a "stained glass" window depicting the Alpha & Omega. We had comments admiring the stained glass we made last year and decided to make more! **All children are welcome to join us, 9.45 in the new hall on the first Sunday of each month.**

Mo Vernal



News from the Finance Vaults

As we enter the tenth month of the year, it's interesting to look at our financial performance so far in 2019. Here are a few highlights:-

- 2018 Accounts completed and submitted to OSCR before the due date;
- Three legacies were received which certainly helped our finances;
- Social events over the past year have raised £7,300;
- HMRC tax benefit up to date;
- Current indications are that we will end the year with a surplus (the difference between income and costs to run our Church), in the order of £55,000;
- Across all our bank accounts the indication is that we will end the year with approximately £95,000 available;
- We are on track to have our 2019 accounts complete in January 2020 and finalised soon thereafter for submission to Presbytery for attestation.

Those reflect a significant improvement on prior years. However we must still be vigilant in our financial activities recognising that we have two large Church of Scotland Loans totalling £38,000, repayment of which begins progressively from 2019. In the case of one Loan, we have formally applied to Church of Scotland for relief i.e. wipe out the debt, but the outcome will probably not be known until late 2019.

On the downside, we have had a number of clubs/organisations withdraw from renting our premises due to changed economic circumstances. The teams continue to promote our offering at every opportunity. We also have early advice that our Ministry and Mission contributions will increase in 2020 by approximately £600 per month compared to 2019.

Many will be aware that our Stewardship Campaign is underway. We would only ask that our members consider their giving of time, skills and financial contribution as we head towards 2020. **Help your church to grow in whatever way you can.**

During October the Conveners will be requested to submit their proposals for expenditure for 2020. They will be presented to the Board in November 2019 for decisions to be made on the Priority and affordability. Even though our financial position "looks good", it does not make all things possible but in setting those priorities we need to perhaps be mindful of our obligations to maintain the church (including its Listed Façade) and manse fabrics as well as ensure we have safe, functional facilities with which to run our own social events as well as groups who may rent our premises for clubs, fairs, meetings and the like. Personally, I take an opportunity to "doff my hat" with pride at the enthusiasm and drive of our congregation who work so tirelessly to make our Church successful in all respects. With everyone's continued support, we believe we can continue to modestly grow our financial wellbeing.

Many thanks to you all, Tom J

A walk down memory lane. Guess the year,
name or event!



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Competition: Entries to be returned by 20th October to Church Office (*Prize for the first correct entry (or nearest correct)*)

Photo 1 : Year_____ Name the boy reading the Scroll

(*The "boy" still attends church most Sundays!*)

Photo 2 : Year_____ Name_____

Photo 3 : Year_____ Name_____

(*The "girl" attends church most Sundays*)

Photo 4 : Year_____ Event_____

Photo 5 : Year_____ Name of the Minister_____

Photo 6 : Year_____ Event_____



St Andrew's Church (Old Hall)

Harvest Soup & Sweet

Saturday, 12th October 2019

12 noon to 2.00 pm

A delicious 2 course lunch plus tea and coffee will be served and music will also be on the menu! Well known musicians Murray Cowie on accordion, Lesley Edmond on fiddle and pianist Molly Conn will play much loved Scottish and other popular melodies during lunch.

Entry is £7.00 per person at the door on the day.

Do come along for fun, fellowship and excellent food and help celebrate this special time of year.

For further information please contact Molly Conn on 01467 620612

Candlelit Supper, Saturday 7th September ...

Do you think Church is a dry, dusty, uninviting place. Think again! St. Andrew's is a vibrant congregation of fun loving people of all ages who love a relaxed night out and a good blether.

*Last night the Old Hall became the venue for our first Candlelit Supper which was a sell-out. Our thanks to everyone who came along and provided great fellowship in a very happy atmosphere. Brilliant night. **£800.28 was raised.** Thank you all.*

A particular mention to the superb team of family and friends who volunteered to set-up, take down, provide decorations, cook and run the evening for us. Jill, Colin, Aidan, Wendy, Dave, Louis and Lara who worked tirelessly all day.



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AND WORK**
THE MAGAZINE OF THE
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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 num-

bers by Monday 21st 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

OCTOBER

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| 6th | 10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out" | Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Stuart Watson |
| 13th | 10.00 am Parish Worship "Harvest Celebration" | Minster: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Vera Binnie |
| 20th | 10.00 am Parish Worship | Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Peter Donaldson |
| 27th | 10.00 am Parish Worship | Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Kit Pawson |

NOVEMBER

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| 3rd | 10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out" | Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Tom Dalgleish |
| 10th | 10.00 am Parish Worship | Minister: Rev. S Craggs Reader: Bert Cadenhead |

Ministry of Flowers

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| OCTOBER | | |
| 6th | Mrs P Wink, Davidson Drive | |
| 13th | Sandra & Norman Hepburn, N. Davah Pl. | |
| 20th | Callum Davidson, Westburn Drive | |
| 27th | The Glennie Family | |
| NOVEMBER | | |
| 3rd | Mo & Hamish Vernal (IMO John & Joan Durward) | |

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 16th August - 30 September 2019

Holy Baptism 29/9/2019

Layla Annie Hay (daughter of
Mr & Mrs N Hay, 1 High Grove, Cunninghill Avenue)

Service conducted by

Rev. S Craggs

Recently Deceased

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| Mr R Gallon, 4 Middle Park | 16/8/2019 | Rev. S Craggs |
| Mrs C Milne, Drumdarroch Nursing Home | 27/8/2019 | Rev. S Craggs |
| Mrs I Raeper, 20 Blackhall Road | 6/9/2019 | Rev. S Craggs |
| Mr A Ogg, 12 Crichton Circle, P.E. | 13/9/2019 | Rev. S Craggs |
| Miss K Beattie, 3 Inver House, Market Pl | 21/9/2019 | Rev. S Craggs |

Change of Address

Mr J Charles, formerly of 14 Howford

now at 3 Marketmuir Court



Door & Welcome

Offering & Count

OCTOBER

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|------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 6th | J Williams | A Smith | S Hepburn | J Ingram |
| 13th | P Wink | Joyce Bruce | J Lawson | H Morrice |
| 20th | M Vernal | R Young | A Smith | K Pawson |
| 27th | V Binnie | A Young | R Milne | D Stuart |

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|------|------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 3rd | Jill Bruce | Mrs R Milne | J Williams | P Wink |
| 10th | H Christie | E Barrack | R Young | A Young |

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.

Believe in children
Barnardo's

Barnardo's Christmas cards will be on sale during coffee on **Sundays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th October**. Over the years the congregation of St Andrew's has loyally supported this Christian based charity and has raised sev-

eral hundreds of pounds which go to help our vulnerable children and young folk in Scotland.

With thanks for your continued support.

Kit Pawson

Diary of Events - School Term

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| Mondays | | 7.00 to 8.00 pm | Pilates (Old Hall) |
| 10.00 to 11 .00 am | Zumba Class(Old Hall/Kitchen) | | |
| 2.30 to 6.00 pm | Pre-school Ballet (Old Hall) | Thursdays | |
| 4.15 to 6.00 pm | Pre-school Ballet (Old Chapel) | 8.00 am to 1.30 pm | Playgroup (New Hall) |
| 6.45 to 7.45 pm | Anchor Boys (New Hall) | 7.00 to 9.00 pm | Guides (New Hall) |
| 6.45 to 8.15 pm | Junior Section (Old Hall) | 7.10 to 8.10 pm | MSD (Old Hall) |
| 7.30 to 9.30 pm | Company Section (Old Chapel) | Fridays | |
| Tuesdays | | 8.00 am to 2.00 pm | Playgroup (New Hall) |
| 8.00 am to 2.00 pm | Playgroup (New Hall) | 7.15 to 9.30 pm | Company Section BB (Old Hall) |
| 7.00 to 10.00 pm | Rock Choir (Church) | Saturday | |
| Wednesdays | | 12.30 to 5.00 pm | MSD (New Hall) |
| 8.00 am to 2.30 pm | Playgroup (New Hall) | Sunday | |
| 10.30 to 11.30 am | Signing Class (Old Hall/ | 6.30 to 9.00 pm | MSD (New Hall) |
| 11.45 am to 2.00 pm | Kitchen) | | |

OTHER EVENTS—OCTOBER

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| 1st | 7.00 - 8.30 pm | MSD (New Hall) |
| 2nd | 7.30 - 9.30 pm | Inverurie Concert Band (Old Chapel) |
| 2nd | 5.45 - 6.45 pm | Zumba (Old Hall) - Colony Park Girls under 12's |
| 6th | 2.30 - 5.30 pm | Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen) |
| 9th | 7.30 pm | Kirk Session Meeting |
| 12th | 12 noon - 2.00 pm | Harvest Soup & Sweet |
| 15th | 10.30 am | Monthly Count (New Chapel) |
| 20th | 2.30 - 5.30 pm | Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen) |
| 31st | 10.00 am - 12.30 pm | Guide Dogs (Old Hall/Kitchen) |



The Boys' Brigade are fundraising and offer **Spree Books for £20.00** - these give discounts for various places - restaurants, cafes, leisure, shopping etc. (We saved the £20 on 3 visits last year).

St Andrew's members have been very supportive in the past and hope this continues. Please give your name and telephone number to myself (Tel. 01467 623148) or leave details with Linsey at the Church Office (Tel. 01467 628740).

Thank you.

Alastair Smith

FUNDRAISING - September:

Teas : £156.35

Rag Bag : £72.40

Who's Who at 'St Andrew's'

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NOVEMBER 2019 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, 3rd November 2019. Please email material for the November Saltire to The Church Office by 20th October 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.