



St Andrew's Parish Church

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The Interim Moderator, Rev. Sheila Craggs, may be contacted
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Dear Friends

A Happy New Year to you all!

I spent a lovely Christmas with my family, and I hope you all had a lovely time and I wish you health and happiness in the New Year. I had a very busy time leading up to Christmas, but I enjoyed all the services during that special time. It was a joy to put on my wings and be an angel as the children took part in the nativity. Those are the moments I will miss.

Well sadly you have been vacant for over five years and I am sure as a congregation you ever wondered if you would find a new minister.

My time as your Interim Moderator is coming to an end and I cannot believe I have been with you almost two years as Interim but four years taking services. My job as Interim was to work with your Nominating Committee to find a new minister and I am so pleased that you will have a new ministry to look forward to with Rev Carl Irvine.

Carl will be inducted on Thursday 30th January in St Andrew's at 6.45pm and I hope you as his new congregation, will come along to the service and show him your support. As Moderator of Gordon Presbytery, it will be my duty to induct Carl which will give me great pleasure, but I know the evening will be tinged with sadness for me.

I have had a wonderful if busy time as your Interim Moderator but I have enjoyed every minute and made many wonderful friends with those who have worshipped with me Sunday by Sunday and those I have met through maybe sad occasions and of course happy times. I have had great support from the members of Session who have worked alongside me and to the Social Committee who have worked tirelessly to help raise funds for the church through their many organized events.

I will miss everyone but hope to continue to keep in touch over a cup of coffee or a bite of lunch. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your church and all I can hope for you is a wonderful new journey with Carl.

I will continue as Moderator until September and who knows what God has in store for me but, whatever road he takes me on, I know it will bring me great satisfaction.

God bless you all.

Sheila

News from the Kirk Session Meeting on

12th December 2019:

- We urgently require to appoint a new Treasurer to take over from Mr Tom Craggs who has very kindly carried out the role over the last two years and managed to resolve our problems with the accounts. Anyone interested in this very important role is asked to contact the church office for more details.
- The Church of Scotland is carrying out a major review into how it is organised and is looking for feedback from all churches to help with getting this review correct. Part of this review will be to reduce the Presbyteries in Scotland from 45 to 12 and to reduce the number of fulltime ministers in the presbytery of Gordon from 25 to 14.9. The Kirk Session has discussed this review and has given their feed back to Presbytery.
- The Nominating Committee have now been thanked and dismissed by the Presbytery Advisory Committee.
- It is proposed to hold an Induction Service for our new minister Rev Carl Irvine on 30 January 2020 at 6.45 pm.
- The Interim Moderator confirmed that this would be her last Kirk Session meeting prior to the Induction of our new minister Rev Carl Irvine. The Interim Moderator thanked the Kirk Session for working together with her during her period as Interim Moderator. The Kirk Session passed on their thanks to the Interim Moderator for her excellent guidance and all her caring work during her period as Interim Moderator.
- 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.
- Members were reminded that the Office Administrator is very busy and try to keep visits to the office to those that are necessary and complete the business as quickly as possible. The office is open Monday to Friday from 09:30 to 11:30.

Ken Tuach, Session Clerk



Christmas with Time Out On Sunday 1st December Time Out held their Christmas party where the children enjoyed party food, games and received an Advent calendar and book. On Sunday 15th December the children of Time Out took part in the Nativity play. They dressed up as Mary and Joseph,

angels, shepherds and Wise Men - they all looked amazing. Rev Sheila Craggs narrated the Christmas story for the children to act out. The young folk then enjoyed a snack in the hall with the congregation. **The next session of Timeout will be Sunday 2nd February 2020.**





Report on the Christmas Services ... St An-

drew's Church once again welcomed families from the Inverurie and surrounding areas to the annual Christingle service. It was lovely to see the church full of people from all the local churches and wider community who brought festive cheer and their joyful singing voices. There were plenty of Christingles to pass

around the congregation and the church looked wonderful with the Christmas decorations, tree and Christingles lit as the final hymn was sung.

The Christmas Eve Service was very well attended by members of the West Church, St Andrew's Church and friends from the community. The evening began with Carols by candlelight which were introduced by a member of the West Church and a member from St Andrew's. We then moved on to our worship where we celebrated the birth of Jesus at midnight by lighting the Christ candle and wishing all those around us a very Happy Christmas. The singing was amazing, and that special evening was enjoyed by all.

The Christmas Day service was very special with about thirty people sharing worship together. There had not been a Christmas Day service in St Andrew's for several years, so it was lovely to gather together. It was a great joy for me too as it was my last Christmas Service in St Andrew's. It was a short service with three carols appropriate for Christmas Day and celebrated in the beautifully decorated church.

Sheila

At the beginning of a New Year we look back on the previous 12 months and appreciate what our faithful volunteers have contributed to our church in so many different ways. Indeed, without the willing help from numerous individuals and groups, our church would find it hard to survive. There are too many "angels" to mention by name but be assured that each person's unique contribution is not only valued but essential. Words of thanks seem almost inadequate but please know that each of you is VITAL to the well being of St Andrew's.

The Editors of The Saltire wish our readers a

Happy, Successful and Healthy 2020.

Kit and Diane

Extra Good News about the Victorian Tea! In last month's magazine we reported that the Victorian Tea in November had raised the magnificent sum of £949.00. Since then another splendid £604.00 has been added, thanks to parallel fund raising by Molly, thus making a grand total of £1513.00. Special thanks to Rosie and Pete for helping Molly in this project and to all who gave their financial support.

Kit Pawson

BURNS' LUNCH

Saturday, 18th January 2020

12.00—2.00 ppm

Excellent Traditional Food

Entertainment from -

Local Accordionist Murray Cowie;

Fiddler Lesley Edmond & Molly Conn on the piano.

Tickets : £8.00 p.p.

Please contact either Molly Conn (01467 620612),

the Church Office (01467 628740)

or at the door on the day for tickets

Do Come Along and Join Us



Winter

By Robert Burns

The wintry west extends his blast,
And hail and rain does blaw;
Or the stormy north sends driving forth
The blinding sleet and snaw:
While, tumbling brown, the burn comes down,
And roars frae bank to brae;
And bird and beast in covert rest,
And pass the heartless day.

"The sweeping blast, the sky o'erblast,"
The joyless winter day
Let others fear, to me more dear
Than all the pride of May:
The tempest's howl, it soothes my soul,

My griefs it seems to join;
The leafless trees my fancy please,
Their fate resembles mine!

Thou Power Supreme, whose mighty
scheme

These woes of mine fulfil,
Here firm I rest, they must be best,
Because they are Thy will!
Then all I want-O do Thou grant
This one request of mine!-
Since to enjoy Thou dost deny,
Assist me to resign.

25 January St Paul - the first Christian

Intellectual

This month, on 25th January, the Church celebrates probably the most famous conversion of all. At least, what happened to a young man called Saul on the road to Damascus has become a byword for all instant conversions - what is known as a 'damascene' moment. Saul was a devout Jew, a Pharisee, a student of Gamaliel and a fierce critic of the followers of Jesus, then a very new sect on the religious scene.

On his way to Damascus to organise a purge of Christians in that city, he was blinded by a bright light and heard a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' He asked the identity of the voice, and it replied, 'Jesus, whom you are persecuting'. Stunned by the experience, he followed further instructions which led him to a Christian man in Damascus, who prayed with him. As he did, Saul's sight was restored.

The experience convinced him that Jesus - crucified in Jerusalem four or five years earlier - was in fact the Messiah and had risen from the dead. After a period of instruction, Saul was baptised and took the name by which history has recognised him, Paul. At first, some Christians were wary about the reality of his conversion, but over a period of time he was accepted and indeed eventually recognised as an 'apostle', a 'special messenger' of Jesus Christ. His intellectual stature and leadership gifts quickly marked him out,

and within a few years he became a leading figure in the emerging Christian Church, preaching and founding churches all over the Middle East, largely of Gentile converts. He was eventually martyred in Rome, probably in 65AD.

Paul was the first intellectual of the Christian Church, the man who was able to set the events of the life and teaching of Jesus, and especially his death and resurrection, into a coherent theology, with its roots very clearly in the Jewish faith of his own upbringing. He's not always easy to follow. Even the New Testament admits that: 'there are some things (in his letters) hard to understand' (2 Peter 3:16). But at the same time he gave the new faith a foundation and credibility which have stood it well down the centuries.

Many people think of Paul as a rather negative, narrow misogynist, but even a quick reading of his letters actually reveals a person of great warmth, who evoked enormous affection and devotion from others. 'You would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me!' he writes to the Christians at Galatia. He was, of course, a man of his time and culture, in days when women were disregarded in terms of status and leadership.

But read his letters, and see how large a role women play in them and how much scope he gave them to lead and teach in the Church. In terms of the first century, St Paul was a dangerous liberal! So all in all, the amazing Paul of Tarsus deserves a bit of celebrating on 25th January.

Sunday Services & Readings

JANUARY

5th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev S Craggs
		Reader:	Bert Cadenhead
12th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev S Craggs
		Reader:	Sarah Davidson
19th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev S Craggs
		Reader:	Tom Dalglish
26th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev S Craggs
	Sheila's Presentation	Reader:	Kit Pawson

FEBRUARY

2nd	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
	"Time Out"	Reader:	Moiria Keith
9th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
		Reader:	Alison Young



Enjoy each day as it comes ...

Is your diary for 2020 already filling up? That is fine, but also bear in mind what has been called 'the sacrament of the present moment.' That is what the 17th century French Jesuit and spiritual writer Pere Jean-Pierre de Caussade called it. He wrote: "The present moment holds infinite riches, but you will only enjoy them to the extent of your faith and love. The will of God is manifest in each moment, an immense ocean which the heart only fathoms in so far as it overflows with faith, trust and love." So this year, try and live your life a day at a time. You can't change the past, yesterday is history; and you can't live in the future, tomorrow is mystery. The present is really all you have. When Jesus spoke about God, He always spoke about Him being where we are, in the here and now. He is our Father, our vine, our Shepherd, and His Spirit wants to walk with us each day.

Extracted from Parish Pump



For almost 10 years Joyce Bruce has been the link between St Andrew's Church and Inverurie Foodbank. Joyce has now decided to step down from this voluntary post so we are now looking for someone to pick up the baton.

This task is not onerous - it involves taking the contents of the trolley, situated in the front entrance, to the Foodbank premises once a month. If you are interested please contact the Church Office for further details. We thank Joyce for all that she has done for the Foodbank over these past 10 years. **Joyce you are a star.**

Kit



The Ythan Singers

On Friday 13th December evening the Ythan Singers (including our minister, Sheila) gave a splendid Christmas concert in the church. Over 100 people were present to enjoy traditional and contemporary carols and other Christmas favourites sung by the 30 strong choir - both choral and solos. Morag Simpson conducted with well honed professionalism and enthusiasm and was greatly accompanied by pianist Rosemary Lund. After the

concert everyone was invited to the Old Hall for mince pies and shortbread (generously donated by the Ythan Singers) where teas and coffees were served by St Andrew's church choir members: Graham and Jill Bruce, Liz Barrack and Moira Keith. Everyone had a wonderful evening of superb music followed by happy chat and laughter. The evening had a further feelgood factor as it raised a fantastic £406.00 for the Trussell Trust.

Kit Pawson

Rev. Sheila Craggs ... As I am sure you all know by now, St Andrew's will welcome our new minister, Rev Carl Irvine, at his Induction Service on Wednesday 30th January, 2020 at 6.45pm. This is a time of great rejoicing for us, but it will also be a time of sadness as we bid farewell to our Interim Moderator, Rev. Sheila Craggs. For the past four years, Sheila has been an inspirational minister, leader and friend who has successfully guided St Andrew's to the positive position we are in today. Much more about Sheila's leadership will be said at the appropriate time. We must also mention Tom, Sheila's husband, who took over as Treasurer in 2018 and has with great diligence, hard work and skill sorted out our accounts. We owe Tom a huge debt of gratitude and are delighted that he has offered to stay in post until the end of this year.

As a small token of our appreciation it has been agreed by the Kirk Session that we should ask the congregation to contribute towards a farewell gift to Sheila. A donation box will be in the church for the next few Sundays or donations may be handed in to the Church Office, before Wednesday 22nd January 2020. Sunday, 26th January will be Sheila's last service in St Andrew's. It has been agreed that we shall use this opportunity at the end of the service to make a presentation to Sheila as a small token of our enormous gratitude for her wonderful contribution to our church and parish. Afterwards we shall go to the Old Hall for an extra special coffee time - hosted by the Social Committee.

Ken Tuach, Session Clerk

Ministry of Flowers

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Vestibule

JANUARY

12th Moira Keith, The Gardens
 19th Mrs N Sinclair, Don Crescent
 26th Dylan Davidson, Westburn Drive

Mrs D Ritchie, Middlepark

FEBRUARY

2nd Mr Shand, Morningside Drive
 9th Anon

2020 Flower Calendar is now in the Church Vestibule.

The new 2020 calendar is now in the vestibule. Every Sunday, after the church service, the flowers are distributed to members of the Church who are ill or have suffered a bereavement.

If you wish to contribute, would 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.

Eileen Robertson, Your Flower Convener.

THEOLOGY. IMAGINATION. MINISTRY. MISSION.

T.I.M. Talk: Uncharted

Change is a word so many of us dislike, but it is a reality we face in the church. What does the Bible teach us about change? How are others in Gordon Presbytery dealing with change? How is God calling us to react to change? Come and hear stories of hope and empowerment as we gather with others from our Presbytery on 13 February at 7:15 pm for our 3rd TIM Talk.

This will be a time to learn, to ask questions, and to enjoy a hot beverage.

save the date

Put on by the Mission and Discipleship Team of Gordon Presbytery. SC 60 002

Thursday, 13 February 2020, 7:15pm
 Kemnay Parish Church, Fraser Place, AB51 5NH

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 26th November - 31st December 2019

Holy Baptism 1st December 2019

Isla Mhairi Duncan (daughter of Angelo Duncan
& Jill Papiransky, 19 Osprey Square, Inverurie)

Service conducted by

Rev S Craggs

Recently Deceased

Mrs E Gale, 7 Pleyfolds House 27/12/2019 Rev S Craggs

Change of Address

Mrs E Lyon (formerly of 19 Selbie Drive) now at 26 Don House
(inserted incorrectly in Dec Mag, apologies)

Mrs M MacFarlane (formerly 2 Davah Court) to be confirmed

Transference of Certificate

Mr & Mrs A Farquhar, 25 Portstown Park from Newmachar Church



Door & Welcome

Offering & Count

JANUARY

5th	J Lawson	V Binnie	C Clark	Y Clark
12th	R Milne	P Wink	I Greig	R Green
19th	A Smith	J Williams	A Duff	S Davidson
26th	Joyce Bruce	R Green	I Fraser	R Milne

FEBRUARY

2nd	R Young	V Binnie	S Hepburn	J Ingram
9th	A Young	Jill Bruce	J Lawson	R Green
16th	H Christie	E Barrack	A Smith	K Pawson

*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.*

Note for Magazine Distributors ... If the Old Hall door is locked and you cannot gain access to the postbox inside please use the letterbox on the door for returning your envelopes.
Thank you

Diary of Events - School Term

Mondays

10.00 to 11.00 am	Zumba Class(Old Hall/ Kitchen)
2.30 to 6.00 pm	Pre-school Ballet (Old Hall)
4.15 to 6.00 pm	Pre-school Ballet (Old Chapel)
6.45 to 7.45 pm	Anchor Boys (New Hall)
6.45 to 8.15 pm	Junior Section (Old Hall)
7.30 to 9.30 pm	Company Section (Old Chapel)

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

8.00 am to 2.30 pm	Playgroup (New Hall)
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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)
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Saturday

12.30 to 5.00 pm	MSD (New Hall)
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Sunday

6.30 to 9.00 pm	MSD (New Hall)
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OTHER EVENTS—JANUARY

5th	2.30 - 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/ Kitchen)
7th	9.30 am	Letting's Committee Meeting (New Chapel)
8th	7.30 pm	Congregational Board Meeting (New Chapel)
15th	7.00 pm	St Andrew's Playgroup Meeting (New Hall)
18th	12.00 - 2.00 pm	Burns' Lunch (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
19th	2.30 -5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
21st	10.30 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
28th	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Buchan Pipe Band (Old Hall/Old Chapel)
30th	6.45 pm	Rev C Irvine Induction
31st	7.00 - 10.00 pm	Pony Club Meeting (Old Chapel)

NB Please note that due to our email address being compromised during December the Church email is now:
inveruriestandrews@outlook.com

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Teas £136.10

Rag Bag £73.20

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FEBRUARY 2020 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, 2nd February 2020. Please email material for the January Saltire to The Church Office by 20th January 2020.

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.