

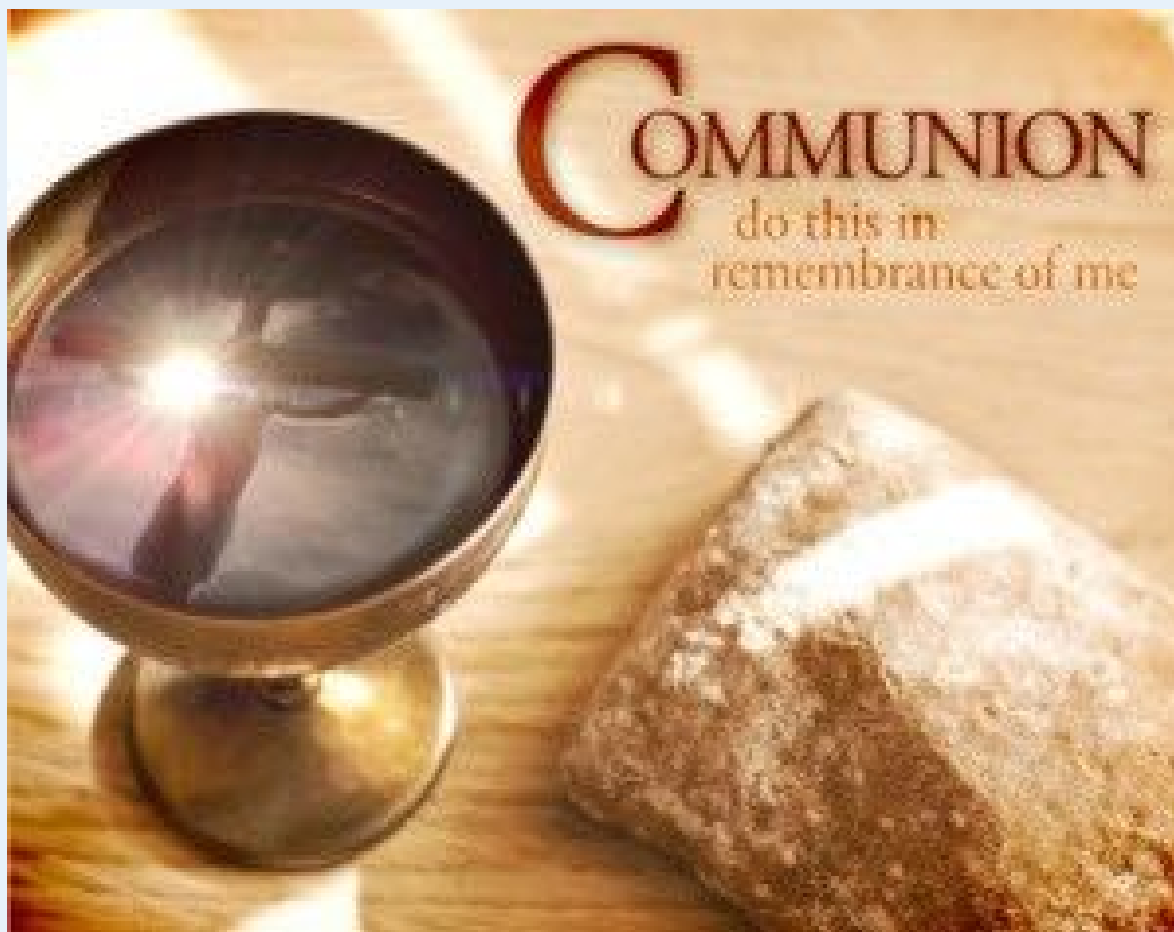


St Andrew's Parish Church
(Church of Scotland),
Inverurie

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MARCH 2020

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Sunday, 22nd March 2020 at 10 am

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Lent

It hardly seems a month since I wrote my first article for The Saltire. The time has flown by; packing boxes, moving into the manse, unpacking boxes (unfortunately not all the packed boxes have been unpacked yet!) and, most importantly, beginning to get to know the St. Andrew's family. Suzanne and I have been overwhelmed with the warm welcome and kindness we have received, thank you all.

As you read this, the church season of Lent will have begun. This period takes us right up to Easter, through the darkness of Calvary to the bright light of Easter Sunday and the joy of the resurrection. Lent lasts for 40 days, not counting Sabbath days, and is often used as a time of abstinence. Many people across the world will chose to give up something for Lent that they particularly enjoy and some will donate the money they would have spent on that pleasure to charity. But self-denial, even when it results in a boost to the coffers of a charity, is not what Lent is really about.

The period of 40 days is significant; God sent rain for 40 days and nights to flood the earth, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals, the Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness between leaving Egypt and entering the promised land, and, after His baptism, Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness in preparation for His ministry. In each of these cases, the period of 40, days or years, was a time of cleansing, setting aside old ways and drawing closer to God.

The flood literally washed the earth clean while Noah, and those with him, were safe in the ark. Although we are not told much

about what happened in the ark, we do know that God spoke to Noah and, as soon as the flood waters abated, Noah came out of the ark, built an altar and worshipped to God.

Having escaped from Egypt, the Israelites were given the chance to enter the Promised Land less than two years later, but they did not trust God! They would eventually enter the Promised Land 40 years later. 40 years in the wilderness, being taught how to be God's obedient people. It was not the Israelites who left Egypt who entered the Promised Land, it was their children.

After John baptised Him in the River Jordan, Jesus echoed the Israelites time in the wilderness by spending 40 days there Himself, but this was not some pleasant camping trip. Jesus's wilderness time was a time of thirst, hunger and temptation. It was a time when He would have to rely on God if He were to survive. It was a time that prepared Him for all He would face in the years ahead.

In reminding us of these three Biblical events, Lent also points to its purpose. It calls us to draw nearer to God, through worship, Bible study and/or prayer. By all means, give something up for Lent if you wish to. If, as is common, you choose to abstain from chocolate, I'm sure you may well feel the better for it and, if you donate your chocolate money to charity, the benefit will be appreciated by others. But, if you spend some time each day during Lent in quality time with God, then your soul will thank you for it.

Have a blessed Lent,

Carl

News from the Kirk Session Meeting

on 5th February 2020:

- 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 Communion Services this year will be on 22nd March 2020 and 27 September 2020.
- The Boys' Brigade are embarking on a recruitment campaign for new members. (see
- The boxes of knitting being sent to Malawi are now costing £15 per box for transport. Donations are required to cover this cost and a fundraising event is planned at St Andrew's to donate towards this fund.
- 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 am.

Ken Tuach, Session Clerk

.....***DID YOU KNOW?***

*Churches contribute annually to the Church of Scotland through a Ministry and Mission payment. **In 2020 St. Andrew's annual payment is nearly £65,000.** That is the equivalent of approximately **£1.40 per week for each member of St. Andrew's.***

How is that money used:-

- *9% providing congregational support services such as Safeguarding, Law Department and Finance*
- *42% for a variety of local church costs including maintaining buildings, mission, worship and supporting church groups*
- *49% to ensure we have ministries throughout Scotland and beyond.*

Tom Craggs, Treasurer

The Induction of the Rev Carl Irvine

On Thursday 30th January the Rev Carl Irvine was inducted into St Andrew's Church. The Rev Simon Crouch led the worship and the Rev Neil Meyer gave the sermon.



Many members of Gordon Presbytery and our own congregation were



there to celebrate this happy occasion.



After the service there was the usual excellent tea and the presentations were made to Carl and his wife Suzanne.





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Presbytery Colleagues

Presbytery of Gordon

Dear Colleague,

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (ARI) – Staff Garden Project.

I wish to invite and encourage all congregations within the Presbytery of Gordon, to consider supporting the Foresterhill Health Campus, Staff Garden Project Appeal - '**Caring for the Carers**'. The stress many staff, of all disciplines, work under in the NHS is well documented and this new, charity funded, garden will be available to all who work or volunteer, on the Foresterhill Health Campus.

A number of years ago many churches, within Gordon Presbytery, generously donated to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary's, Therapeutic Roof Garden Appeal. Designated as 'clinical space', it has proven to be a great success. Many patients and relatives make their way to the garden, and staff too, for short times of quietness and reflection. Staff, however, cannot eat in the garden or socialize in it, as this would fundamentally change what the Roof Garden was created to achieve.

Building on past experience, I have been asked to create another garden, with a different emphasis. Particularly for those staff whose working conditions mean that they have very little or no access to natural light, during their working hours e.g. those who work in theatres, radiology or pharmacy, to name but a few. A garden in which staff can eat, socialize and relax, for a short break, in the company of colleagues. As well as experiencing the reinvigorating natural beauty of a garden, fresh air and 'the weather' of a green outside space. n.b. Recently the appeal received a £10,000 donation from the Organ Donation Committee, to help support staff who are part of the transplant teams who travel, from other hospitals, to ARI.

We have a site, an internal courtyard, and have appointed a garden designer, architect and quantity surveyor. We hope to begin the first phase of the installation in the spring of this year, by installing doors, paths and an external lift - so that both levels of the garden are accessible to all. It would be so good if we could also begin the planting and open the garden; with a range of other features following, including a shelter, as funds become available.

Warmest Regards

Rev James Falconer, Foresterhill Health Campus Staff Garden, Project Lead



When Spring comes

‘See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.’ Song of Songs 2:11-12

March is the month that we associate with the coming of Spring, and such a relief after the darkness and gloom of Winter. This verse beautifully describes the joy that most of us feel as the days begin to brighten, and Nature starts to awaken once again.

These words also speak to us about a new season in life, one that is filled with hope and expectation. Sometimes we experience the darkness of winter in our lives – maybe in the

form of depression, bereavement, chronic illness, family difficulties, financial problems and so on. These long winter months of the soul may seem to last forever. Our joy disappears, our energy dissipates, our mood is low. A thick black cloud hangs over us and it seems as if the sun will never shine again.

Then we have this reminder that no season lasts for ever. The cold grip of Winter gradually thaws and gives way to warmer days. The sun does shine again, and the temperature rises. Birds sing and flowers blossom. The sap rises. Love is in the air. And in the spiritual realm the same happens. Eventually we will enter a new season of the soul. Joy returns and life gets back to something like normality. No darkness lasts for ever. We experience our own awakening, a kind of mini resurrection. We start to feel alive again, to see possibilities and to dream again.

In the depths of Winter, we can look ahead to the certainty of Spring. Faith enables us to believe that the winter of the soul will soon be past as well. In the darkness we choose to hope in God.

Extracted from Parish Pump

The Spring Equinox by Anne Ridler (adapted)

This is the pause between asleep and awake:

The pause of contemplation and of peace,

Before the earth must teem and the heart ache.

This is the child's pause, before he sees

The choice of one way has denied the other;

Must choose the either or both, of to care or not to care;

Before the light or darkness shall discover Irreparable loss.



St Andrew's Church, Inverurie
(Old Hall & Chapel)

Soup & Sweet

on

Saturday, 18th April, 2020

12 noon - 2.00 pm

With music from Ian Greig



Tickets £8.00 pp - pay at the door on the day

For further details, please contact
Molly Conn (Tel.01467 620612).



22 March - Mothering Sunday and Mother Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent was called 'Mid-Lent' or 'Refreshment Sunday', when the rigors of Lent were relaxed more than was normal for a feast day. It is called Mothering Sunday as a reference to the Epistle reading for the Day (Galatians 4:21-31). The Lenten Epistles follow from each other with teaching about our life as Christians and how we are to follow Christ.

On Mid-Lent Sunday the Epistle talks of bondage and freedom; the bondage of the Law and the Old Covenant as compared to the freedom in Christ, "the promised one", and the New Covenant. Verse 26 reads "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." We gain our freedom

from Christ and, as it was seen before the Reformation, the Church.

Thus, Mothering Sunday is about the freedom that we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church. People were encouraged to go to their 'Mother Church' (their home church or their home Cathedral) to worship and give thanks. Hence apprentices, and others, went home for the weekend and often brought gifts (or accumulated pay) home to their family.

On the other hand, Mother's Day is a secular festival invented in 1904 and is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May in most countries in the world. The UK seems to be the exception. In recent years Mothering Sunday has been hijacked to take the place of a special, secular day to give thanks for our mothers.

Extracted from Parish Pump

Sunday Services & Readings

MARCH

1st	10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out"	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
		Reader:	Stuart Watson
8th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
		Reader:	Sarah Davidson
15th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
		Reader:	Vera Binnie
22nd	10.00 am Holy Communion	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
		Reader:	Kit Pawson
29th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
		Reader:	Sarah Davidson

APRIL

5th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
Palm Sunday	"Time Out"	Reader:	Kit Pawson

The Adventure Begins Here

The Boys' Brigade

Membership of The Boys' Brigade offers a fun, safe & caring place where children and young people can learn, grow and discover.

Your nearest group is...

1st Inverurie, St Andrews Church Hall, High Street, Inverurie

For boys aged 5-18 years. Volunteer leaders welcome

Meeting time Mondays Anchors (P1-P3) 6:45- 7:45pm, Juniors (P4-P6) 6:45-8:15pm,

Company/Seniors 7-9pm

Contact Michael Cochrane 07967 000121

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Facebook www.facebook.com/InverurieBB



Ministry of Flowers

Church

Vestibule

MARCH

1st Ken & Jill Tuach, High Street

8th The Watson Family, Crosslett

Eleanor Douglas, Don Crescent

15th Rosie & Pete Milne, Barclay Road
(IMO Mr J & Mrs E Murray)

Edna Angus, Charles Place

22nd Mrs M Alexander, Hay's Court
(IMO Mr W Alexander)

George & Betty Ross, Duncairn

29th Allan Duff, Middlepark
(IMO Jean & Morag)

N Peters & Family, Ritchie Row

APRIL

5th Ian & Diane Stuart, Carisbrooke

12th Margaret & Tom Dalgleish, Middlemuir Rd

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.

Monthly Envelopes ... MC envelopes for the year April 2020 to March 2021 will be issued in March. Please check your list and if you have any queries **please contact either the Church Office (tel: 628740), Vera Binnie (tel: 622275) or Diane Stuart (tel:620931)**, Monthly Collection Conveners.

Thanks to all who contribute to the church in this way and to the newsletter distributors for delivering the envelopes and collecting them month by month throughout the year.

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 25th January - 25th February 2020

Recently Deceased

Mrs E (Betty) Smith,
St Andrew's Gdns

25/01/2020

Service conducted by

Rev S Craggs

Transference of certificate

Rev Carl Irvine, The Manse, Ury Dale from Inverurie West Church



Door & Welcome

Offering & Count

MARCH

1st	C Clark	Y Clark	J Ingram	P Wink
8th	A Duff	Y Deacon	R Young	A Young
15th	I Fraser	S Davidson	M Vernal	H Christie
22nd	R Green	P Donaldson	V Binnie	E Barrack
29th	K Pawson	I Greig	A Smith	H Morrice

APRIL

5th	J Ingram	S Hepburn	Jill Bruce	Joyce Bruce
12th	H Morrice	J Lawson	G Bruce	B Cadenhead

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.

FUNDRAISING: (February) - Teas £156.81

Rag Bag; £60.00

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

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—MARCH

1st	2.30 - 5.50 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/New Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
6th	10.00 am	Presbytery Meeting (New Chapel)
9th	9.30 am	Letting's Committee Meeting (New Chapel)
9th	11.15 am	Finance Meeting (New Chapel)
10th	10.30 am	Monthly Count (New Chapel)
11th	7.30 pm	Congregational Board Meeting (New Chapel)
15th	2.30 - 5.30 pm	Garioch Church (Old Hall/Old Chapel/Kitchen)
20th	2.00 pm	Wedding Ceremony (Church)
21st	5.00 - 10.00 pm	Barnardo's Quiz (Old Hall)
27th	9.45 - 11.15 am	Close & Calm (Old Hall)
31st	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Buchan Pipe Band (Old Hall/Old Chapel)

WFO Envelopes ...

WFO Envelopes for the year April 2020 – 2021 will be issued in March – thanks for all the contributions made in the past year, particularly those who are tax payers and are able to sign up for Gift Aid. This enables St Andrew's to reclaim 25p for every £1 you have given.

Any queries on WFO– please contact me and thanks again,

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**APRIL 2020 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday,
 5th April 2020. Please email material for the April Saltire to
 The Church Office by 20th March 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.