



St Andrew's Parish Church
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Our Minister's Letter

Dear Friends, September is now past, but what a September! We were able to start worshipping again in the church building. After a trial run with volunteers on the first Sunday of September, we were, and are, open to all every Sunday morning. Of course, restrictions mean that there are certain things we used to do, that are not currently possible; sitting together, singing and the after-service fellowship are probably the most noticeable and are greatly missed. The next step will be fitting a Perspex screen between the organ keyboard and the sanctuary so

that we will, once again, be able to enjoy Ian's organ skills. Yes, it's great to be back! But that joy is touched with sadness, because so many regular worshippers have not been able to come. For some, personal health concerns are at the forefront of their minds, after all we are continuing to battle a deadly pandemic. For others, because we cannot offer lifts, getting to church is not physically possible. To help those who cannot come to church, much work has gone into live-streaming our services online. A huge thank you goes to John Chapman for all the work he has put into getting this set up. After some initial teething problems, the quality is now good and we have a number of people who are able to make the most of this new way of joining worship, while a much larger number are able to watch the recordings later. It's good to know that God's word is still getting out there.

I am writing this letter the day after I celebrated Holy Communion for the first time in St. Andrew's. It was not as I imagined it would be. There were just four people in the building, John and Peter in the gallery, operating the live-streaming equipment, and Ralph and myself in the chancel. We each brought our own bread and wine and couldn't serve each other. But the Lord's Supper is always a great privilege to preside over, and the fact that I couldn't see the congregation did not lessen this. I know that all who joined in were being brought together by the Holy Spirit and I have been particularly heartened by the feedback I have received from others who found a real sense of blessing in the sacrament, in spite of the unusual circumstances. Our Lord is not going to let a global pandemic and social distancing prevent Him from being with His church.

Over the next three months, special services for Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas will all have to be planned for in a very different way from the past. But I am sure that we can celebrate them in a way that is as meaningful as always and I have no doubt that God will help us achieve this aim.

Finally, a gentle reminder that this year's Stewardship Campaign is, of necessity, focussing on money. If you have not yet managed to do so, please prayerfully consider your current level of giving. If you already have, thank you – whether you were able to increase your gifts or not, thank you for taking the time to consider the needs of the church.

Many blessings, Carl

Holy God,

As the nights begin to draw in, the leaves begin to turn golden and the air begins to feel fresher, we thank You for the turning of the seasons that help us to remember that, though much in our lives has changed, Your creation continues, as it always has, to obey the patterns You set.

Thank You, for reminding us that You are in charge, as You always are.



Father, we know that You are with us at all times but thank You especially for the sense of Your presence over the past six months as we learned to live and worship in ways that are so very different from those we are used to. Thank You that we can worship, once again, in the church building and thank You also for the ability to reach out, through live-streaming, to people who, for whatever reason, are unable to come into the church building.

Lord, we ask Your blessing on all who are working to keep our lives as normal as they can be during this time of pandemic, on those who are caring for victims of the virus and on all involved in research to find a vaccine. Grant them skill in their work, peace in their rest and strength to go on.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Pete Milne modelling

Add Glamour to your kitchen!

During lockdown, some folk have been very busy doing all sorts of inventive crafts and our fellow elder, Mo Vernal, is one of

them! After the 175th anniversary of St Andrew's Church, we had some tea towels left over, and Mo came up with a brainwave as to how these could be re-invented - and make money for the kirk!

Being an accomplished needlewoman, over the past few weeks, Mo has

transformed tea towels into lovely blue and white aprons with broderie anglaise round the edges and all wrapped individually in a clear plastic cover. If you would like to buy one (or two or three!) please contact **Mo on 01467 628778**. The cost is very reasonable - **only £5.00 (apron only) and £7.00 (apron & tea towel)** - and, not only will you have a super apron for yourself or for a gift, but you will have helped our church.

Thanking you in advance!



Apron & Tea Towel

News from the combined Congregational Board/Kirk Session Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th September 2020 at 7.00 pm, via a Microsoft teams video conference:

Key Points:

- Discussed the Presbytery of Gordon Questionnaire, Question 1 - Relationships/Groups Review. St. Andrew's is in Group 9, Inverurie St. Andrew's and Inverurie West, with whom we have a long standing collaborative relationship which we will continue to foster and grow;
- Question 2 - Church Buildings Review will be discussed at the next combined Board/Session Meeting on 14 October 2020;
- COVID-19 restrictions continue to impact our ability for groups to return to utilise our halls. In turn, this has reduced Lettings income to £0!!
- Due to ongoing restrictions, the next combined Board/Session meeting will be held on 14 October 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by Teams videoconference.

Joyce Lawson, Clerk to the Board

URGENT

Saltire - Volunteers needed ... We are desperately in need of 13 kind hearted volunteers to cover easily accessible areas which now no longer have magazine distributors. We take this opportunity to thank our loyal volunteers who have recently retired. If you think you can help with the magazine delivery please contact Linsey at the Church Office (Tel. 01467 628740). We shall truly appreciate your help.

Just a wee PS: Anyone wishing a LARGE PRINT magazine do get in touch with Linsey.

With thanks, Kit & Diane

MONEY MATTERS

In the September Saltire our financial challenges created by COVID-19 were reported together with an open invitation “Each person should give as he has decided for himself; there should be no reluctance, no sense of compulsion; God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor 9:7). So, I (Rev. Carl Irvine) simply ask you to think about your regular giving and follow your conscience.” I’m delighted to report that during September we have witnessed a modest increase in donations through Standing Orders, in some cases as an alternative to Envelopes, and with easing of lockdown an increase in receipt of Envelopes. Cumulatively this helps us to contain our financial position. In addition we have received a number of cash/cheque donations for which we are very grateful

Our thanks to everyone for their contributions during this very difficult time and ask that from time to time you continue to “think about your regular giving and follow your conscience”. **If you need any help or guidance to set up a Standing Order or use our Donate Now feature on the website then please contact Linsey (01467 628740) or Tom (07798 771202) and they will be delighted to help.**

PROPERTY

As many of you will know Peter Donaldson stepped down from the Property Convener role in August 2020. A call for a volunteer to fill the role has been issued by Rev. Carl Irvine. In the interim, Tom Craggs has agreed to stand in as looking after the fabric of our Church buildings and Manse is an important obligation (and cost) we have towards Church of Scotland Trustees. We are delighted to report that Alan Robertson has volunteered to be part of the Property Team, a very welcome addition for which we are most appreciative. For information the Property Team is now comprised of:-

Tom Craggs (Interim Property Convener)

Jenny Green

Joyce Bruce

Alan Robertson

Norman Peters

If you have any fabric concerns, issues, ideas then please feel free to contact any one of us at any time. During the remainder of the year we will be undertaking a full physical inventory check and full local property inspection as part of our responsibility to submit an annual Property Register to Presbytery as well as provide detailed input to a 5-10 year financial forecast to ensure we:-

- ***Protect People (our congregation, users of our Church Buildings and of course our Minister and his family in the Manse);***
- ***Protect Assets (ensure we maintain Church buildings and Manse to a suitable standard).***

Sunday Services & Readings

OCTOBER

4th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev C Irvine
11th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev S Craggs
18th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev C Irvine
25th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev C Irvine

NOVEMBER

1st	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev C Irvine
8th	Remembrance Day	Minister: Rev C Irvine
	<i>Form of Worship to be confirmed</i>	

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“D’ ye min’?”

D’ ye min’ on J. J. Watson’s shop up in the Merkit Square
 Far a’thin’ cost near naethin’ - fittan bargains ye got there?
 Ye could buy an ounce o’ carrot seed; a pan for ma’kin stew;
 Segs an’ tackets; an’ pyckit wire; or a dumper for yer flue.
 They’d muntles for yet Tilley Lumps; an’ mungles for yet sheets;
 They’d pails an’ buckets; spades an’ graips; an’ stuff tae sole yer beets.
 D’ ye min’?

D’ ye min’ fan they cut keys, an’ rope, an’ coffin zinc as weel?
 D’ ye min’ the Army Bomb Squad fan they near blew up the squeal?
 D’ ye min’ foo a’ the toon wiz shut; an’ Watson tore his hair,
 The Bobbies an’ the Fire Brigade! D’ ye min’ - or were ye there?
 D’ ye min’ the aftermath in Coort - an’ how the Fiscal said
 That Watson should be locket up for thon Bomb there in his Shed!
 D’ ye min’?

D’ ye min’ fan Queen Salote drove her car up through the toon?
 D’ ye min’ the Square bein’ flooded fan the rain came skitin’ doon?
 Min’ foo they howkit up the road tae lay thon pair o’ drains?
 An’ how the Square seen flooded ‘spite a’ their aches an’ pains?
 D’ ye min’ on Seymour Copley an’ their parks o’ bonnie flowers?
 D’ ye min’ fan Michael Barron wiz the Chief o’ Fawltly Towers?
 D’ ye min’?

D’ ye min’ the Merry Dancers high in the Northern sky?
 Warm Spring-like days? Lang Simmer nichts? An’ sna’-drift oxter-high?
 D’ ye min’ the Roon Ha’ dances far ye went tae fin the wimmen?
 Syne roon the back ... against thon wa’ ... mair sinn’d against than sinning’?
 D’ ye min’ the day the Locies’ shut? Thon silence in the street?
 D’ ye min’ the lang despairin’ soun’ o’ the Horn’s last mournful’ greet?
 D’ ye min’?

D’ ye min’ fan Inverurie wiz a lang, grey, village street?
 An’ Jacobites focht Redcoats doon far Don an’ Ury meet?
 An’ Donald an’ his Hielanders cam’ doon by reid Harlaw?
 An’ Robert Bruce played “butcher” jist tae fix his kingly law?
 D’ ye min’ fan Earl David built his castle on the Bass?
 Were ye stannin’ up on Bennachie tae watch the Romans pass?
 D’ ye min’?

D’ ye min’ fan Early Man erectit a his stannin’ steens?
 An’ left a when o’ Bronzed Age trock amang his land-deid beens?
 D’ ye min’ how Noah an’ his crew sailed past the Mither Tap?
 An’ spotted Watson staunin’ there - an’ slowly doffed his cap?
 D’ ye min’ a’ that - an’ main forbyeYe should, for I wiz there ...
 For I’m the man wha hid thon shop, up in the Merkit Square!
 D’ ye min’?

This is a poem in my native Doric which tumbled off my pen on a sunny Spring day. Its purpose was to round off a talk at the local Rotary Club on the occasion of my retirement from business a few months earlier. It's written in the local patois, Doric, which is the vernacular dialect of the native of Inverurie; understandable by those - and totally unintelligible to the poor fortunate "in-comers"!

It tells of my involvement in the family ironmongery business of J. J. Watson which was established back in 1839 which, as the late Eric Morcambe would point out, is almost "twenty to seven"! It also hints of my intense interest in history, and of the history of the North-East and of Inverurie in particular. I have been very fortunate in living most of my life here in the Royal Burgh, where five generations of Watsons have preceded me - three of them in the family business. And with the benefit of all that tradition, it was only inevitable, perhaps, that the local ethos was so strongly etched into the character. A succession of good teachers, first at Market

Place School, then Inverurie Academy, also contributed to that love of the past. Of these, perhaps it was the Academy's Miss Molly Gauld who has been the greatest influence. To hear and to watch her re-fight the Battle of Prestonpans, for example, was an education, and a joy in itself.

For those of you with long memories, much of the sentiment of the poem will be clear enough. The first few lines remind us of the infinite range of merchandise expected on the traditional ironmonger's business. The reference to the Bomb Squad carries us to the year 1989 and the discovery of badly decomposed explosives in a disused gunpowder magazine at the rear of the shop. For the writer and his one-time business partner, Bert Brand, it was a two day nightmare - an event neither of us has been able to live down!

Stuart Watson

(Extracted from "Through the Pend")

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 27th August - 29th September 2020

Recently Deceased

Mr Norman J Rennie (Jnr),
15 Kellands Road

27/8/2020

Service conducted by

Rev C Irvine

Mr Robert A S Strachan,
24 Westfield Road

23/9/2020

Rev C Irvine

Certificate of Transference

Mrs Helen Ross,
53 George Square

(formerly Kemnay Church)

St Andrew's Parish Church

Volunteer Rota 2020

		Door	Register	Steward	Steward	Steward
Oct	11	A Smith	S Davidson	R Young	M Conn	J Bruce
	18	R Milne	P Milne	S Hepburn	I Fraser	H Christie
	25	A Duff	M Keith	K Pawson	D Stuart	M Vernal

Nov	1	R Green	P Wink	J Green	J Ingram	J Lawson
	8	A Smith	V Binnie	S Davidson	M Conn	J Bruce
	15	C Clark	A Young	R Young	S Hepburn	I Fraser
	22	R Milne	H Christie	P Milne	M Keith	K Pawson
	29	A Duff	D Stuart	M Vernal	P Wink	J Ingram

Dec	6	A Smith	J Lawson	V Binnie	S Davidson	M Conn
	13	R Milne	J Bruce	A Young	P Milne	R Young
	20	A Duff	S Hepburn	I Fraser	H Christie	M Keith
	27	R Green	D Stuart	M Vernal	J Green	P Wink

If you are unable to attend please arrange for a replacement and let Linsey know. (It's not her job to find one for you)

Note: All those on Duty please ensure that you are at the church in good time (**0930 am**). Those with Beadle Duties are highlighted in Bold/Italic.

View from the Pews Just a short update for you all on how the return to Church is going. So far we have (at the time of writing) had 4 services. The first was a rehearsal on 6th September with the Elders and volunteer Stewards to see how things worked and to "train" the Stewards on their roles. There was a good turnout and some issues identified and resolved. The following 3 Sundays we have had 36, 25 and 29 people coming along, so there is plenty of space still for more wanting to come back. We have not had to implement our inclement weather plans yet (fortunately), so that still has to be tested.

Over the coming weeks there will likely be some more changes in how we do things and I hope you will appreciate that everything may not go smoothly at all times, but as everyone is saying, it is good to be back in the building, Thanks for your support and see you in Church soon.

Robin Young



September Newsletter

The Boys' Brigade hopes all the congregation are coping with the current situation which seems to fluctuate daily.

We are glad to report that after a substantial amount of administration, Zoom meetings, Framework Webinars, Risk Assessment Meetings, Battalion Annual Meetings, we can state **"WE ARE FINALLY BACK"**.

It has been incredibly stressful to ensure compliance within Government guidelines, Church guidelines and BB framework restrictions, but we can honestly say we are glad to have conducted our inaugural meeting of the session. We embarked on the first journey of our new badge work by paying a visit to Bennachie and conducted a leaf hunt to identify the different leaves we have in the area. This task was completed by both Anchor Boys and Junior Section with the Company Section conducting a geocache hunt. We also managed to feed some birds and squirrels which was also interesting. It was great to see a slight increase in numbers at this early stage so hopefully we can keep the boys and parents interested and involved over the next few weeks. We had a total of 18 boys from the three sections and several socially distanced parent helpers and officers. It seems all the boys enjoyed it. We have been asked to participate in a "litter pick up" for the community and this is also a badge task for Senior Section boys, and our plan for next week, weather permitting, is to conduct a treasure hunt.



Anchor Boys and Junior Section will keep you posted

Stay safe BB Team

I would like to thank all my friends within our church for their condolences on the loss of my mother.



Your phone calls, flowers and cards brought comfort to myself and my family. This has helped us through this difficult time.

Joyce Bruce & Family

Ivy – never underestimate its goodness!

Autumn is in full swing but there is at least one plant that is in full bloom. Not spectacular to look at, yet ivy is an important source of nectar for bees, moths, flies and wasps, and while they are not most people's favourite insects, they all play a vital part in Nature's jigsaw. Ivy produces flowers from September to November. Spherical clusters of greeny-yellow blobs, which on closer inspection have endearing little horns with knobs on! The resulting fruits are dark berries with ridged sections, resembling tiny black footballs each containing five seeds. Poisonous for us, but birds love them.



Ivy is one of the few native climbing plants that can reach a substantial size. Contrary to popular belief, it is not a parasite. Its stems have lots of fibrous, adhesive-covered, roots which cling to buildings, brickwork, trees, telegraph poles, in fact just about anything to help it gain some height. However, when it comes to nourishment, that comes via the roots in the ground. [There's not much nutritional value in a brick.] Although ivy does not normally damage sound buildings or walls, and is rarely a threat to healthy trees, its weight can cause problems.

What a useful plant it can be! Providing shelter, hibernation and nesting sites for birds and insects, its glossy green leaves are happily munched by sheep, goats and deer. These leaves, so familiar, are different shapes according to whether they are on flowering or growing branches. The flowers are surrounded by heart- or spear-shaped leaves, while the rest of the plant has the three- or five-pointed ones we all recognise. Many legends involve ivy. But has anyone discovered why although mentioned in the first line of the carol 'The Holly and the Ivy', it is absent from the rest of the verses?

(Extracted from Parish Pump)



We are continuing to work hard to get food to those people in greatest need at this difficult and challenging time. We know your shopping habits have had to change but we would be very grateful if you would help us, if you can, by donating the following items:

Jam/marmalade; Instant mash; Small jars of coffee;

Jars of Sauce (Pasta/Sweet & Sour/Curry, etc);

Chocolate bars (100g are ideal)

Currently we have good supplies of pasta, soup, beans, tomatoes and tea bags, thanks to your generosity. Thank you for your continuing support and stay safe!

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NOVEMBER 2020 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, 1st November 2020. Please email material for the November Saltire to The Church Office by 20th October 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.