



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

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**Remembrance Day, 11th November 2020**

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## Our Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

November is the month of Remembrance and many people choose to wear a poppy, but did you know that there are four different colours of Remembrance poppy?

### Red Poppy

The original colour of poppy is, of course, red. I am sure you know that this is because the red poppies, blooming in the muddy wastelands of WW1 battlefields, were one of the first signs of life returning to a place of carnage and death, and were the inspiration for John McCrae's famous poem,

*"In Flanders fields the poppies blow*

*Between the crosses, row on row..."*

On their website, the Royal British Legion explain; "The poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. Wearing one is a show of support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families. It represents all those who lost their lives on active service in all conflicts: from the beginning of the First World War right up to the present day."

### White Poppy

The white poppy is produced by the Peace Pledge Union, whose Campaigns Manager, Symon Hill, wrote "White poppies are not a generic peace symbol. Nor are they a protest against Remembrance. Quite the opposite: they are a symbol of remembrance for people who have died or suffered in war. That's why we wear them on Remembrance Day. White poppies also represent a commitment to peace. This follows from remembering the horrors of war. We never say red poppies glorify war – we know many red poppy wearers share many of our values."

### Black Poppy

On the Black Poppy Rose organisation website, we can read that the black poppy was: "Created to be a symbol that represents the contributions made by the African/Black/Caribbean/Pacific Islands communities to various wars since the 16th century." It goes on to explain the black poppy is "A symbol that signifies pride, honour and glory, with the hope that future generations will be inspired by these largely untold historical legacies."

### Purple Poppy

The purple poppy is worn to remember all the animals killed in war. The money it raises goes specifically to animal charities.

Wearing a poppy is, of course, a matter for personal choice. If you do choose to wear a poppy of whatever colour, wear it with pride but, please, respect those who choose differently.

**Many blessings,**

**Carl**

Almighty God.

We pray today for those whose lives are blighted by war, both wars of the past and wars of the present. We give thanks for those who have defended just causes, especially those who paid the ultimate price. For those haunted by experiences of war, and for those who have lost loved ones, we ask for Your peace to be upon them and comfort them.



As we take time, this month, to remember those who have fought and died in war, help us to learn its lessons. Teach us to recognise that all people, of all colours, all beliefs and all nations, are created in Your image. Open our eyes to see Your image in all whom we meet. When we disagree, help us to disagree with respect and lead us away from conflict on the path of compromise.

Father, we look forward to a time when there is no more war. A time when 'swords are beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks'. A time when the precious resources of Your creation are used for peaceful purposes and not turned into instruments of death. A time when Your Son will rule as The Prince of Peace.

Amen

## We Will Remember –

**80 years on ...** This year we've been remembering the Battle of Britain, described by Winston Churchill in August 1940 as '*one of the decisive battles of the war... never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.*' It was a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War. The occasions for Remembrance this month will provide us with times of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war. However, this year we are very aware of our own struggles with the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. We face an unseen enemy, but the effects on our lives and society are almost as devastating as world war. Remembering is not just about focusing on past events. It is also about making present past events, as we give thanks for all that took place.



The Battle of Britain was fought by the Few and won in the skies over the Channel. In our battle with the virus, we can call to mind the victory of Jesus: '*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.*' (2 Timothy 2:8). Jesus secured the victory of death by His cross and resurrection, so that we don't need to fear death, but trust in His loving purposes for our lives. Currently we can't see clearly what the future holds for us; it may be very different from what we might expect. However, we can pray for God's will to be done and that we will play our part, just as each of those airmen did so many years ago.

***'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'***

*Extracted from Parish Pump*



## News from the combined Congregational Board/Kirk Session

Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th October 2020 at 7.00 pm, via a Microsoft Teams Video conference:

### Key Points:

- We still urgently require to appoint a new Treasurer. We are also looking for a new Fabric Convenor. Anyone interested in either of these two very important roles is asked to contact the Church Office for more details.
- A detailed discussion took place on the procedures that have been put in place for reopening the church building for Sunday morning worship. The procedures are in place to ensure we keep a safe distance and to maintain a one way system as required by Government guidelines. The stewards on duty will try to explain the system as we enter the building. We are asked to be patient and to be aware that we are one of the very first Churches that have had the resources available to put a safe system in place and be brave enough to open for worship.
- The Presbytery Questionnaire on church buildings was discussed and it was determined that our buildings were in a good place with well equipped spaces.
- It was agreed that the Foodbank trolley should be reintroduced for donations in the vestibule of the church.
- It was agreed that fresh flowers should not be used in the church building at this time as they cannot be distributed to members of the congregation. We are however grateful to Eileen Robertson and her Team for the beautiful silk flowers and harvest decoration.
- Members were reminded that the Office Administrator is very busy so please try and 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



**Poppy Appeal 2020** ... Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic. One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount. This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present." And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."

**The Story of the Poppy ...** In the Spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields to write a now famous poem called "In Flanders' Fields". After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance.

### **In Flanders' Fields**



*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high,  
If ye break faith with us who die.  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' Fields.*

McCrae's poem inspired an American academic, Moina Michael, to make and sell red silk poppies which were brought to England by a French woman, Anna Guerin. The (Royal) British Legion, formed in 1921, ordered 9 million of these poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. The poppies sold out almost immediately and that first ever "Poppy Appeal" raised over £106,000; a considerable amount of money at the time which was used to help WW1 veterans with employment and housing. The following year, Major George Howson set up the **Poppy Factory** to employ disabled ex-Servicemen. The demand for poppies in England was so high that few were reaching Scotland. Earl Haig's wife established the "Lady Haig Poppy Factory" in Edinburgh in 1926 to produce poppies exclusively for Scotland. Over 5 million Scottish poppies (*which have four petals and no leaf unlike poppies in the rest of the UK*) are still made by hand by disabled ex-Servicemen at Lady Haig's Poppy Factory each year and distributed by the charity **Poppyscotland**.

*Extracted from The Window, Clackmannan Parish Church*

**Dickson Kulisewa ...** In 2012 I went to Nkhoma Hospital for a second time as locum for Dr David Morton, who was from the USA, but sent out by the Church of Scotland and Gordon Presbytery who were linked with Nkhoma Hospital through him.

Whilst in the hospital I was approached by a young man, Dickson Kulisewa, who at that time was a Clinical Medical Officer. *(These folk do much of the doctoring in Malawi and have either only 2 or 3 years training).* Dickson was very keen to go to medical school and have full training - his ambition to be a paediatrician. I discussed this with David Morton and Dr Reyneir TerHaar who were the medical doctor and the medical director respectively at Nkhoma. They agreed it was worth pursuing if I could raise the funds.

At this point Dickson informed me he had applied and had a place at Lusaka in Zambia as his school grades did not allow him entry to medical school in Malawi. So I agreed to find the funding for what originally was a 5 year course but became 7 years as time progressed.

Through friends, Presbytery, Anne Gloag's Foundation and myself we managed to fund his 7 years at uni-

versity and he passed his final exams in August. He will do his internship *(like our very junior doctors)* in Lilongwe Malawi, then return to Nkhoma to give back the 7 years he had in training. I am sure the Lord had a hand in all this!

Having worked on the medical wards there and having very little Chichewa *(the local language)* and also having little insight into the culture, of which I picked up a little on my 2 visits, I felt it would be great if they could have another Malawian person who spoke the language and grew up in their culture to be their doctor. The Church of Scotland was at that time putting another young man through medical school in Tanzania from Nkhoma.

So Dickson went off to Lusaka and has kept in touch. He also became a father to 2 year old Vespers. He sends his blessings and thanks for allowing him to do this and funding his training.

Thanks to your congregation for their help and support over the last 7 years. I add my grateful thanks for enabling this to happen.

**Dr Noel Lord (Mack)**

## Remembrance Day Service

**Sunday, 8th November 2020 at 9.40 am**

Please note the changes in this year's Remembrance Day Service. The congregation are invited to come to St Andrew's at 9.40 am when there will be a scaled down representation from The British Legion, and other organisations. We, the congregation, have been asked **NOT TO ATTEND** the service at the War Memorial due to Covid 19 restrictions.

## Sunday Services & Readings

### NOVEMBER

<b>8th</b>	<b>9.40 am Remembrance Day</b>	Minister: Rev C Irvine
15th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev C Irvine
22nd	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev C Irvine
29th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev C Irvine

### DECEMBER

6th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev C Irvine
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**NOTE: NO READERS ARE REQUIRED AT PRESENT**

## Congregational Roll

### ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 30th September - 28th October 2020

#### Recently Deceased

Mrs G Thomson, 49 Hay's Court      6/10/2020  
Mrs W (Ina) Ingram, 16 Overburn Hse      18/10/2020

#### Service conducted by

Rev C Irvine  
Rev C Irvine

## Praying for Local Businesses

..... Guy Bastable is a member of Catalyst Vineyard Church in Inverurie and a local business owner. He contacted Derek Ritchie, head of BID Inverurie, to offer to pray for local businesses and to ask if there were any specific prayer needs. Below is what Derek responded and Guy asked if I would share it with local churches...

*In Inverurie, we hope that the vast majority of businesses survive long term and are able to retain most of their staff.*

*There are critical days ahead for businesses when government funding stops and when vat referrals and loans have to be repaid.*

*Obviously the main concern for everyone is the health of their family and friends but the economic impact of this pandemic is also a major concern for the health and wellbeing of the community. Thanks for offering your prayers and support.*





## “TIME OUT” returns to ST. ANDREW’S PARISH CHURCH

**T**ime Out will begin again on  
**Sunday, 1st November at  
9.45 am** with a few changes  
mainly due to Covid 19.

We will now meet in the Old Chapel, situated at the back of the church and we will enter by the entrance/exit door which leads straight into the Old Chapel. One of the Time Out leaders will meet the children at the Old Chapel door because, at the moment, parents are asked not to enter this area. We are following Church of Scotland Guidelines and adults and any helpers over 12 years will be wearing a mask at all times but of course young children do not require one. We are, at present, unable to be in Church so please return to the Old Chapel entrance/exit door to collect children.

Unfortunately we cannot have “The Feast” at the moment or our usual juice and biscuits with the congregation but the children are welcome to bring along their own drink and snack. All nursery and primary school age children are welcome to come along and join us for bible stories, painting/craft, games and just a fun time in a safe and secure environment. We hope to see you there. Should there be any change in Scottish Government or Church of Scotland Guidance which affects this, we will keep you updated.

**Mo Vernal, Time Out Team**

**Molly's Raffle** ... I am sure you are all very much aware that the Social Committee has not been able to hold our usual events throughout 2020. These occasions are of course to raise funds but, even more important, they bring our church community (and also those outwith our kirk) together in fun and fellowship. This year the church has been badly hit financially but Social Convenor, Molly Conn, has come up with a super idea - a Cracking Christmas Hampers Raffle (*see photo!*) - to help boost our funds. Sadly we cannot meet for this event BUT we can all support it by buying tickets. Let me explain how this will happen. **Tickets, costing £2.00 each, will be sold by various church members, as well as by Molly from her house door - suitably masked and distanced!** Tickets inside envelopes will also be included in the November and December magazine delivery along with information as to how people can buy/return them to the Office. This will NOT be complicated as we aim to keep this fund raiser as simple and accessible as possible. **The winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, 19th December at 12 noon by Jim McColl and the winners contacted.**

Molly is generously donating the Christmas Hampers so please let's support her kind enterprise by buying tickets and knowing that we are helping our kirk.

**For further information please contact Molly at 01467 620612 / Branston, North Street, Inverurie or the Church Office (01467 628740).**





# St Andrew's Parish Church

## Volunteer Rota 2020

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

Dec	6	<b>A Smith</b>	J Lawson	V Binnie	S Davidson	M Conn
	13	<b>R Milne</b>	J Bruce	A Young	P Milne	R Young
	20	<b>A Duff</b>	S Hepburn	I Fraser	H Christie	M Keith
	27	<b>R Green</b>	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 (**9.30 am**). Those with Beadle Duties are highlighted in Bold/Italic.



### 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 needle-woman, 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. Mo is willing to wrap all orders for the "gift packs" in Christmas paper, if so wished. For those who have already purchased aprons, Mo sends a big thank you. £200 has already been raised.

Thanking you in advance for future orders!





Hello All,

We are delighted to be back and running with Boys' Brigade for Session 2020/21. On our return we decided to try and remain outside as long as we could. This was achieved for the first three weeks

as the weather was kind to us. The boys have been busy since their return starting with a trip up Bennachie with the Anchor & Junior Sections going on a leaf hunt around the Centre area. We successfully found 6 of the 7 leaves on the quiz list in that area. We also fed the squirrels and birds whilst we were up there. Company Section went on a geocache hunt and found 4 during the time we had before darkness fell. We then spent the next two weeks doing the local treasure hunt around the town. This brought great delight to the boys and their parents who joined us for a walk.

On a really positive note the Anchor boys' numbers are growing, with Junior and Company holding steady. It is fantastic to see these boys coming along and enjoying it so much they have decided to join. We are also pleased to announce that our Leaders Team has also grown with Wendy Kelman coming on board for Anchors with the help of Sonja Cochrane as a young leader. We still can do with another couple of officers to compliment our team but we can work on this throughout the year and try to get parents on board. Take care all and we look forward to seeing you all soon for our Dedication Service.



**God bless from the Inverurie BB Team**

**LIFE  
AND  
WORK**  
THE MAGAZINE OF THE  
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It is time to order copies of Life & Work, the Church of Scotland magazine, for 2021. This year, there is an option of ordering L&Ws for a reduced cost of **£30 for the year**, if you order these on your own rather than through the church. If you want to take advantage of this, please contact myself and I'll pass on the details.

If you want to order L&Ws through the church at **£36 for the year**, please let me know by **11th November**, if possible. For this, payment of £36 should be made to me by **end December, 2020**. This can be handed in through the offering plate in a clearly marked envelope.

Thank you

**Vera Binnie, 12 Howieson Place, Inverurie.**

**tel: 01467 622275**

## Postcards from WW1 ....

If you like to browse in antique shops you may have come across the beautiful, silk decorated postcards sent home by soldiers during WW1. It's a fascinating story. The cards were being made some time before WW1 when the nuns in Belgium and Northern France used local women as outworkers to embroider the designs in silk. It provided useful employment.



Move forward to the outbreak of WW1 when soldiers became aware of these beautiful cards and wanted to send them home. The nuns could see their growing popularity, so the designs went on to include patriotic flags, messages to someone loved, a sister or mother, flowers etc. They were a very poignant link with home.



The postcards are blank and rely on the embroidery to convey the message. The surround is embossed paper and glued to a frame to hold the central piece of silk. They were too fragile to send through the post so were enclosed with letters.

*Extracted from The Creative, Cheltenham U3A*



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. Everyone at the Foodbank appreciates your continuing support and stay safe!



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**DECEMBER 2020 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, 29th November 2020. Please email material for the December Saltire to The Church Office by 20th November 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.