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Our Minister's Letter

Dear Friends

As I am writing this, it is not yet the middle of July! (This news would shock our Saltire Editor, Diane, as she usually has to remind me to submit my monthly contribution so that printing can begin on time.) But, as my summer holiday falls in the last two weeks of July this year, I need to be 'super-on-time' to meet the deadline for this August issue.

The word 'holiday' comes from the Old English 'hāligdæg', meaning 'holy day'. It originally referred only to special days in the Christian calendar when people stopped their daily work to concentrate on the Church celebration; Christmas Day and Easter being the most well-known. Over the years 'holiday' came to refer to days when work stopped for a period of leisure. This became enshrined in law when the 1938 'Holidays with Pay Act' entitled all workers in the UK to one week's paid holiday per year. More recently, the term 'going on holiday' came into common use, and a week, or two, away from home became a regular highlight of many people's year.

It was while on a holiday to Lake Garda in the summer of 2019 that I became convinced that God was calling me to be your minister, here at St. Andrew's. Like everyone else then, I had no idea then how drastically things were about to change!

With the pandemic striking in 2020, going away on holiday became almost impossible for most of that year and, with all the uncertainty around COVID restrictions, and red, amber or green destinations, the thought of going away is still somewhat daunting today. So, the main change of scene I will have during my fortnight off, will be not entering the church, or the manse office, to work. But a holiday is more than just a change of location; more importantly it is a time to rest.

From the very beginning, God modelled the importance of resting, 'By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.' (Genesis 2:2,3 NIV). Jesus knew the importance of taking time out: At the very start of His earthly ministry, He spent forty days and nights in the wilderness preparing Himself, and He continued to go to quiet places, spending time alone in prayer throughout His earthly mission. The Garden of Gethsemane, the night before His final ordeal, being the last example.

Taking time off work to rest is important if we want to follow the command and example of God. This applies to paid employment, voluntary work and work around the house. No matter what you work at, you need time to rest, not because, as Sam Keen (an American author, professor, and philosopher) wrote 'Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability', but because you will wear yourself out if you don't.

Godly rest comes both before and after hard work. I am looking forward to a restful two weeks then getting back to work. I pray that you, too, will find time to rest this summer, you deserve it, and God expects it.

Blessings, Carl

Loving God,

We can get so caught up in the busyness of life that we never seem to stop. We risk falling into the trap of thinking only we can complete particular tasks. We agree to do more and more, partly because we don't like to say no but also, sometimes, because it makes us feel important. But the busier we get, the less we seem to see what really matters. Tasks become more important than people and relationships suffer. Help us to see that this is not Your way.



Lord Jesus, in the busyness of Your life, You always found time to pause for those in need: Pausing on the road to restore the sight of a blind man. Staying at the house of a sinner to bring salvation. Stopping on Your way to a dying child to help a suffering woman. Yet You also found time to rest: Preparing for Your ministry. Communing with Your Father. Sleeping in a storm-tossed boat.

Help us to see that this is Your way: People matter. Prayer matters. Self-care matters.

Help us to be more like You. **Amen.**



Introduction to our new Session Clerk, Mrs Rosie Milne ...

I was born at 10 St. Andrew's Gardens, houses for the war disabled and at that time the church owned the land. The then minister, Rev Black, christened me the St. Andrew's baby so I really can say my entire life has revolved around St. Andrew's Church. My faith has seen me through many crises and I'm very thankful to still be here. I went to Market Place School and then Inverurie Academy. I have always worked with children and adults being one of the first leaders at Inverurie Community Centre. I taught music privately until I got a

Music Lecturing job at Aberdeen College, specialising in working with young adults with learning difficulties. I also play with the Garioch Fiddlers and am 1st. flute with Inverurie Orchestra. I have been married to Peter for over 40 years and our passion is classic cars and have been on many adventures in our car over the years. Another story in itself! We have two sons, Iain who is a tenor opera singer with Zurich Opera House and David who is the head technician of the Music Hall in Aberdeen. I am honoured to have been asked to be session clerk and will do my best to fulfil the post.

Rosie Milne, Session Clerk

Thank you to Ken ...

After more than four and a half years as Session Clerk, Ken Tuach is stepping down. Ken has devoted years of service to St Andrew's - first of all as an elder and then as SC for six years with our then minister Ian Telfer before taking up the role again in December 2016. Shortly after doing so, Ken's wife, Jill, had an unfortunate accident at the beginning of 2017 but Ken, despite the difficulties,, managed to continue to serve St Andrew's. We are most grateful to Ken for all that he has done and we give our love and very best wishes to both Ken and Jill..

St Andrew's Church

News from the combined Congregational Board/Kirk Session Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th July 2021 at 7.00 pm in St Andrew's Church.

Key Points

- Mrs Rosie Milne was appointed as Session Clerk (*see page 2*). A Letter of Thanks to be sent to Ken Tuach for all his work during his time as Session Clerk.
- National Giving Day: This to coincide with the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.
- Livestream/AV Project Status: John Chapman and Peter Milne have now concluded their equipment assessments and work programme in respect of the £9,200 Adapt & Thrive Grant for the project. The equipment will be sourced locally wherever possible. This was all agreed by the Board. More information on the progress of this project to follow.
- Social Committee is in discussion with Derek Ritchie of the We R Inverurie regarding the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations next year, to avoid conflict of dates.
- Talks on the changes proposed under the new Presbytery Plan are ongoing with the West Church. Reported that Presbytery had now appointed a Building Officer.
- Covid 19—As of 19th July social distancing will go down to 1 metre, therefore numbers will increase in the Church, Chapel and Gallery.
- Mo Vernal has agreed to stay on meantime as the Playgroup Liaison coordinator.
- Agreed that a Letter of Thanks be sent to Jim Adie who helped Ralph Green tidy up the grounds around the Playgroup Hall. The Board duly thanked Ralph for all his hard work.

The office remains closed. The Church Administrator (Linsey) is working from home and can be contacted by telephone (01467 628740) during the normal office hours - Monday to Friday from 09:30 to 11:30 am.

Time Out The weather let us down but we still had a lovely “indoor picnic” with a treasure hunt, fun and games with our parachute and delicious food and drinks.



Thanks to our Social Committee all the children received books and book marks.

Thank you Joyce for giving us all a bag of the yummy toffee you make.

Mo Vernal



‘On Holiday with Jesus’

August is the month when schools are off and many of us go on holiday. This year will be very different, with many opting for a ‘staycation’! The good news is that Jesus offers us a true rest:

‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.’ (Matthew 11: 28-29). Are you feeling tired or burdened and in need of a holiday? Jesus invites you to spend it with Him!

The Invitation: Our holiday destination is Jesus Himself: ‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.’ We can come just as we are, with all the burdens and sadness we carry from the last 18 months. Jesus doesn’t offer a ‘quick fix’ to deal with our issues; He simply offers Himself!

The Promise: Jesus promises us the gift of refreshing, sustaining and everlasting rest. When we go on holiday, we usually look forward to doing very little and yet this is not the kind of rest Jesus offers. His rest involves taking up His yoke and learning from Him! A yoke was the wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen to enable them to work the fields. Jesus says: ‘My yokes fit well. They do not rub your neck and shoulders. Come to Me and get yoked to Me. Make an act of loyal obedience and trust in Me. And you will find a deep peace and satisfaction that you could never find anywhere else. I have come for you!’

What’s so amazing about this holiday is that you can get rest by simply staying at home!

(Extracted from Parish Pump)

St Andrew's Parish Church

Volunteer Rota 2021

		Door	Register	Steward	Steward	Steward
Aug	1	<i>R Green</i>	J Green	M Keith		
	8	<i>A Smith</i>	M Conn	I Fraser		
	15	<i>R Young</i>	V Binnie	P Wink		
	22	<i>R Milne</i>	S Davidson	M Vernal		
	29	<i>R Green</i>	C Clark	Y Clark		

Sept	5	<i>A Smith</i>	J Lawson	V Binnie	J Ingram	H Christie
	12	C Clark	Y Clark	<i>R Young</i>	M Conn	A Young

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. (I have kept Beadles at Door, where possible, so they can pop away if needed)



The final figures for Garioch District C Aid week are as follows.

Envelopes £778.38 Jigsaws £32.00
E envelopes £2633.00

(£3406.38 with gift aid added)

As you can see the E envelopes were a success. Hopefully we will manage a fundraiser later in the year or at least normality next C Aid week. Thank you to you all for your contribution and help.

Alison Young

July 2021: 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:

Tinned carrots/peas

Jellies/Angel Delight/Instant Whip

Small jars of coffee

Mug shots/Pot Noodles/Snack pots

Stock cubes

Shampoo

Currently we have good supplies of pasta, soup, beans and tea bags, thanks to your generosity. Thank you for your continuing support and our contact details are:
www.aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk



Jennifer Ingram, Foodbank Coordinator for St Andrew's

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 26th June—25th July 2021

Recently Deceased

Mrs Gladys Clark, 8 Selbie Drive 7/7/2021

Service conducted by

Rev. C Irvine

Change of Address

Mrs Doreen Wilson(formerly 7 Don Crescent) now at Badenscoth Nursing Home

Sunday Services & Readings

INVERURIE ST ANDREW'S/WEST CHURCH JOINT SUMMER SERVICES 2021

AUGUST—ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

1st	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. R Cathcart
8th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine/ Rev. R Cathcart
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

SEPTEMBER

5th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
		Reader:	Alastair Smith
12th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
		Reader:	Robin Young

Booking Information:

**August (St Andrew's Church): Phone Church Office on 01467 628740.
If first service is full, you will be advised that a second service will be held
at 11.30 am.**

Teas/Coffees

August (St Andrew's Church): Teas/coffees in the Old Hall after the service,
following relevant Covid -19 guidance.

FUNDRAISING -	Teas (May/June)	:	£94.73
	Rag Bag	:	£68.80

Creative Aberdeenshire: 23rd September-3rd October 2021

Garioch Heritage Centre - Guidelines

Purpose ... Creative Aberdeenshire is the opportunity for you to take part in an exhibition to showcase the talent of local people. **It will be held at the Garioch Heritage Centre 23rd September – 3rd October 2021.**

Categories

- Items that could be created and exhibited include knitting, crochet, tapestry, cross stitch, embroidery, felting, paintings, drawings, stick / crook making, wood turning, basket making, poetry, prose or any other art and craft work!
- We kindly ask for no photography.
- If the item is designed to be hung - e.g. the painting, drawing, embroidery or prose it should be presented in such a way to make this possible - e.g. framed and or mounted.

Size

- We will try and accommodate all contributions but for the sake of space if contributions were max A2 size (420mm x 600mm) it would allow us to display more - however we don't want to turn away wonderful art so please discuss with Gillian.
- For non-hanging items ideally please can they be no larger than 300mm square (or if larger please discuss with Gillian - contact details below)

Registering your interest or want to learn more...

To register your interest (with details on your exhibit) or for any other queries please contact Gillian - creativeaberdeenshire@gariochheritage.co.uk
tel 01467 621855



Climbing Ben Nevis ... The first recorded ascent of Ben Nevis was made 250 years ago, on 7th August 1771, by Scottish botanist and artist James Robertson. At 1345 metres (4411 ft), it is the highest mountain in the British Isles. Some 100,000 people now make the climb each year. Robertson wrote: "A third part of the hill from the summit towards the top is entirely naked, resembling a heap of stones thrown together confusedly. The summit far overtops the surrounding hills."

Hill climbing was not popular in those days, but the poet John Keats made the ascent in 1818. Scots were not convinced for many years that Ben Nevis was higher than Ben Macdui, in the Cairngorms, but it is in fact more than a hundred feet higher.

The meaning of the mountain's name is uncertain. Some associate it with the Gaelic word for "venomous", but it seems at least equally likely that "Nevis" relates to snow or clouds. It is in fact the remains of an ancient volcano that collapsed in on itself. Its summit plateau stretches for over 100 acres and contains the remains of an observatory, which was opened in 1883 and led indirectly to the invention of the cloud chamber.

Social Events ...

St Andrew's Church, Inverurie

Soup & Sweet

Saturday, 21st August 2021

12 noon – 2 pm

*With traditional music by
Murray Cowie, Lesley Edmond &
Molly Conn*

MENU

Soups -

*Carrot & Orange
Lentil
Cullen Skink*

Sweets -

*Hairy Bikers Bread &
Butter Pudding
Peach Melba
Rhubarb Crumble &
Custard*

Coffee, Tea & Homemade Shortbread

Tickets : £8.00 per person

For further information regarding
tickets please contact Molly Conn
(Tel. 01467 620612)

This is the first church social event since the original lockdown in March 2020 and everyone on the Social Committee is looking forward to welcoming past supporters and new friends. It will certainly be a very happy and fulfilled occasion - something we all need after such a tough 18 months.

Yet Another Grand Day Out!!

Having travelled to the Standing Stones at Loanhead of Daviot in June, I thought we should do something different for August. Huntly Castle is only 40 minutes from Inverurie. The castle is a magnificent ruin, famous for both the quality of its architecture and for its eventful history. Its beautiful setting is in the green heart of Aberdeenshire countryside.



The Earls of Fife built the original castle, the Peel of Strathbogie, around 1190, to guard the crossing point where the Rivers Bogie and Deveron meet. However, the Fifes of Strathbogie lost their lands and titles in 1314 after backing the losing side at the Battle of Bannockburn. (Kit says—

Oh dear! What a blunder!) The victorious Robert the Bruce granted Strathbogie to a loyal supporter, Sir Adam Gordon of Huntly. Around 1445, Alexander, 2nd Lord Gordon, was created Earl of Huntly and the Gordons went from strength to strength until NE Scotland became known as "Gordon country."

During the turbulent times of the 15th century, battles raged amongst Scotland's leading families and Huntly Castle suffered considerable damage. Towards the latter part of the 15th century, reconstruction was begun - inspiration being taken from Suscinio Castle in Brittany which closely resembles the design of Huntly Castle.



The Reformation in 1560 saw many changes in Scotland but George Gordon, Fourth Earl of Huntly, remained a devout Catholic and continued to hear Mass despite its ban by the Reformation Act. In 1562 a Royal army was sent north to deal with the Earl and, following a brief battle at Corrichie, he was captured and died shortly afterwards.

The Scottish Government decided to go ahead with the trial and did so by embalming the Earl's corpse and charging it with treason! A guilty verdict was returned, and, when the late Earl's home was raided, a spectacular hoard of riches was discovered, including the treasures of Aberdeen RC Cathedral which had been sent to Huntly Castle for safe-keeping as the Reformation got underway.



More disruption followed between the Fifth and Sixth Earls of Huntly and King James VI, until the Sixth Earl was finally reconciled with the King in 1597 and given the title Marquis of Huntly. To mark his new found status the Marquis substantially enhanced the appearance of the castle. The final rebuilding of Huntly Castle was undertaken by the Second Marquis of Huntly but his work was never completed as he became involved in the 17th century Civil War - (unfortunately for him) supporting Charles 1. The Marquis in 1649 was arrested, tried and executed by the Covenanters. Further damage inflicted during the Civil War contributed to the general impairment of the castle. It was, however, sufficiently intact to be used as a garrison for Government troops during the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion but thereafter it drifted into ruin. In 1923 it was gifted to the State by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon and is now looked after by Historic Scotland.

2021 Opening Times: 30th April - 30th September. For further information please phone 01466 793191.

Kit

Something else to enjoy!

Dean's Bistro and Gift Shop, Depot Road, Huntly



The Bistro combines a spacious downstairs eating area and relaxing upstairs gallery with comfortable sofas. A delicious menu offers snacks, homebakes, hot meals and a variety of hot and cold drinks.

The Gift Shop is a "must visit" as it stocks a wide range of quality gifts including jewellery, handbags, books, items for the home AND the world famous Dean's Shortbread!



Opening times for the Bistro and Gift Shop: Monday - Friday, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm; Saturday & Sunday, 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

With many thanks to -

Jim Henderson (*Official NTS Grampian Photographer, retired*)
for his stunning photographs.



Fewer wasps

Noticed how peaceful your garden is this summer? Noticed that you have been able to hold summer barbecues and picnics in relative peace? That is because the very cold and wet Spring was disastrous for

our wasp population. But while we may enjoy their absence, scientists at University College London have pointed out that wasps play an important role as nature's pest controllers, and that our countryside will be the poorer without them this year.

Smile Lines ...

The purpose of the font?

That Sunday our Family Service included two baptisms and many young children were there. In his talk, the Minister asked the children if any of them knew what the font was for - and the answer came back: "For washing babies' hair"!

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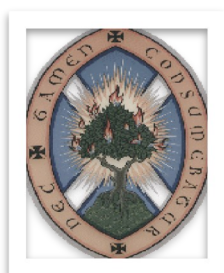
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St Andrew's Safeguarding Statement

*(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.