



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

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## Our Minister's Letter

### Dear Friends

It never ceases to amaze me how people and events in the Bible have so much to say to us today. When we first meet Saul, he was holding the cloaks of the men stoning Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and he 'was among those who approved of his execution.' (Acts 8:1) Saul then made it his personal mission to put a stop to the early church. In Jerusalem, many Christians were persecuted by the actions of Saul but, as he headed to Damascus to continue his campaign, he had a miraculous encounter with Jesus. As a result, Saul, the persecutor of the early church, became Paul, the Apostle who spread the Gospel to

countless gentiles throughout the Mediterranean region – suffering beatings, stonings and shipwrecks in the process. As Paul set out on his final trip to Jerusalem, where the Holy Spirit had told him to expect imprisonment, he sent for the church elders from Ephesus and told them that they would not see his face again. He warned them of dangers they would encounter and reminded them of their duty to help the poor (Acts 20:17-35), and that, 'It is more blessed to give than receive.' (Acts 20:35b, NKJV).

When the word 'giving' is mentioned, we tend to think of money, but it can be so much more. In St. Andrew's, we are blessed that we have many people who give their time and talents. We could not achieve a fraction of what we do without their practical generosity.

The pandemic has had a devastating effect on various aspects of our lives. Many have struggled with the restrictions imposed to limit the spread of the virus and, while we are gradually returning to something like normality, these effects will likely be felt for a long time to come. More immediately, throughout the country, the past eighteen months have hit church finances hard. St. Andrew's is no different, as two of our major income sources, social events and lettings, were significantly reduced. To address this, the National Church suggests 'National Giving Days', where each congregation nominates one day, during September and October, to have an extra collection to recoup some of the lost income. Any money raised will not be included in the congregation's assessable income, which is used to calculate the Ministries and Mission contribution, instead it will remain with participating congregations to decide how best to use it.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October will be National Giving Day in Inverurie St. Andrew's. On that day, those who wish, and are able, may make an additional contribution to the collection. As this money must be accounted for separately, please put it in a sealed envelope, clearly marked 'National Giving Day' before placing it into the offering.

Thank you, in advance, for any contribution you make, but please remember, as well as 'It is more blessed to give than receive', Paul also wrote, 'Each person should give as he (she) has decided for himself (herself); there should be no reluctance, no sense of compulsion; God loves a cheerful giver.' (2 Corinthians 9:7)

**Blessings,**

**Carl**

Loving God,

Thank You for being by our side as we journey through this time of pandemic. Thank You for the work of our NHS and medical scientists, for their care of those who contracted COVID and for their development, and administering, of the vaccines that are enabling us to live our lives more as we used to.



As we move forward, we are aware that many are facing loss: loss of a loved one, loss of health, loss of employment, loss of security and loss of peace of mind. Help us to do what we can to help those dealing with loss of any kind. Give us compassion, wisdom, a discerning spirit and, most of all, a determination to do what we can to help mitigate the effects of their loss.

In Jesus' name, Amen

### **News from the combined Congregation Board/Kirk Session Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th September 2021 at 7 pm , via a Zoom Video Conference.**

#### **Key Points**

- A tribute to George Whyte was given by Alastair Smith (*see page 8*).
- The Treasurer reported that with the return of social events together with an increase in givings in August, has positively helped our financial wellbeing.
- The Social Committee reported that the Harvest Lunch is sold out. Tickets are on sale for the Christmas Afternoon Tea. Plans progressing well for next year's Platinum Celebrations which will include a Flower Festival.
- The majority of hall users have now returned along with a number of new groups using our facilities. This is a much needed source of income for St Andrew's.
- Communion to be held during the service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September.
- It was agreed fresh flowers can restart in the church along with deliveries. The flower calendar is in the church vestibule.
- It was decided that the Harvest Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> October will be, as in previous years, an opportunity for people to donate, if they wish, to the Foodbank. National Giving Day will be on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October (*see page 4*).

**The Church Office is open during normal office hours  
– Monday to Friday 9.30am to 11.30am.**



 The Church of Scotland

# NATIONAL GIVING DAY



## ST. ANDREW'S NATIONAL GIVING DAY

Church of Scotland Congregations are being encouraged to participate in a National Giving Day on the day of their choosing. This will provide people of all ages an opportunity to reflect on God's presence with us through these challenging times and to offer gifts of thanksgiving back to God.

### **St. Andrew's Parish Church has selected Sunday 31 October 2021.**

Money received through this initiative will remain with St. Andrew's who will choose how to use these gifts. This money may be used to fund specific work, to launch a new project or simply to offset deficits, taking into account the challenging financial circumstances faced over the last year. The money raised through National Giving Day will not be assessable for Ministries and Mission purposes. **We ask that gifts be placed in a sealed envelope marked "NATIONAL GIVING DAY" which can be dropped off by you or a friend on the day.** Your kind thoughts and gifts will be warmly appreciated by St. Andrew's in furtherance of God's work.

**Tom Craggs**, Treasurer



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**September 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:

**UHT Milk (semi-skimmed/full)**

**Tinned potatoes**

**Jars of Sauce**

**Deodorants/razors/shaving gel**

**Tinned tuna**

**Tinned macaroni cheese**

**Breakfast cereals**

**Loo Rolls**

**Currently we have very good supplies of pasta, soup, and tea bags, thanks to your generosity.**

We have seen a marked decline in donations coming in but we are not surprised by that, given the current economic climate affecting so many people and the increasingly empty supermarket shelves. People can't donate what is not there to buy!

In August, across our network of 5 food banks in Inverurie, Huntly, Ellon, Peterhead and Fraserburgh, we received food donations weighing 4,592 kg and gave out food parcels weighing 10,603 kg. In the first 5 days of September, as I write this, we took in 461 kg of donations and have distributed 1127 kg of food to people in food poverty. Even without using a calculator, you will appreciate that we are concerned!

Please be assured that we value so much all you do to support the work of Aberdeenshire North Food Bank. We know that times are tough for many of you and we only ask that you donate what you can easily afford to do.

Marbeth Ritchie, Warehouse Co-ordinator

**Jennifer Ingram, Foodbank Coordinator for St Andrew's**

## Volunteering at the Acorn Centre

*"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."* James 2: 17

What better way to proclaim your faith than in the service of others, and at the Acorn Centre we literally give you the opportunity to serve your community. The Centre has seen many challenges over its 12 years of operation, but we remain at the heart of Inverurie, providing a hub for many self-support groups and societies using our facilities, as well as looking after our many regular customers in the café.

Our professional staff are on hand to support our volunteers in providing all our customers with a warm welcome and quality food - much of which is now sourced directly from our community garden. We provide you with training and encouragement to help you settle into your volunteering role, as well as keeping you fed and watered with lunch at the end of your shift.

So, if you would like to join our family of volunteers - either serving, dishwashing or lending a hand in the garden, then please get in contact.

We look forward to welcoming you!



**Mike (Tel 01467 670850)**  
**centremanager@theacorncentre.org**

## St Andrew's Parish Church

### Volunteer Rota 2021

|            |    | Door           | Register   | Steward        | Steward    | Steward   |
|------------|----|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Oct</b> | 3  | <b>A Smith</b> | V Binnie   | D Stuart       | S Davidson | S Hepburn |
|            | 10 | C Clark        | Y Clark    | <b>R Young</b> | J Ingram   | A Young   |
|            | 17 | <b>R Green</b> | J Green    | V Binnie       | M Conn     |           |
|            | 24 | <b>A Smith</b> | S Hepburn  | N Peters       | H Christie |           |
|            | 31 | <b>A Duff</b>  | S Davidson | M Vernal       | I Fraser   |           |
|            |    |                |            |                |            |           |
| <b>Nov</b> | 7  | <b>R Milne</b> | J Bruce    | H Christie     | M Keith    |           |
|            | 14 | <b>R Young</b> | A Young    | V Binnie       | J Lawson   |           |

**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)

## Ministry of Flowers

### Church

### Vestibule

#### OCTOBER

|      |                                  |   |
|------|----------------------------------|---|
| 10th | Kit Pawson (IMO of Susie Pawson) | Edward & Shona Johnstone                      |
| 17th | Vera & Sandy Binnie              | Norman Peters                                 |
| 24th | The Davidson Family              | The Glennie Family (IMO<br>Jim & Flo Glennie) |
| 31st | Allan Duff (IMO Jean & Morag)    |   |

#### NOVEMBER

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| 7th | Mo & Hamish Vernal (IMO John & Joan Durward) |
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We are up and running again!! The 2021 calendar is in the vestibule so could 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. Thank you.

**Eileen Robertson**, Flower Convener

# Congregational Roll

## ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 26th August—24th September 2021

### Recently Deceased

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Mrs Irene Stewart, Westbank Care Home   | 29/8/2021 |
| Mr Bruce J Morrison, 18 Watson Court    | 6/9/2021  |
| Mr Ian M Bertram, Drumdarroch Care Home | 19/9/2021 |

### Service conducted by

|              |
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| Rev C Irvine |
| Rev C Irvine |
| Rev C Irvine |

### Change of Address

|  |   |
|--|---|
| F Rae, (formerly 52 Selbie Drive)      | now at Flat 18, Playfaulds House, Inverurie |
| Mrs M Leel (formerly 3 Provost Circle) | now at Drumdarroch Care Home, Inch          |

## Sunday Services & Readings

### OCTOBER

|      |   |           |                |
|------|---|-----------|----------------|
| 3rd  | 10.00 am Parish Worship<br><b>"Time Out"</b><br><b>"Harvest Thanksgiving"</b> | Minister: | Rev C Irvine   |
|      |   | Reader:   | Robin Young    |
| 10th | 10.00 am Parish Worship   | Minister: | Rev C Irvine   |
|      |   | Reader:   | Alison Young   |
| 17th | 10.00 am Parish Worship   | Minister: | Rev A Greig    |
|      |   | Reader:   | Vera Binnie    |
| 24th | 10.00 am Parish Worship   | Minister: | Rev A Greig    |
|      |   | Reader:   | Moirra Keith   |
| 31st | 10.00 am Parish Worship<br><b>"National Giving Day"</b>                       | Minister: | Rev C Irvine   |
|      |   | Reader:   | Sarah Davidson |

### NOVEMBER

|      |   |           |               |
|------|---|-----------|---------------|
| 7th  | 10.00 am Parish Worship<br><b>"Time Out"</b>              | Minister: | Rev C Irvine  |
|      |   | Reader:   | Stuart Watson |
| 14th | <b>9.30 am</b> Parish Worship<br><b>"REMEMBRANCE DAY"</b> | Minister: | Rev C Irvine  |
|      |   | Reader:   | Robin Young   |



## Barnardo's Scotland Christmas Card Sale

Having had to cancel our Christmas Card Sale last October due to Covid, I am delighted to tell you that the **card sale will be held on Sundays 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th October in the Old Hall after the service and during coffee time.** For several years you have supported Barnardo's Scotland by buying our cards, notebooks, calendars, wrapping paper and other seasonal goods. Some £400.00 has been raised each year by St Andrew's Church which has helped our vulnerable children and young folk in Scotland. Our volunteer committee (the Bennachie Barnardo's Helpers' Group) is so grateful for your continued generosity. Thank you again for your interest and support - it is truly appreciated. *(Barnardo's is a Christian based charity.)*

**Kit**



## Tribute to George Whyte

“George Whyte was a lovely man” – these words have been expressed by many who knew him, always pleasant and happy to chat if you met him.

George was the son of a fisherman, born in Inverallochy on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1922, and was brought up in the area with his sister and 2 brothers. Sadly his Mum died aged 40 when George was just 13, and times were hard but George continued to find jobs such as on farms, picking tatties and carrots and helping at the hairst – he also got a job with a fish salesman in Fraserburgh.

George began to serve his time, prior to the outbreak of WW2, as a moulder in the foundry in Fraserburgh, biking to work every day from home in Inverallochy. This was a reserved occupation and important business, which warranted a visit from Stafford Cripps, a member of the War Cabinet, with whom George was photographed and this photo is featured in a book about Fraserburgh in wartime. As a way of helping the war effort and local community, he served for the duration of the war with the auxiliary fire service.

After the war, George did his National Service with the King's Own Scottish Borderers, serving in Palestine and Egypt, rising to the rank of Sergeant. (One of the roles was guarding the King David Hotel in Jerusalem and the day after he left for Egypt, the hotel was destroyed by a bomb – so was it a lucky escape or did the bombers wait till George left??).

After the war, George returned to the foundry but, after a year, decided to take his hobby of photography further and so enrolled on a 2 year course at Blackpool, where he paid his way by hotel work, washing dishes and as a waiter. After graduation, he worked at an Aberdeen Studio where he gained experience and confidence

to set up his own studio, which he built in Constitution Street, where his life in Inverurie would begin in 1953. (For those new to Inverurie, the studio was where Craig & Beverly and the Fire Station are now located).

George's business led him to be the first in the area to do school photos and weddings – at the latter he met Nellie whom he married in 1954 and who was his constant companion till her death 4 years ago. George was always very fussy and professional about poses and settings for his photos – as can be seen in the photos of the Kirk Sessions in the hallway – a very serious bunch as befits “proper upright Elders”!!

George was a keen and excellent bowler, both indoor and outdoor, becoming President of both the Inverurie Bowling Club and the carpet bowling at the Town Hall. The highlight of his playing career was winning the “Champion of Champions” in the Bennachie League. Then he qualified as a coach and umpire, the highlight of this phase being as an umpire at the Scottish Championships at Queen's Park.

As a long serving Elder and District Elder of St Andrew's Church he gave of his time freely in various roles. This included financial generosity – all in a quiet and kindly way.

George was well loved and respected over his long life and will be remembered for his kindness and generosity in many ways, always quietly without fuss. This can be exemplified by a poem written by the officer in charge of the Auxiliary Fire Service who wrote :-

***“ Now George a silent chap is he, but aye  
he gives his best,***

***I think he'd fairly like to flee – I've never  
seen him rest!”***

**Alastair Smith, Elder**





Hello from the Boys' Brigade team and we hope you have had a pleasant summer. **We have commenced our new session with a bang.** After an extensive recruitment campaign, we are pleased to let you know that we have increased our numbers **considerably** and it is great to see the enthusiasm of the older boys and the gusto of all the new boys. We started our session with an induction activity evening which was well attended. We then had an evening for boys to bring a friend and that was very successful for the Anchor Boys and Junior Section. Our sessions have included an "Olympics Theme" night with the Junior Section, and "Meet the Dinosaur Theme" with the Anchor Section.

**Anchor boys** - Anchors have been busy working on making Dinosaur Hatchlings and they

have been learning about their massive size. To demonstrate the extraordinary size of the dinosaurs, we measured one boy who was 1 metre high, and the leaders explained to all the boys that dinosaurs were 23 times this height!! We are making Dino prints with paint and hands this week so that should be messy fun ☺



**Junior Section** also embarked on the first part of a Chocolate Theme night which included a section of the boys making their own designed chocolate bar. A "Charlie and the Chocolate Challenge" will be concluded next week. Both Sections were pleased to see our Minister, Rev Carl Irvine, who came and spoke with the Anchors about David and Goliath and conducted a Smarties Prayer with the Junior Section.

**Two of our Senior boys** attended a residential Queen's Badge Skill course near Aviemore and, although they came back very tired, they said it was GREAT and how much they enjoyed it. This year they will be busy working towards the Queen's Badge.

**Company Section** enjoyed playing a bit of blind football where they are blindfolded and need to listen to the ball which was purchased from the Blind Association. We have also managed to attract a new Helper in the Junior Section with the arrival of Christine, and we are sure she will be invaluable once all her registrations are complete.

**Our annual Dedication Service took place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September and was attended by most of the boys and their parents and even grandparents. They were very well behaved and enjoyed an engaging address by our Chaplain, Rev Carl Irvine, who also presented them with membership badges. Two boys - Jack Kelman and Andrew Strachan - received their President's Badges, the second highest awards for boys. They also read the lessons and are now working towards the Queen's Badge, the highest award. To this end they have just attended a weekend training course. Torin Watt-carried in the Bible and presented the offering for dedication and perhaps one of the highlights was from one of the Anchor Boys - George Martin - who helped to clear tables after teas, which was well received by the ladies and admired by all.**

Best Regards

**From BB Team**

## SOCIAL EVENTS -

COMING

SOON!

**30th October 2021 12 pm—2 pm**  
**Harvest Lunch** (Sorry, tickets all sold!)



**MOLLY'S RAFFLE** is being held again this year. Tickets will be attached to October's hand delivered magazines, and other tickets may be obtained from either Molly Conn (Tel. 01467 620612) or Church Office (01467 628740).



Raffle tickets will be drawn for the various hampers/prizes on Sunday, 19th December at 11.15 am in the Old Hall during coffee.

## Introduction to our new Time Out Leader:

### Hello there

I am Suzanne, your new Sunday Club/ Time Out leader. I am married to Carl (our minister) and have four children.

I work as a Primary School Teacher in Aberdeenshire.

I don't have much spare time but when I do grab a moment, I love to catch up with family and friends. Walks in the fresh air, reading my Kindle and watching football are my other pleasures.

I look forward to helping our Church flourish and grow, and know that, with your support, it will be done.



**Meet the St Andrew's Team**—*Over the next few months, we shall be including information about our Elders, Board Members, Volunteers and Staff. We hope you will enjoy reading about the folk who contribute to the smooth running of our church.*

**Sarah Davidson, Elder,** I have been involved with St Andrew's Church in one manner or another all my life. I was born in 1974 and christened in St Andrew's Church 3 weeks later. As a child, I attended Sunday School and then joined the Church when I was 17. One of my earliest memories was visiting some of the congregation with Dad on his elder visits and Mum going to the Young Wives' Group. I trained as a Physiotherapist at Robert Gordon University and then moved down to Perth to work for a number of years. Marcus and I married in 1999 in St Andrew's Church, and returned back to Inverurie in 2002 due to Marcus's work. Since then I am fortunate to work at the local hospital where I lead the Community Physiotherapy Team. We are blessed to have 2 boys, Callum and Dylan, both of whom have been christened in St Andrew's Church. I was honoured to be invited to become an elder a few years ago and I hope I can serve the Church as well as it has served me and my family.



**Charles Clark, Elder,** I am Charles Clark and am honoured to serve as an elder at St Andrew's Church in Inverurie. I was brought up in Whitehills, near Banff, and I went to the fishing after leaving school for about 12 years. This took me around the East and West coast of Scotland, a job which I looked on as a way of life. I had to change my career due to a genetic eye condition leaving me blind. I am married to Yvonne who recently became an Elder at St Andrew's and we have stayed in Inverurie for over 25 years. I have had the pleasure of 4 guide dogs and my current working dog is a 6 year old black Labrador called Marshall. I have been blessed to work for a local charity for over 27 years, helping people with sight loss to gain independence by using technology. I am retiring from this role at the end of the year. I am able to receive God's word through audio versions of the Bible and gain a huge pleasure in reading "Every day with Jesus" from the Torch Trust. I have also been blessed in my journey with Jesus to meet so many wonderful folk and would be delighted to spread this Good News to others.





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**NOVEMBER 2021 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday, 31st October 2021. Please email material for the November Saltire to The Church Office by 15th October 2021.**

### **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.