



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

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**Remembrance Sunday : 14th November 2021
at 9.30 am**

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Our Minister's Letter

Dear Friends

November is here already! The year, as they say, is fair flying in and Advent will begin on the last Sunday of this month, marking the start of the new church year.

The word 'Advent' is derived from the Latin word 'adventus', which means 'coming', and is a translation of the Greek word 'parousia'. While 'parousia' also means 'coming', it specifically refers to the Second Coming, when Jesus will return in Glory and, as such, is an event we may live our whole lives waiting for. But Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, is a yearly event, during which we eagerly anticipate celebrating the birth of our Saviour, in a

Bethlehem stable, just over two thousand years ago.

Historical evidence reveals that Advent was first celebrated in churches in Spain and Gaul (now France) during the 4th and 5th centuries. It was seen as a season for the preparation of new Christians for baptism on the feast day of Epiphany on January 6. (Epiphany being the celebration of the Wise Men bringing their gifts to Jesus.) The existing Christians used this time in the same way as they used Lent, in penance, prayer, and fasting, to prepare for these Epiphany baptisms - there was very little connection between Advent and Christmas.

Moving on to the 6th century, Roman Christians linked Advent to the coming of Christ, but not the Christ-child at Christmas, rather, in keeping with the meaning of the Greek, 'parousia', His second coming in Glory. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to the celebration of Christ's birth.

Today, the season of Advent covers the last four Sundays before Christmas Day. Because of the way our calendar works, the first Sunday of Advent will always be between November 27 and December 3 inclusive. Many churches light candles on an Advent Wreath each Sunday, marking the countdown to Christmas. These candles are given various names, which link to the Scripture readings on each of the four Sundays. Here in St. Andrew's, the first candle symbolises Hope, the second Peace, the third Joy and the fourth Love. At the Christmas Eve service, immediately after midnight, the larger, central candle in the Advent Wreath is lit. This is the Christ candle, and its lighting symbolises the light of Jesus coming into the world.

During Advent, we follow the events that culminated in the fulfilment of the prophecy in Isaiah, 'For a Child has been born to us, a Son is given to us; He will bear the symbol of dominion on His shoulder, and His title will be: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty Hero, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.' (Isaiah 9:6) In keeping this promise, God enacted His plan to restore the relationship, broken in the Garden of Eden, between Him and us.

The birth of Jesus, His life, death and resurrection marked the beginning of this Age. As we enjoy the growing anticipation of the Advent season, let's also remember that we are still waiting for the 'parousia', the Second Coming, when Jesus will return in Glory and the joy of Christmas will be infinitely magnified for His people.

Blessings,

Carl

Loving God,

We watch and we wait as Advent draws near, counting off the days to the birth of Your Son.

As we enter the season of Advent, help us to keep our gaze firmly fixed on Him. Help us to see through the sparkle of glitter, tinsel and baubles to the glory that shone from a dirty stable. Help us to take time out from the busyness of card-writing, gift-giving and tree-decorating, to spend time in Your Word. Above all, help us to remember that Jesus came for a purpose and left us with a mission – guide and strengthen us to fulfil our part in His mission and spread the Gospel.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



News from the combined Congregation Board/Kirk Session Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th October 2021 at 7 pm

Key Points

- **Hospitality:** Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Afternoon Tea & Craft Fair on Saturday, 20th November 2021.
- **Lettings:** One or two groups have returned to use the facilities at St Andrew's and it is hoped that in the next few months more groups can return. This is a much needed source of income for St Andrew's.
- **Vacancies:** We still urgently require to appoint a new Treasurer. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the office.
- **Visits:** Visits cannot take place under the current regulations, but if you know of anyone who would benefit from a telephone call from the Minister please inform the office.
- **Flowers:** St Andrew's has started the delivery of flowers again. If you know of anyone who is housebound, ill or would appreciate flowers, please let the office know.
- **Change of Address:** We are often not informed when members move house. If you are moving or you know of a member who has, or is in the process of moving, or whose circumstances have changed, can you please let the office know.

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.

FUNDRAISING: September

Teas : £117.15

Rag Bag : £70.00

Lest We Forget

*'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.'*

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol for those who have sacrificed their lives in war, especially as we remember those who died in Afghanistan. But why do we remember?

*'They will beat their swords into
ploughshares and their spears into
pruning hooks. Nation will not take up
sword against nation, nor will they
train for war anymore.'* (Micah 4:3).

Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria fell due to the aggression of Assyria.

However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of *peace* is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours. *'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.'* (Micah 4:5). Let's ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

***'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

**LIFE
AND
WORK**
THE MAGAZINE OF THE
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

LIFE & WORK Orders for 2022

It is time to order copies of Life & Work, the Church of Scotland magazine, for 2022. **If you want to order L&Ws through the church at £36 for the year, please let me know by 7th November, if possible.** For this, payment of £36 should be made to me by 31st December, 2021. 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

Remembrance Sunday

Television relays the programme
As thousands attend the Albert Hall,
Music plays and prayers are uttered
Waiting for the poppy fall.

Young men and boys of tender age,
We must remember what it cost
As they fought to save our country,
Some came home and some were lost.

Wars will always be amongst us
Death and darkness, dread and fear,
But one day this all will vanish
When the Prince of Peace is here.

by Megan Carter

Time Out This month at Time Out we were thinking about giving thanks for the Harvest.

Our story told us about a little boy who only ate chips! This changed when he stayed for a week with his Grandparents because he was told that he could have chips but only when he found the tatties to make them. He was asked to make a deal that he would eat whatever he harvested. Each day the wee boy harvested a different vegetable which he ate until finally he found the tatties which they peeled and sliced and made into chips.

Our harvest plates show what we are grateful for.



See you in November,
Love from Suzanne



October 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

Tinned tomatoes

Jars of sauce

Tinned spaghetti

Tinned macaroni cheese

Instant mash

Breakfast cereals

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

Marbeth Ritchie, Warehouse Co-Ordinator

Jennifer Ingram, Foodbank Coordinator for St Andrew's

St Andrew's Parish Church -

Volunteer Rota 2021

		Door	Register	Steward	Steward	Steward
Nov	7	<i>R Milne</i>	J Bruce	H Christie	M Keith	
	14	<i>R Young</i>	A Young	V Binnie	J Lawson	
	21	<i>R Green</i>	Y&C Clark	J Green	K Pawson	
	28	<i>A Smith</i>	S Hepburn	J Ingram	M Vernal	
Dec	5	<i>R Milne</i>	P Wink	J Bruce	M Conn	
	12	<i>R Young</i>	A Young	H Christie	I Fraser	

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

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Vestibule

NOVEMBER

7th Mo & Hamish Vernal
(IMO John & Joan Durward)

Alastair & Ann Smith

14th Moira & Alan Thomson

Edna Angus

21st Isobel Greig

George & Betty Ross

28th Christopher Robertson
(IMO Mr & Mrs Robertson)

Jim & Mary Emslie

DECEMBER

5th The Family of the late D McCombie

Moira Keith

The 2021 calendar is in the vestibule but there is only 1 space left which is 26th December. The 2022 calendar will appear shortly 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

Note: Thank you for the anonymous generous donation handed into the Church Office for the Flower Fund.

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 25th September—19th October 2021

Recently Deceased

Mr Aly B P Bonnyman, 16 Don Crescent	27/9/21	Service conducted by Rev C Irvine
Mrs Sheila M Murray, Dugisla, Howford	30/9/21	Rev C Irvine
Mrs Aileen M Philip, Pleyfaulds House (formerly 16 Irvine Way)	5/10/21	Rev C Irvine

Sunday Services & Readings

NOVEMBER

7th	10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out"	Minister: Rev C Irvine Reader: Stuart Watson
14th	9.30 am Parish Worship "REMEMBRANCE DAY"	Minister: Rev C Irvine Reader: Robin Young
21st	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev C Irvine Reader: Alison Young
28th	10.00 am Parish Worship "First Sunday of ADVENT"	Minister: Rev C Irvine Reader: Kit Pawson

DECEMBER

5th	10.00 am Parish Worship "Time Out"	Minister: Rev C Irvine Reader: Vera Binnie
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As we enter the final few weeks before COP26, the global climate change conference taking place in Glasgow (31st October – 12th November), we are writing to encourage every congregation in the Church of Scotland to do all that we can do to ensure that this gathering succeeds in addressing the huge challenges that we are facing.

A call to prayer and worship

Our first message to you is to encourage our congregations to pray; in our worship and preaching in the Sundays leading up to and during COP26, and to join the many opportunities for in-person and online worship that are now being planned, across Glasgow and elsewhere. We would also ask that you will consider arranging local events where people can come together to pray for justice for the poorest and for our planet. Let us pray for our leaders involved in momentous decisions; for those whose lives are most blighted by climate injustice; and for the earth which is part of God's beautiful creation. Please also remember in your prayers all those working on behalf of our Church in relation to COP26, including a chaplaincy provision offered through Glasgow Cathedral, open to any who would value an opportunity to reflect in a safe and sacred space, and those involved in arranging a special COP26 ecumenical service to be held on Sunday 7 November at Glasgow Cathedral, which will be live-streamed. Resources for prayer, preaching and worship on the theme of climate change and safeguarding the integrity of creation are available from [Eco-Congregation Scotland](#) and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland's '[Climate Sunday](#)' website.

Let us together pray and strive to be a church that acts as if we believe that God made the earth in all its wonder.

30 November - Andrew (d. c.60)

– patron saint of Scotland ... The apostle Andrew is patron saint of Scotland. According to the gospel of Matthew, Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first two disciples whom Jesus called. 'Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' (Matt 4:18,19)



Without more ado, they obeyed. 'At once they left their nets and followed him.' The story is touching for the simple but total faith that they had in Jesus.

Whenever the gospels mention the disciples, Andrew's name is always in the first four. Rather than a boisterous leader of men (like Peter), he seems to have been an approachable person who wanted to help people.

It was Andrew who helped introduce a group of Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20-2) and Andrew who offered Jesus the five small barley loaves and two small fishes when Jesus challenged them to feed the five thousand. (John 6:8) His faith in Jesus over small things was richly rewarded, and

this faithful, kindly Galilean fisherman turned disciple went on to become one of the 12 apostles of the Christian Church. Andrew never settled back in Capernaum by Galilee. Instead, his 'fishing for men' seems to have taken him far. One ancient tradition links him with Greece, where both Scythia and Epirus claimed him as their apostle. Another place in Greece, Patras in Achaia, claimed to be the place where Andrew was eventually martyred.

Like Jesus, he was crucified, but the story goes that during the two days it took him to die, he preached earnestly to the people about Jesus. Andrew was not afraid of death on a cross – he had seen it before, and knew one thing for certain: because of Jesus, there was nothing but eternal life ahead of him. In the West, Andrew's feast-day was universal from the 6th century, and hundreds of churches were named after him in Italy, France and England. But how did he end up as patron saint of Scotland?

Well, according to one ancient legend, his relics were taken from Patras to Scotland in the 8th century, and ended up in Fife, where a church dedicated to him was built and became a centre for evangelisation and later pilgrimage. As Andrew was the only apostle to make it as far as Scotland, he was chosen as patron saint. But Andrew did not stay in Scotland. After the fall of Constantinople in 1204, it is said that the Crusaders took his relics to Amalfi. From there the despot Thomas Palaeologus sent his head to the pope in Rome in 1461 – where it became one of the most treasured possessions of St Peter's – until it was sent to the church in Constantinople by Paul VI.

In art, Andrew is depicted with a normal Latin cross in the most ancient examples. The saltire cross 'X', commonly called St Andrew's Cross, and which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was associated with him from the 10th century.

Tribute to Aly Bonnyman

Aly was born on 15th April, 1932, at Wellwood Cottage, Cults. He attended Cults Public School until 1939. The family then moved to Inverurie when his father was appointed Head Gardener at the Hospital. Aly attended Market Place Primary and then Inverurie Academy. Just before starting his National Service, Aly met Joyce and they had a secret courtship, eventually meeting up again once his time in the Forces was served. They were married in the South Church by the Rev Inglis Black on 27th August, 1955. Sandra was born in 1957 and Raymond followed in 1959. Aly and Joyce enjoyed many holidays at home and abroad over the years.



His church connection began when he joined the Sunday School at St Andrew's, which was known as the South Church at that time. When the

Rev I M Black was appointed Minister, Aly became friends with George his son, who was the same age as Aly. In Aly's words "the two of us got up to all sorts of mischief", one of which was ringing the Church Bell in March 1943, resulting in the Home Guard being called out. Neither Aly nor George were able to sit for a week!!!

Aly was ordained as an Elder in 1973 by the Rev Jim Davidson. Aly carried out his Elder's duties diligently as well as many other voluntary tasks. The old sound system was downstairs at the back of the Church where there was very little room. When the new sound system was installed upstairs Aly, others and myself who were on the Rota, quickly learned to operate the updated equipment. Aly and I shared beadle duties for many years at weddings and funerals and worked well together. Aly enjoyed the ceremonial events under the Rev Graeme Longmuir when he proudly led the dignitaries down the centre aisle wearing the beadle's robe and carrying the mace. For many years Aly looked after The Grubb Trust Fund along with several others. On the social side of St Andrew's, Aly was an excellent MC and when in charge of selling raffle tickets at Church events he had a friendly word for one and all. For many years he was Santa at the Playgroup Christmas parties.

Outwith the Church, Aly was a member of The Garioch Probus Club for many years and at one time was President. I followed him and Aly typically 'kept me right'. Aly was also a keen golfer and member of the local Pipe Band. Aly will be remembered as a cheery, kind person who had a word for everyone and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Tom Dalglish, Elder

SOCIAL EVENTS -



**COMING
SOON!**

Saturday, 20th November 2021

**Christmas Afternoon Tea &
Craft Fair—see poster**

Saturday, 15th January 2022

Robert Burns' Lunch

*More details to follow in
December Saltire.*

MOLLY'S RAFFLE is being held again this year. Tickets were 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.



Choir restarting

The choir is starting up again.

We meet for rehearsal on the first and third Sundays of the month after the services - at 11.30 approx. We're an informal group who like singing. Please come along if you enjoy singing.

Ian Milne Organist

Moira Keith—Elder

Our family, David, Marion, Howard, Sheila and I moved to Inverurie in 1975, and after visiting local churches we decided to join St Andrew's. It reminded my husband, David, and I of the church we attended from when we were 5 years old.



I became a Sunday School teacher, a member of the choir and Guide Captain. Later I was invited to become a Board member and at the first meeting I attended I was asked to be the Flower Convener and was in that position for 30 years. When Margaret Davidson retired from the Guild I became President. St Andrew's was raising funds for a new kitchen and we had soups and sweets, flower festivals and various fundraising events—quite hard work but we did have fun. I decided to open a flower shop and found it was difficult to get to Guild meetings so I resigned as President but have happy memories, especially of our Christmas lunches. I am a member of the Church choir which I joined when Miss Currie was the leader. I was always pleased to help David, my husband, who was Clerk to the Board for many years with various jobs he undertook in the church. I am still very much involved with the church and any spare time I may have is spent gardening and keeping up with my three grandchildren. St Andrew's has been a very large part of my life and I always feel I belong.

Alastair Smith—WFO Treasurer & Elder

I was brought up in a country village in Moray where I went to school and then I started work with the Hydro Board (now SSE). In 1969, Ann and I moved to Wick, again with SSE,



where our twin daughters were born. In 1972 we moved to Inverurie where I started to work for Cruickshanks and we are still here (except for a spell in Old Rayne). I am a keen sport and health enthusiast, being a walker and "golfer" (well trying), and being lucky enough to enjoy good health. I have been involved in the Church wherever we've been, from Sunday School to Elder and nearly everything in between, supported in faith by my parents and Ann. We joined St Andrew's in 1972 and have remained ever since, apart from 3 years in Rayne. It was a surprise when in 1973 I was asked to become an Elder, which I accepted. As an Elder I have served in most roles and continue to try my best to encourage support for the Kirk.

Although loyal to St Andrew's, I enjoy discussing faith with other Churches and indeed other faiths. In 1975, I was a founder Officer of the 1st Inverurie Boys' Brigade and am still involved now in a supporting role – 70 years since I joined as a wee boy in Elgin.

Mo Vernal—Elder

I was born and brought up in a farm at Coull, near Aboyne, and regularly attended Sunday School and Church. My early education was at the small single teacher school in Coull, followed by four years at Aboyne Junior Secondary, two years



at Aberdeen High School for Girls and then three years at Aberdeen Teacher Training College. I began my teaching career at Boddam, Peterhead, and over the years I taught at Tippetty School, Newburgh Mathers, Banchory Primary, was Depute Head at Meldrum Primary and finally Head Teacher at Finzean. Following my retirement when we moved to Inverurie, I did a spell of supply teaching in this area. I have 2 daughters, a step daughter and step son and their respective husbands and wife, 4 grandchildren, and 4 step grandchildren, but in effect, along with my husband, Hamish, we are

just one big happy family! My faith has always been really important to me and has given me strength through many difficult times in my life. God has always been by my side, and when I was invited to become an elder at St. Andrew's a number of years ago I was greatly honoured and have tried to devote my time and talents to this wonderful 'Church Family.'

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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.