



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

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# Our Minister's Letter



## Dear Friends

I don't suppose many people who would open a bag of flour, or sugar, would eat the contents with a spoon. Similarly, I don't suppose many people would eat a block of butter, or a raw egg. But, when you mix flour, sugar, butter and egg in just the right quantities, and cook the mixture for a certain time, they produce a cake, which many people would be delighted to eat.

Almost everything in our lives is made up of more than one thing; a book is made of paper, glue and ink, the sofa you are probably sitting on right now is made of wood, metal, material, stuffing and so on, while the computer I am using to write this is made up of more things than I know. Like cake ingredients, the things that go

to make up something become so much more as part of the whole, than they were in their natural state.

St. Andrew's Church is made up of many things, the most important of which are the people. There are many people, who work in many different ways, to help our church run smoothly, keep the buildings and their contents in good order, and help us pay the bills. Some of the work done is obvious, such as the volunteers on duty welcoming people on a Sunday, or Linsey, in the office, happy to set aside a task to help whoever comes in, or myself, leading worship from the front of the church on Sundays. Some of the work done is less obvious, but would soon be noticed if it were not done; such as the cleaning of the church, or the flowers being arranged to such stunning effect, or the operation of the screens and sound system during worship. Still other work may take longer to be noticed if it were not done, such as the regular maintenance of the building, the financial administration, the planning and implementation of duty rotas, social events, or the production and delivery of the magazine you are reading. These are just some examples of the work that goes on to ensure that St. Andrew's Church is able to fulfil its mission and, in the true spirit of Christian service, it is mostly done by volunteers with no expectation of reward.

If a baker forgot to put just one of the four main ingredients into the mixture, the result would not be a delicious cake. In the same way, each and every job done by volunteers in our Church is as important as any other, and our whole mission would be the poorer if any task was left undone.

As St. Paul wrote, 'There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service, but the same Lord. There are varieties of activity, but in all of them and in everyone the same God is active.' (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Therefore, on behalf of all the members of St. Andrew's Church, I am delighted to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all who work so hard in support of our mission throughout the year. Your selfless service is very much appreciated.

**Many blessings,**

**Carl**

Loving God,

In Your might, You created the universe and this planet we call home. In love, You entrusted its care to us and, over the millennia, you have taught and guided us through the prophets, through scripture and, supremely, through Your Son, Jesus. In Him, we are one body, the Church. We thank You for the Church and for all it has done, and continues to do, to shine the light of Your love into the dark corners of life.



Lord Jesus, we know we serve You when we serve the Church, and we are thankful that there are so many people in St. Andrew's Church who volunteer to work, in many different ways, for the success of its mission. Bless them we pray, as they strive in Your service, here in Inverurie.

Amen

### **News from the combined Congregation Board/Kirk Session Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th January 2022 at 7 pm, via a Zoom Video Conference.**

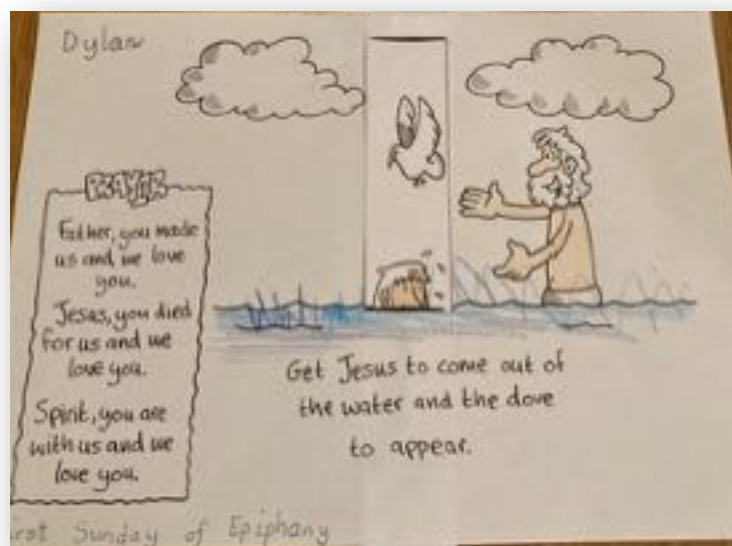
#### **Key Points**

- Burns' Lunch and Fiddlers' Concert have both been postponed but will be held as soon as regulations allow.
- Tom Craggs has agreed to stay on as Treasurer for the time being.
- Communion dates for 2022 are 20<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- A contingency plan is in place should Carl or Rhona have to isolate, then the services would be held in either church.

**Due to new Covid regulations the Church Office is meanwhile 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.**

**Rosie Milne, Session Clerk**

**Time Out ....** At the first Sunday Club Time Out of 2022, I welcomed back Dylan. We had a lovely time discussing the special 'magic' that is God's love.



Dylan made this amazing moving picture (it was our magic trick) to show the dove appearing as Jesus rose from the water. We shared the wonderful story together and had a super discussion. **Look forward to seeing everyone back in February.**

With love,  
**Suzanne.**

## Ministry of Flowers

### Church

### Vestibule

#### FEBRUARY

6th Mr Shand

13th Ken & Jill Tuach

20th C Robertson (IMO Mr & Mrs Andrew Robertson)

27th Hilda Christie

#### MARCH

6th Eleanor Douglas

The Watson Family

13th Rosie & Pete Milne  
(IMO Mr J & Mrs E Murray)

Edna Angus

With the new 2022 calendar now in the vestibule, would 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.

Could you please let the Church Office know of anyone within the church membership who has been ill or bereaved to whom we could send flowers at the end of each service on a Sunday. Thank you.

**Eileen Robertson**, Your Flower Convener

# The World Ahead

Towards the end of every year *The Economist* publishes a comprehensive paperback looking at the year to come. For



2022, *The World Ahead* looks at 10 main issues, and while of course these reflect a commercial and financial viewpoint, they are also areas of concern to

Christians also. They are:

**1) Democracy v autocracy** – the tensions between the rival political systems of America and China will continue to involve trade, tech regulations, vaccinations, and space stations.

**2) Pandemic to endemic** – new treatments are coming, but unless more people can be vaccinated globally, Covid-19 will become yet another endemic disease, affecting the poor more than the rich.

**3) Inflation worries** – the supply-chain interruptions and increased energy demands have pushed up prices. Will that affect charity and church finances? The UK also has an acute labour shortage.

**4) The future of work** – the work-from-home syndrome will probably mean more ‘hybrid’ workstations. Women are keener to work from home. Could this impact church life, and, if so, in what ways?

**5) The new techlash** – American and European governments have been trying to rein in the tech giants. Meanwhile, China is demanding they focus on geostrategic advantage, not “frivolities like games and shopping.”

**6) Crypto grows up** – the new cryptocurrencies are being domesticated. Where will the future standard of finance fall? The central banks or somewhere else? It is still to be determined. Such issues may affect the Church Commissioners, but probably not the local church!

**7) Climate crunch** – this affects us all but still “a striking lack of urgency prevails among policymakers.” And global success, if it can be achieved, will require co-operation between the West and China.

**8) Travel trouble** – the transition to an endemic from a zero-Covid suppression (as in Australasia) may be difficult. Future business travel is likely to be much less (zoom taking over), so holiday travel could cost more. What will this mean for international Christian gatherings?

**9) Space races** – “2022 will be the first year in which more people go into space as paying passengers than government employees.” China will finish its new space station; NASA is crashing a probe into an asteroid.

**10) Political footballs** – the Beijing Winter Olympics and the football World Cup in Qatar will show just how far sport can bring nations together.

Such is the global perspective, as seen by economists. What difference would Christian leaders bring to the table? Church planting would be an obvious candidate, but there is also a need to encourage dispirited Christian people, to strengthen and empower youth work, to decide the best way forward for congregations whose churches are no longer viable, to develop a vision to meet national spiritual need, to enable leadership to focus on the top priorities without distraction on lesser things, and finally, to revitalise faith in the inspiration, authority and power of God’s Word.

*Dr Peter Briersley, Church Statistician  
Extracted from Parish Pump*

# St Andrew's Parish Church

## Volunteer Rota 2022

		<b>Beadle</b>	<b>Register</b>	<b>Steward</b>	<b>Steward</b>
<b>Feb</b>	6	<b><i>R Milne</i></b>	K Pawson	N Peters	J Bruce
	13	<b><i>R Young</i></b>	A Young	J Ingram	A Duff
	20	<b><i>R Green</i></b>	J Green	J Lawson	D Stuart
	27	<b><i>A Smith</i></b>	Y&C Clark	M Keith	S Hepburn
<b>Mar</b>	6	<b><i>R Milne</i></b>	M Conn	M Vernal	I Fraser
	13	<b><i>R Young</i></b>	A Young	H Christie	S Hepburn

**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)

### Six famous quotes from

#### Desmond Tutu



*The recent death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was mourned around the world. Here are six of his more famous quotes, which show why he was so especially honoured for his justice and reconciliation work in South Africa.*

- “Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”
- “If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”
- “Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. Good sense does not always lie with the loudest shouters, nor can we say that a large, unruly crowd is always the best arbiter of what is right.”
- “Forgiving is not forgetting; it's actually remembering - remembering and not using your right to hit back. It's a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don't want to repeat what happened.”
- “Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another.”
- My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.”

*Extracted from Parish Pump*

### FUNDRAISING (December) :

**Teas : £133.98**

**Rag Bag : £72.00**

# Congregational Roll

## ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL

31st December— 24th January 2022

### Recently Deceased

Mrs Mary Yeats, Garioch Care Home  
Mr A (Abbey) Mathers, Garioch Care Home

31/12/2021  
12/1/2022

### Service conducted by

Rev C Irvine  
Rev C Irvine

## Sunday Services & Readings

### FEBRUARY

6th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
	<b>"TIME OUT"</b>	Reader:	Vera Binnie

### Please note:

<b>13th</b>	<b>11 am United Worship at The West Church</b>	<b>Minister:</b>	<b>Rev. R Cathcart</b>
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20th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
		Reader:	Kit Pawson

27th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
		Reader:	Maira Keith

### MARCH

6th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
	<b>"TIME OUT"</b>	Reader:	Robin Young

13th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
		Reader:	Alison Young

## You are the Seasons of Life!

*Extracted from The Wing of Friendship*

As tender as the spring morning mist falling gently to the earth.

As gentle as a summer cooling breeze that ruffles your hair and kisses your cheeks.

As aromatic as a fall morning full of the scents of its foliage verdantly growing all over the earth.

As fresh and biting crisp as a winter morning sweeping through the silent still earth.

As perplexingly whimsical as an autumn afternoon which can one minute be calm and peaceful and in the next moment rage and storm with a wanton lust of devastation.

All of these you are still "The Seasons of Life" forever more.



## Scotland Online Supporter Gathering - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 10am – 12pm

We're delighted to welcome staff from Christian Aid South Sudan to our virtual Gathering in February. They will speak about the impact of climate change and conflict on vulnerable communities.

We'll also talk about new ways of participating in Christian Aid Week, celebrate the Kiltwalk's success and let you know how you can get involved in 2022. This will be an interactive session with lots of opportunities to ask questions.

**Please do save the date and invite others to join us.  
Email to register and receive the joining instructions:**

[edinburgh@christian-aid.org](mailto:edinburgh@christian-aid.org)

**Charlie Meiklejohn (she/her)**  
Church Engagement Officer

## Knitting for Malawi

... This picture shows our garage with 48 banana boxes, plus some suitcases, full of knitting ready to be delivered to a store in Dundee and subsequently shipped to Nkomo Hospital in Malawi. (These boxes are transported twice a year in a large container.) For some years now Hamish and I



have been the coordinators for Gordon Presbytery for the Banana Box Trust, sometimes known as knitting for the "Fish & Chip Babies" because they were sent home wrapped in newspaper. The journey is long and slow, taking 6 months at a cost of £15.00 per box payable by each church to Gordon Presbytery. When they reach Nkomo Hospital the items are distributed throughout Malawi. Boxes are gathered in from Presbyteries all over Scotland.

**For anyone who is interested in this venture, the items required are - Vests, Hats, Blankets & Dolls/Teddies, all knitted. Items such as walking sticks & crutches are also welcome. Patterns can be obtained from the church or from me. Tel. No. 01467 628778 or on email at [ecosse31@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ecosse31@tiscali.co.uk).**

If anyone wishes to contribute to the cost of transport it will be greatly appreciated. Please put your donation into an envelope marked "Banana Boxes" and either put in the Offering Plate on a Sunday or hand into the Church Office.

**Thank you, Mo**

# Alpacas pack a lot of FUN!

... Wondering what to do with the children/grandchildren during mid term - or even the Easter holidays? Here's a suggestion which will put big smiles on small (and not so small!) faces.



Highland Alpacas is a farm just outside Balmedie run by Imants and Mabel Schneider. There are 49 alpacas and a visit to see these gorgeous creatures is a delight. Last October, when our grandsons from Sussex came to stay with us for their mid term, Tom and I decided to take Ben and Max to see this unusual farm. Booking is essential and only one family at a time is permitted. This ensures a very personal experience and Mabel, our guide, could not have been more welcoming.

We arrived in the early afternoon and were given basins of food to feed the boy alpacas. This was fun as they jostled our arms and hands to see which one could get the most food for themselves. Mabel gave us some interesting information about alpacas and the difference between them and llamas. Both species are originally from Peru in South America, but alpacas are smaller and fluffier and bred for their fleece rather than as beasts of burden. The alpaca fleece is finer and denser, whereas the llama fleece is coarser

and is considered inferior. Alpacas have short, spear shaped ears while llamas have more elongated faces with bigger, banana shaped ears. Llamas also tend to be more aggressive.

After feeding the "boys" we set out to see the "girls" by way of a field where we saw more alpacas and also Bertie, an elderly Kunekune pig. Bertie was friendly but mighty me! he wisnae bonnie!!! Leaving Bertie behind, we made our way to the "girls" shed where they were eating lunch, or maybe it was afternoon tea! They were all so willing to be petted and even kissed! Once they had

eaten their hay, they lay down for extra cuddles much to the delight of our boys. Even my Tom got an extra big cuddle from the captivating Cleopatra! (Each alpaca has his/her own name.)

We were joined by Mabel's husband, Imants, and they told us so many fascinating facts about their dearly loved animals and how they began their unusual venture. Mabel and Imants have lived at Pettens' Croft since 1986 but it was not until 2003 that they got involved with alpacas when they invested in a shipment of top quality alpacas from Peru and soon had a "starter" herd of three pregnant females. The rest, as they say, is history. For further information on farm visits and treks, please contact [www.highland-alpacas.co.uk](http://www.highland-alpacas.co.uk) or phone 01358 743474. I promise you, you will not be disappointed.



**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.



## Linsey Stewart, our Church Administrator

I was born and brought up in Aberdeen and attended the local schools. I previously worked for many years in the oil industry before taking up the position of Administrator at St Andrew's Church in August 2019. I am also very involved in supporting my husband Scott in the day to day running of his business. We now live in Chapel of Garioch together with our son Daniel, 18 years, and daughter Rachel, 14 years, who both attend Inverurie Academy. Daniel plans to go on to study Physics later this year. Any spare time is spent renovating our house, which has turned out to be a mammoth task, and walking Lottie the Cockapoo around Bennachie.



Since the new year Anchor Boys had one face to face meeting where their activity was a "Monster" theme when they made cookie monsters. Unfortunately they had to return to a virtual meeting for the second night due to Covid numbers.

Junior Section started 2022 organizing the year on the Calendar where they arranged important dates in sequence. They then embarked on a Glow Stick Hunt outside towards Kellands Park. During the second meeting they made cubes and inserted tea lights to box the stars. Anchor Boys' second meeting, which was held by zoom in their homes, involved a Recycling Programme.



Company Section have enjoyed early meetings in which they had a quiz on logos, then another on the top ten of their favourite things (eg places/things to eat). They had a short quiz about the differences between the UK and Italy.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel last week due to staff shortages. However, they were given tasks to complete at home and hopefully these disruptions will be minimal. We are planning a Burns' Supper on 4<sup>th</sup> February when the Company Section will cook and produce the food.

Two of the Senior Boys, Jack and Andrew, have been to the Church in recent weeks to learn about (and now) help with the Sound and Vision System, including operating the Live Stream. This will help qualify them for their Queen's Badge, the highest honour for boys in the BB.

Stay safe, take care **BB Team**

## Social Events:



Molly hopes to hold the delayed Burns' Lunch towards the end of February - though this will be dependent on Covid regulations at the time.

Tickets already bought will be valid.

For further information please contact Molly on 01467 620612.

Thank you.



**January 2022** We are very grateful for ALL food donations that are made here and have been totally overwhelmed by the generosity of all of you wonderful customers who have donated so much into this collection point in December. We are currently short of

**Litre boxes of fruit juice (long-life, not fresh)**

**Mug Shots, Instant Noodles (no boil)**

**Individual puddings (custard/jelly/fruit pots)**

**Sponge Puddings**

**Dried Milk Powder**

Thank you for your continuing support!

*Happy New Year from all the Food Bank volunteers!*

[www.aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk)

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

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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.