



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

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**Holy Communion, Sunday 20th March
2022 at 10.00 am**

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Our Minister's Letter



Dear Friends

This year, the season of Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March and, as always, covers the 40 non-Sabbath days leading up to Easter. During this time, we particularly remember Jesus' 40 day spell in the wilderness, straight after His baptism, 'During that time He ate nothing, and at the end of it He was famished.' (Luke 4:2b). It was at this point that the devil appeared to tempt Jesus.

The first temptation highlights one of the devil's favourite tricks, doubt! The devil began, 'If you are the Son of God ...', note the word, 'if!' Of course, Jesus knows exactly who He is, no doubt, but the devil went on, 'tell this stone to become bread.' Would Jesus perform a miracle on his own behalf? Of course not! Instead, Jesus responded with scripture, 'man cannot live on bread alone' (Deuteronomy 8:3b).

The second took a grander turn: the devil offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, 'All this dominion I will give to You... for it has been put into my hands... You only have to do homage to me and it will be yours.' (Luke 4:6,7). Again, Jesus' response came straight from scripture, 'You shall do homage to the Lord your God and worship Him alone.' (Luke 4:8).

Having been defeated twice by scripture, the devil tried to use it in his third go at tempting Jesus. He took Jesus to the top of the temple, and challenged Him to prove who He is by throwing Himself off, because God would 'charge His angels to guard You... to lift You on their hands, for fear You strike Your foot against a stone' (Psalms 91:11,12). Jesus wasted no time turning down the challenge, again quoting scripture, 'You are to fear the Lord your God; serve Him alone' (Deuteronomy 6:13a).

Notice, each time the devil tried to tempt Jesus, He refused by quoting scripture, that is He stood on God's Word. Jesus said 'No' to the bread, 'No' to the kingdoms and 'No' to the angelic bodyguards. Jesus was fully satisfied with what He had, serving God and worshipping only Him. So by the end of the story, the devil failed and Jesus was true to Himself and to God.

Jesus faced many challenges, and temptations throughout His ministry, but He resisted them all. We too, will be challenged tempted in many different ways, and at many different times, in our lives. Over the next seven weeks of Lent, as we contemplate Jesus' time in the wilderness, we can draw strength from the knowledge that He has shown us what to do when, not if, temptation strikes: stand on God's Word, put our trust in Him, worship only Him, and then, like Jesus, we will be able to resist whatever seeks to separate us from our Father in heaven

Many blessings,

Carl

Loving God,

During this holy season of Lent, help us to draw closer to You. As we contemplate the lessons from Jesus' time in the wilderness, give us the strength to resist the temptations that come our way. Enable us to stand on Your Word, secure in our footing, so that we can withstand all that the world throws at us. When we are in doubt, make us more sure, when we seek power, draw us to service, and when we are proud, help us to submit totally to You. For all praise, honour and glory are rightly Yours and Yours alone.



Amen

News from the combined Congregation Board/Kirk Session Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th February 2022 at 7 pm in the New Chapel.

Key Points

- Noted that all the accounts and reports are signed off for 2021.
- Tickets are still available for the 6th March concert held in the Church (*see poster on page 11*).
- A Tapestry of the “Lady at the Well” gifted by Mrs Jane Anderson, “Millfield”, has now been hung in the Chapel.
- There is now no longer the need to socially distance in the Church but masks still have to be worn at all times.

The Church Office will be open on a Monday and Friday from 09.30 to 11.30 am. The Church Administrator (Linsey) will be working from home on the other days and can be contacted by telephone (01467 628740) during the normal office hours.

Rosie Milne, Session Clerk



Look at you

Lent encourages us to examine how we're getting on. It's especially useful for people who have been practising Christians for some time. We're used to saying prayers, going to church and trying to express our faith in action, but the routine may have become a bit jaded. We would like to beef it up, but the very busyness of living gets in the way.

Self-examination doesn't demand grovelling or self-abasement or flagellation. It means going into the open space of the wilderness with Jesus and trying to imagine what He was facing, as He prepared Himself "in the power of the Spirit" to embark on His life's work.

What might His temptations mean for us here and now? They offered Him short cuts. Turning stones into bread could solve the world's poverty gap in a stroke. It would relieve us of our responsibility to combine generosity with ingenuity and put right the world's grotesque inequalities. Jesus responded to that temptation by quoting scripture, "Human beings cannot live on bread alone". It speaks volumes for the 21st Century.

Then Jesus was tempted to do a deal with the devil, on the pretext that collaboration would deliver results. "God alone is due our homage", was His rebuff, quoting scripture again. Since everyone worships something or someone, it would be a valuable exercise to consider carefully what or who takes pride of place in our schedule. It's a tough one. What do we love most, and do we need to adjust our priorities? Magic was the next option. Jump off the temple roof and you'll be OK. Jesus dismissed this offer with the words, "Don't put God to the test". While that stunt wouldn't appeal to many Christians, there's a breed of phoney preachers today who promise financial success and perfect health to their followers. Others reduce the Gospel to the single word, 'love', as though acquiring a sunny disposition could solve humanity's problems. The definition of love in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, suggests something quite different. That Chapter could provide the whole agenda for Lent and beyond.

Extracted from Parish Pump



Soundboard or Livestream Volunteers

The new sound board and livestream video equipment has now been fitted in the Church. There is a bit of tweaking to be done by myself and Pete, but otherwise it is ready to be operated on a Sunday, as shown here by the two BB lads. They are doing this task as part of their Community Service for their Queen's Award and other

events as needed. Anyone who would like to know how to use this equipment, please get in contact with Linsey and we can show a group at a time, or on a one to one basis, how it all works. The new soundboard looks very technical and scary but it has all been preconfigured and it is only a case of muting and unmuting the mic you want to use.

John Chapman

Ministry of Flowers

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Vestibule

MARCH

6th Mrs Eleanor Douglas
 13th Rosie & Pete Milne
 (IMO Mr J & Mrs E Murray)
 20th Mrs M Alexander
 (IMO W Alexander)
 27th Allan Duff
 (ILM of Jean & Morag Duff)

The Watson Family
 Mrs Edna Angus
 George & Betty Ross
 Mrs Kit Pawson
 (IMO Susie Pawson)

APRIL

3rd Ian & Diana Stuart
 10th Margaret & Tom Dalglish

Norman Peters

*Eileen & The Flower Team
are holding a*

Spring/Easter Flower Workshop

*in St Andrew's Church Old Hall
on Thursday, 24th March 2022*

2 Sessions (if good response)
 2.00-4.00 afternoon session
 6.30-8.30 evening session

**£35.00 per person includes
all materials and as usual
an "Affa Fine Flycup"**

*Come along and create a gorgeous Spring/Easter
Arrangement and have fun. Suitable for beginners
as well as experienced Flower Arrangers.*

Please ring me to secure a place -
 Eileen Robertson
 (St Andrew's Church Flower Convener)
 07902474646



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

St Andrew's Parish Church

Volunteer Rota 2022

		Beadle	Register	Steward	Steward
Mar	6	<i>R Milne</i>	M Conn	M Vernal	I Fraser
	13	<i>R Young</i>	A Young	H Christie	S Hepburn
	20	<i>R Green</i>	J Green	A Duff	S Davidson
	27	<i>A Smith</i>	Y&C Clark	J Ingram	V Binnie
Apr	3	<i>R Milne</i>	P Wink	M Keith	K Pawson
	10	<i>R Young</i>	A Young	N Peters	J Bruce

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)



Please contact Linsey at the Church Office (01467 628740) if any of the items shown below belong to you.



Monthly Count Envelopes

Thank you to all who contribute to the Church in this way. This year we carried out a house-keeping exercise and have removed some monthly envelope entries from 1st April 2022. Those who do not receive envelopes but wish to get, please contact either one of the Conveners or the Church Office (Tel 01467 628740).
Please also let us know of any changes within your Magazine District.

We take this opportunity to thank the magazine distributors for delivering the envelopes and collecting them month by month throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated.

*Vera Binnie (Tel 622275 &
Diane Stuart (Tel. 620931)
Monthly Count Conveners*

FUNDRAISING (January) : Teas : £92.80

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 25th January—20th February 2022

Recently Deceased

Mr H Taylor, 16 Davidson Place 8/2/2022

Service conducted by

Rev R Cathcart

Change of Address

Kathleen Valentine (formerly 16 Selbie Place) now at 5 Kinkell House, Inverurie

Sunday Services & Readings

MARCH

6th	10 am Parish Worship "TIME OUT"	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Robin Young
13th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Alison Young
20th	10 am HOLY COMMUNION	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Sarah Davidson
27th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Vera Binnie

APRIL

3rd	10 am Parish Worship "TIME OUT"	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Stuart Watson
10th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Ben Pawson

Palm Sunday

1st March: St David's Day, time for daffodils

- 1st March is St David's Day, and it's time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' - but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery!

We do know that David - or Dafydd - of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th century he was made patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised in the Western Church. Tradition has it that he was austere with himself, and generous with others - living on water and vegetables (leeks, perhaps?!) and devoting himself to works of mercy. He was much loved. In art, St David is usually depicted in Episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share at an important Synod for the Welsh Church, the Synod of Brevi.

Extracted from Parish Pump



Devastation of our Local Woods ...

Three storms, Storm Arwen, Storm Malik and Storm Corrie hit the North and North East of Scotland causing massive destruction to our local woodlands. The impact of the first storm in November, Storm Arwen, with wind speeds of 100 mph, damaged millions of trees, ie Haddo House lost an estimated 100,000 trees, and 30,000 homes were left without power for over 5 days. A number of people were killed by fallen trees.

At the end of January high winds were forecast again, and back to back 80 mph storms swept across Scotland. Storm Malik on the Saturday caused loss of power supply to 80,000 homes before Storm Corrie hit on the Sunday causing 30,000 more. Photos from three of our local woods are shown below:

Pittodrie Wood



Aquhorthies Wood



Bennachie



Extracted from Baillies of Bennachie Facebook

Reinstate Nigeria as a country of concern to halt attacks on Christians

Partners of Release International have warned of a 'slow-motion war' unfolding in Nigeria, where more Christians are being killed than anywhere else on earth.



Release International is calling for Nigeria to be reinstated as a Country of Particular Concern, after its delisting by the US State Department.

They warn: "17 Christians (are) murdered every day in Africa's most populous country. Mass killings are now a national emergency."

Release International partners who are calling on the international community to act include the Anglican Archbishop of Jos, Benjamin Kwashi. Their appeal to the United States follows the decision late last year by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken to remove Nigeria from the State Department list of countries of particular concern.

Along with 12 organisations under the umbrella of the Family Research Council, Archbishop Kwashi and others ask: "How can it be... that Nigeria's CPC (Country of Particular Concern) designation has been dropped without a public explanation?"

The ongoing violence, killing, and displacement against Christians and others have only increased. In fact, during 2021, massacres happen almost nightly, while by day, young boys are killed in the fields. Pregnant women are brutally dismembered, their babies mutilated before their eyes. And an entire church congregation has been abducted and held captive. "In recent months, gangs of Fulani militants, Boko Haram terrorists, and other armed radicals have become even more brazen, torching entire villages and farms, ambushing and killing innocent people. The victims are often targeted because of their religious identity.

"Mass killings - the kind that used to be sporadic - are now a national emergency."

At the end of last year, less than a month after the US delisted Nigeria, reports emerged that Christians in northwest had been sent death threats that they would be murdered or kidnapped unless they closed their churches.

Extracted from Parish Pmp

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.*



Hilda Christie, Elder

I was born in Inch Hospital, the eldest of three, having a younger brother and sister. My primary schools were Keig and Tullynessle before attending Inverurie Academy. From there I went to Aberdeen University followed by a year at Teacher Training College. I taught Geography at The Gordon Schools, Huntly from 1970 until Amy, my daughter, arrived in 1978. Brian and I met in 1969, were married in 1972 and set up our first home in North Street. We came to St Andrew's at that time too. My church life began at age 4, attending Sunday School at Keig, and I have been involved ever since. I have served as an Elder since 1993 and was part of the "Time Out" team until recently.

When Amy started school I returned to the Supply Teacher List. During that time I also worked to gain a qualification in Additional Support Needs, specializing in Dyslexia, which I found fascinating and worked in that field until I retired in 2007 to be with Brian until his death in 2018.

My daughter Amy, son-in-law Simon and granddaughter Ava are a great delight to me. I like to keep fit, enjoying golf, yoga, walking and dance classes.

My faith has kept me strong to see me through good and difficult times as has the "church family" here.



Ian Milne, Church Organist & Choir Master

I was born and brought up in Aberdeen and attended Aberdeen Grammar School before attending Edinburgh University where I graduated with a Bachelor of Music Degree. My first teaching post was at Inverurie Academy (1967-71). In 1973 I became a Lecturer in Music at Aberdeen College of Education which became Northern College of Education before merging with Aberdeen University. I did a Master of Music Degree while on the staff there. I retired from the University about 8 years ago, but still do a few days a week part-time.

I also worked extensively in theatre, radio and television (about 35 years with Grampian TV) working with many famous show-biz personalities. A highlight was 5 summers at Candacraig where I was in charge of music for Billy Connolly and met people like Steve Martin, Robin Williams and Sean Connery and his wife.

Pam and I have 3 children Richard, David and Shonagh, and we live in the High Street just about 150 yards from St Andrew's Church.



Well folks, hope everyone is safe and well and managing to keep warm as we have had some terrible weather recently with high winds, power supply disruptions etc. At least we have managed to continue without major issues.

Anchor Boys have been busy over the last few weeks with a discussion about Robert Burns and the making of a Haggis. Last week Anchors started our "Birds" theme by making "Peace Doves" and we had a quick discussion on what peace means (but this doesn't include not making a noise)!!



Anchors also made cutter feeders and guess the number of birds from 100

toilet roll & cookie the boys tried to of different species to 5000. They hear that there are

50 billion chickens in the UK (that's a lot of chicken nuggets!!), and 18 million pigeons.

Junior section celebrated Chinese New Year by making Chinese lanterns and learning how to use chopsticks. The



reward was in small marshmallows and the boys improvised where



they could and managed to scoff them. At our next meeting we discussed the Winter Olympics and due to some restrictions, curling, snowboarding & skiing were impossible in the hall so we improvised and held hockey & archery practice and volleyball which was very competi-

tive. We also embarked on our project to design and manufacture "Bird Boxes" which will be continued over the next few weeks as well as other activities.

Company section embarked on a Winter Olympic theme night and also discussed the 6 Nations Rugby and planned and carried out a belated Burns' Supper where the Senior and Company Section Boys helped prepare the food and the quiz. This evening was very successful, despite the late arrival of the haggis order but, as usual, winners find a way! Unfortunately due to staff shortages they had to undergo a "BB at Home Night" and all the boys participated. Due to the mid term break, Junior and Anchor Sections have been on holiday but will return on 21st February. Stay safe, take care **BB team**

Time Out

Delighted to have our three boys back to Sunday Club Time Out for February. As always we met in church to enjoy the early part of Carl's service which focussed on Jesus calling his Disciples. Then we walked through to the small chapel and settled to our fun activities. We had a fishermen theme as we started with a quick game of tissue paper fish where we had to blow the fish to the net. Then we designed our own coloured fish as we enjoyed the story of Jesus working to make his first Disciples fishers of men. Our discussion was so interesting as we thought about how important the first Disciples must have felt. After our time together we joined in fellowship with the congregation to enjoy a fine piece and a wee cup of tea. Looking forward to meeting up again on the 6th of March.



With love, **Suzanne.**

Social Events: Save the Days



February 2022 Please see below our wish list for this month. We're almost finished type-sorting and date-sorting the wonderful influx of donations that came our way in the run-up to Christmas so the stocks in the warehouse are looking a lot healthier, I am pleased to say. However, in January 2022, across the Aberdeenshire North Food Bank network of five food banks, while we gathered in 5805 kg of donations, we sent out 7337 kg in food parcels so if that is going to be the trend for the coming months, then it will not be long till we start to see gaps appearing on the shelves. But for the moment, all is good! Thank you, as ever, for your continuing generous support.

UHT Milk (full/semi-skimmed)

Long life fruit juice (1L boxes)

Tinned fish (any varieties)

Jam

Tinned tomatoes

Cat food (wet or dry)

www.aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk

Jennifer Ingram,
Foodbank Coordinator for St Andrew's

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 3rd April 2022. Please email material for the April Saltire to
 The Church Office by 14th March 2022.**

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.