



**St Andrew's Parish Church**  
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# Our Minister's Letter



## Dear Friends

Easter week takes us on a profound emotional journey. Starting with the high of Palm Sunday, as Jesus was welcomed by ecstatic crowds: cheering, waving palm branches and throwing down cloaks for His donkey to walk over. Even the complaints of the Jewish leaders, and their demands for Jesus to stop the crowds from praising Him, couldn't dampen the mood. Jesus told them, 'I tell you, if my disciples are silent the stones will shout aloud.' (Luke 19:40)

Next comes the shocking spectacle of Jesus overturning the tables of the money changers in the temple, telling them, 'Scripture says, "My house shall be a house of prayer"; but you have made it a

bandits cave.' (Luke 19:46)

Then, the intensely personal 'Last Supper', with Jesus washing His disciples' feet saying, 'Then if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.' (John 13:14) Teaching that the Christian way is service.

The low point of the week arrives with Judas betraying Jesus, His arrest, show trial, sentence, flogging and crucifixion, all while His disciples abandoned Him to His fate, hiding in fear for their lives. The sadness as Jesus' broken body is laid in a borrowed tomb is overwhelming.

Then comes the joy of Easter morning and the empty tomb – He has Risen!

For nearly six weeks after, Jesus appeared to His disciples and 'spoke to them about the kingdom of God.' (Acts 1:3b) We are not directly told what He taught, but it is unlikely that He taught them anything new. He probably began in the same way He taught the two disciples walking to Emmaus: 'Then, starting from Moses and all the prophets, He explained to them in the whole of scripture the things that referred to Himself.' (Luke 24:27) Just like He used to explain His parables, Jesus probably used this time to explain the meaning of all that He had said and done. This would fit with Luke writing, 'I gave an account (in His Gospel) of all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day He was taken up into heaven.' (Acts 1:1), as nothing new was added after the events of his Gospel.

The time of learning came to an end after forty days when Jesus 'was lifted up before their very eyes, and a cloud took Him from their sight.' (Acts 1:9) This is 'The Ascension', celebrated, this year, on the last Sunday in May.

Throughout this time we see the full range of human emotions and behaviours on display. The disciples experienced a rollercoaster of joy, puzzlement, fear, despair, wonder, anger, and almost every other emotion you could name. Why? Because they were ordinary people, like you and me. They were caught up in events beyond their control and, by the grace of God, they came through the other side with their failures forgiven and forgotten. That is also reality for each of us. We will not always do, say or even think the right thing, but by the grace of God, we too are forgiven, and our sins forgotten. Our future with God is secure. Praise the Lord!

Many blessings,

**Carl**

Loving God,

As the whirl of emotions that engulf us over the Easter period settle down again, we are left knowing that we are Yours, not because of anything we have done, but because of all You endured. Confident in our future with You, we re-dedicate ourselves in Your service. Use us as You will, to do whatever work You have for us to further Your mission here on earth. We offer ourselves unconditionally, as You offered Yourself unconditionally, and we do so out of love for You, as You did so out of love for us. Place our tasks before us, strengthen us to take them up, and guide us as through to their completion. All the while, let our service point only and always to Your glory.



In Jesus' name, Amen

## **News from the combined Congregation Board/Kirk Session Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th April 2022 at 7 pm in the New Chapel.**

### **Key Points from meeting:**

- Discussions are still ongoing regarding the draft Presbytery Plan and we have submitted further objections to the closure of the New Hall.
- Meeting with Fintray/Keithhall/Kinellar (FKK) has taken place and was very successful a further meeting has been arranged.
- For anyone wishing to be a member of St Andrew's Church, new member classes begin on the 8th May.

**The Church Office is now back to normal working hours,  
ie Monday to Friday, 9.30—11.30 am.**

**Rosie Milne**, Session Clerk

**War in Ukraine :** John Rutter, the composer, has written a new choral work in response to the invasion of Ukraine. Funds raised from 'A Prayer for Ukraine', are going to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal.



Rutter explained: "How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? I suppose by writing music: like everybody I have been shocked and dismayed by the events of recent days. *The first thing I wanted to do was write music that would respond in my own way. I went to a late-night service in my old college chapel where they sang a setting of a lovely Ukrainian prayer, so having encountered the Ukrainian text, on Thursday I wrote my own music. I hope the meaning of the text will resonate in people's hearts.*"

The words of the piece, which are originally in Ukrainian, translate into English as: "Good Lord protect the Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith, and hope. Amen." He added: "I hope it speaks in terms which reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need."

The score is available for **free** by **submitting this form**. You are welcome to duplicate the score for the sole use of your own choir. You may like to make a donation to a Ukrainian relief charity, perhaps equivalent to the approximate cost of the copies had you purchased them. If you wish, you are free to make an audio or video recording of the piece without a special licence to do so.

**Listen to the new work at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bx4QFxfW2s>**



## Events for Christian Aid week 15th - 21st May

Christian Aid Inverurie will be at Inverurie Farmers Market on 14th May. We are looking for donations of jams/chutneys and jigsaws for the stall and volunteers to serve in the St Andrew's Church time slot from 9.00-10.00am.

A **Book Fayre for Christian Aid** will be running in the West Church Hall from 16th-21st May. Donations of books and volunteers to work at the Fayre is needed.

### Christian Aid E- envelopes

Look out for links to the Garioch Christian Aid E-envelope and if you can, please consider donating in this way. There will also be paper envelopes available in church during May if you would prefer to donate in this way.

### Kilt Walk

CA are asking groups to promote the Kilt Walk as a fundraiser. People could choose to register for the Aberdeen Walk on May 29<sup>th</sup> or the Virtual Walk during the weekend 7-9th October. There are various lengths from 3 miles to 22 Miles. **More details at [thekiltwalk.co.uk](http://thekiltwalk.co.uk).**

### Steps Challenge

Are you up for the challenge of undertaking 30,000 steps during Christian Aid Week. Please ask for a sponsorship form.

***Please contact Alison Young on 01467 625646 or mobile 07790976939 regarding donations of books, jams, time.***



**Walk of Witness**—For the first time in 3 years, we were able to participate in the Walk of Witness in Inverurie, carrying the cross through the centre of the town on Good Friday morning. This is organised by the Inverurie and District Churches Together (IDCT) and is part of the Holy Week celebrations and events run by them, including a week of evening talks given by Prof Nimmo, which this year were held in St Andrew's Church. The walk runs from The Church of the Immaculate Conception at the top of North Street to the site of the first church building in Inverurie at the foot of the Bass. Along the way, the 40 or so present, stopped at various Stations for readings and prayers.

The weather always seems good, and although I am sure there have been days of rain and snow, I only ever remember either dry or cold days. At the end of the walk, we all returned to the Hall at St Andrew's for a welcome breakfast of bacon rolls prepared by the super team of Mo Vernal, Molly Conn, Pat Wink, Alison Young, Morag Coutts and Elaine Roebuck.

See you all at the next one on 7th April 2023.

**Robin Young**





# Ministry of Flowers

## Church

## Vestibule

### May

8th Yvonne & Charles Clark

15th Neil & Louise Grant

22nd Sandy & Vera Binnie

Ann & Alastair Smith

29th George & Betty Ross

### JUNE

5th Evelyn McBain

12th C Robertson  
(IMO Mrs Moyra Robertson)



## Spring/Easter Flower Workshops.

On Thursday 24th March the Flower Team and I held 2 Spring / Easter Workshops in the Old Hall. Forty ladies took part and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. A big thank you to the Flower Team for their hard work: Maisie, Moira Thompson, Audrey and Hazel, with further thanks to

Eunice, Moira Keith and Pat for providing the awfa' fine cuppie. Many thanks also to Kay for showing us how she makes gorgeous Easter vases for her home.



We made an amazing profit of £737.00 which will go towards decorating the church with Flowers and Crowns on Saturday, May 28th and Sunday, May 29th as part of St Andrew's celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



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

		<b>Beadle</b>	<b>Register</b>	<b>Steward</b>	<b>Steward</b>
<b>May</b>	1	<b><i>R Milne</i></b>	M Keith	M Conn	S Hwpburn
	8	<b><i>R Young</i></b>	A Young	I Fraser	H Christie
	15	<b><i>R Green</i></b>	J Green	M Vernal	V Binnie
	22	<b><i>A Smith</i></b>	Y & C Clark	S Davidson	K Pawson
	29	<b><i>R Milne</i></b>	P Wink	N Peters	J Bruce
<b>June</b>	5	<b><i>R Milne</i></b>	J Ingram	M Vernal	V Binnie
	12	<b><i>R Young</i></b>	A Young	J Lawson	A Duff

**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)

## Time Out

The Parable of The Lost Sheep was the subject of our focussed discussion at Sunday Club Time Out this month. We had a great conversation about the love of Jesus being so strong for us that even when we go wrong, he carries us safely home.



We managed to sequence the story cards in order to retell the parable. The boys also had great fun making their own woolly sheep which they took home.

Many thanks to Pat Wink who kindly gifted adorable knitted chicks filled with chocolate eggs. Delight all round.

Look forward to meeting in May but **please note for this month only we will be meeting the SECOND Sunday of the month.**

In love and service,

Suzanne



**FUNDRAISING (March) : Teas : £110.80 Rag Bag : £70.00**

# Congregational Roll

## ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL

24th March—25th April 2022

### Recently Deceased

Mrs Yvonne Charles, 11 Golf Crescent  
Mrs Dorothy Brand, 14 Albert Gdns  
Mrs Vera Rorie, Garioch Care Home

29/3/2022  
6/4/2022  
19/4/2022

### Service conducted by

Rev. S Craggs  
Rev. C Irvine  
Rev R Cathcart

### Change of Address

Mrs D Ritchie, 58 Middle Park  
Elsie Farquhar, 5 Provost's Smith Court

now at Drumdarroch Care Home, Inch  
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### New Member to St Andrew's Church

Gillian MacKenzie, Hanover Court

by acclamation of Kirk Session

## Sunday Services & Readings

### MAY

<b>1st</b>	<b>11 am Joint Worship in West Church</b>	Minister: Rev. R Cathcart Reader: ????
8th	10 am Parish Worship <b>"TIME OUT"</b>	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Robin Young
15th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Vera Binnie
22nd	10 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Alison Young
29th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Kit Pawson

### JUNE

5th	10 am Parish Worship <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Moira Keith
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April 2022 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:

**Fruit Juice (1 litre long life)**  
**Tinned veg (peas/carrots/sweetcorn)**  
**Deodorant**  
**Dog Food**

**Packets of Pasta Sauce**  
**Instant Mash**  
**Toothpaste**

If you feel this is something you could help out with as your free time allows, then contact our administrator via email on [info@aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk) who will be delighted to give you more information. It does not have to be a regular commitment every week. You can volunteer as much or as little as you like and expenses will be offered for mileage. It is just another way that we can help those in our communities who are in need of a bit of support. Marbeth Ritchie, Warehouse Co-ordinator

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



## Knitting for Malawi

Our garage is yet again filling up with Banana Boxes and we are busy checking, taping and labelling them.

Every few months Hamish and I, along with Tom and Sheila Craggs, take them to a large store in Dundee which is organised by a group of volunteers led by Alan Laverock. Alan very often visits Nkhoma Hospital and he took these lovely photos showing how much the knitting is appreciated.

At the moment the transport cost to send each box to Malawi is still £15.00, a journey which takes six months. Grateful thanks to those who contributed to this journey. I've passed on all monies to Presbytery Treasurer, Willie Paterson.

In talking with Alan recently, he asked if other items could be included in our boxes, namely clothing for older children up to the age of 5/6. The reason for this is that mothers return to hospital to have more children and the older siblings receive nothing! It would be lovely and much appreciated if these older children were also given clothing, which needn't be new, but, please, in good condition.

Thank you, Mo



## Holiday in Tenerife During COVID

Travelling to Tenerife during COVID restrictions was easier than we had anticipated. While waiting at check-in at Aberdeen airport we were asked if we had COVID vaccinations. We were then given a numbered form to pass on to boarding staff. We were also informed to have locator forms available for arrival at Tenerife airport.

On arrival at Tenerife Passport

Control, for the first time in many years our passports were stamped (probably due to Brexit!). Locator forms were also inspected before we were allowed entry.

Everything was well organised with no delay but all documentation being well checked. The Police were also present.

No checks whatsoever on the way home, just an extra-long wait for luggage at Aberdeen airport !!

Masks were worn throughout for both flights. **Joyce & John Bruce**



**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.*

## John Chapman, IT Expert & Audio-Vision Team Member

I was born in Insch but have lived in Inverurie all my life. I was educated at Market Place Primary School and then Inverurie Academy.



After leaving school I worked for BT as an engineer, serving Inverurie and area furthering my education at Technical Colleges and at Queen Mary College, University of London, finishing my time at BT as an IT Project Manager and Programmer after 35 years.

St Andrew's is part of my present work. I have a long history with the church having been baptised, attended Sunday School and married within St Andrew's. Both my children attended Sunday School and were choir members. I was Fabric Convener for a temporary period (when I was asked to help out) and I am currently assisting, as a volunteer, with the upkeep and running of the audio visual equipment.

I am employed by Craig & Beverly, Funeral Directors in Inverurie.

## Peter Milne, Fabric and Audio-Visual team member.

I was born in Aberdeen and grew up near Westhill when it was a very small village in the country. I attended Westhill Primary School when there were only 12 kids in the entire school, then Cults

Academy. I moved to Inverurie in 1979 and married Rosie in St Andrew's Church. I have been involved with the church ever since. I went along to help with the Boys' Brigade when our boys Iain and David were there in the 1990s and retired as Captain 20 years later.

I have a passion for all things technical and worked as an engineer for BT for over 30 years, then with laser guided robotic milking machines. I gave that up in 2017 to become a self-employed Classic Car Engineer, something I have done as a hobby most of my life. We still spend a lot of time involved with various classic car events.

I am currently involved in developing the audio-visual and livestream equipment in the church along with John Chapman, and various technical matters

with the fabric team.

## Agnieszka Myszkowska

I was born in Torun, a beautiful town in Poland. My town is famous for gingerbread and is the birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus. I finished my education in Poland and when I moved to Scotland I attended College to improve my skills and English. I live in Aberdeenshire with my 2 beautiful daughters, my older son has moved back to Poland. My youngest daughter has just started Kemnay Academy and my oldest daughter will soon finish at Inverurie Academy. We love to catch up with friends, go for walks and play board games. I enjoy playing tennis and krafmanga in my spare time. It is so nice to be a part of the core team at St Andrew's Church. I've enjoyed working in the church this last 5 years. I am very fortunate and grateful to have met so many fantastic people.





**April**—Happy Easter from the Boys' Brigade we hope everyone had a wonderful time over the period. We have very little to report this month due to school holidays as we have had only two meetings since our last newsletter. We

are due back on 18<sup>th</sup> April for our next session. Our annual Open Night and Awards Ceremony will be held this year in the **Town Hall** on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** at **7 pm**.

We have an “**Open Door**” policy for all friends and family to come and join us on this evening. Since our last newsletter the **Anchor Boys** coloured in their Easter Wheels and, at the end, they talked of what they knew of Jesus on the cross and rising from the cave. They also made a Mother's Day gift.



**Junior Section** embarked on a Gladiator theme night where we discussed Gladiators and their existence in Rome and what they did. We also decided to “Match the Gladiators to their Dress Code” which was interesting. The boys were given pictures of Gladiators and then given a description of what they would wear, and they matched

them up. We also started to create a Gladiator mosaic which the boys have taken home to complete. It will be fascinating to see this finished artwork. The DIY bird boxes were completed and the boys have taken them



away to decorate them—either by painting or staining.

We also discussed the Easter Story trail where we highlighted the six significant events: Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Jesus Carrying the Cross, The Crucifixion, The Empty Tomb and He is Risen. The boys had to find the clues that linked them to a short video on each subject. We also conducted some basic drill movements and finished the evening with Duck Duck Goose game. Then the boys went home with an Easter Egg.

**Company Section** had some activity nights but had to cancel a meeting due to Covid numbers, so not much to report. They did however manage to discuss a picture with words, where the boys had to match the correct English/Polish vocabulary with the pictures. They also concluded the evening with a game of giant battleships. **Anchor Boys and Junior Section** competed in the North Scottish Easter Card colouring competition with considerable success. The results will not be revealed until our Open Night. Stay safe. Best wishes from The BB Team.



# Social Events in St Andrew's Church

## HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee



Magnificent floral crowns illustrating the Platinum Jubilee theme will be on display in the Church & the Vestibule. Entry is free but donations welcome!

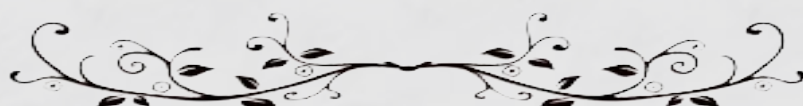
**Saturday, 28th May 12 noon—3.00 pm**

**Sunday, 29th May 1.00 pm—4.00 pm**

(The congregation will get a floral "treat" during the 10.00 am service on Sunday)

The Flower Committee will be creating these displays and there will also be "crown" contributions from the

**2nd Inverurie Rainbows, 1st Inverurie Brownies,  
Inverurie BBs and St Andrew's Church Playgroup**





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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.