



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

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**JUNE 2022**

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**Holy Communion on Sunday,  
19th June 2022 at 10 am**

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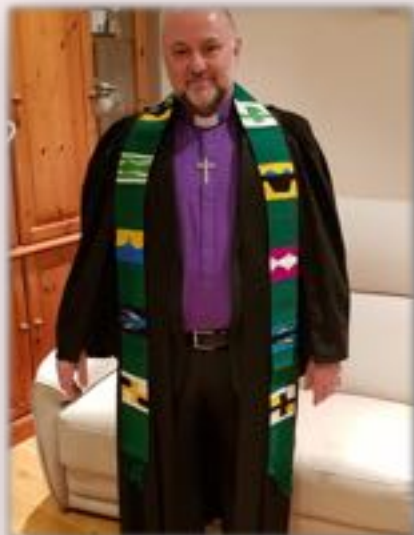
**Website: <http://standrewsinverurie.co.uk>**

**Scottish Charity Number: SC008791**

**St Andrew's is an open and inclusive Church**

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# Our Minister's Letter



## Dear Friends

I am sure that you are familiar with the term 'Sabbath Day'. For Christians, this is, Sunday, traditionally a day of rest. But are you familiar with the term 'Sabbath Year'? In Leviticus (25), God instructed Moses to tell the people to plant and harvest crops in the normal way for six years, but every seventh year was to be a 'Sabbath Year', when the land should rest from being planted. In a Sabbath year, people would gather and eat whatever grew naturally, and God promised bumper crops every sixth year to see them through. In this way, the land had a year to replenish its goodness,

Every fiftieth year, (i.e. after seven Sabbath years) was a 'Year of Jubilee', during which a big 'economic reset button' was effectively pushed. Any land that had been sold, since the last Jubilee, was to be returned to its original owner (or their family), all debts were cancelled, and people who had been forced, by debt, to sell themselves into slavery were freed. This meant families who had fallen on hard times, would not condemn their descendants to poverty, and families who prospered, would be unable to hoard wealth. As a result, each generation was in charge of their own financial destiny.

Jesus publicly announced His Messiahship, after reading from the scroll of Isaiah (61:1,2a) in the synagogue in Nazareth, stating, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.' (Luke 4:21b) It's interesting that the reading ended 'to proclaim the year of the Lord' favour.' (Isaiah 61:2a and Luke 4:19) 'The year of the Lord's favour' was another name for 'The Year of Jubilee'. As we have seen, this was marked by an economic equalling out; family land returned, debts cancelled and economic slaves freed. It was a year of lifting the poor out of poverty. Similarly, Jesus' mission was to lift the whole world out of a different poverty: Sin! In relating His mission to the Year of Jubilee, Jesus made clear that His work was a continuation of God's saving Grace, especially for those in need.

In Acts 2, we read about an extraordinary event on the Jewish festival of Pentecost, a harvest festival, celebrated fifty days after Passover. On that particular Pentecost, shortly after the resurrected Jesus ascended to heaven, His apostles and other early believers were together, 'Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (Acts 2:2-4) This marked the beginning of the church, as the gift of the Holy Spirit drove it forward, throughout the world.

This month, a very different Jubilee is being celebrated around the country. However much you join in with these celebrations, remember God's 'Year of Jubilee', embodied by Jesus' mission and enabled to grow by the Holy Spirit, and try to spread 'the Lord's favour' just that wee bit more.

Many blessings,

**Carl**

Loving God,

As many in our country come together for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth, we thank you for her long and dedicated service. As Your church, help us to take the theme of Jubilee as You envisioned, and direct our service to the benefit of those in society who are in poverty of any description: lacking money, food or shelter, lacking family friends or a place to belong, lacking moral guidance, strength to adhere to the law or spiritual foundation in You, or experiencing any other form of poverty.



We pray your blessing on those in any form of poverty, ask you to send help to them, and offer ourselves to do whatever we can for Your mission.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

### **News from the combined Congregation Board/Kirk Session Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th May 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.*
- *A new Fundraising Committee has been formed to assist in raising much needed funds for the Church.*
- *Annual Stated Meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 after Sunday Service all welcome.*

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

**Rosie Milne, Session Clerk**

**FUNDRAISING**    (April) :    Teas £115.20  
                               (May) :    Rag Bag £70.00



# Fulfilling the First Mark of Mission: Can Alpha help your church?

with Rev Martin Fair & Dez Johnston

How can we proclaim the gospel in our towns and villages across the Gordon Presbytery area? As we come out of the pandemic how can people in our communities explore the big questions of life and faith? Come and be envisioned and equipped to run Alpha.



Saturday August 27th, 2022  
Inverurie West Church 10am – 1pm.  
Breakfast and Registration 9.30am.

Book now at  
[tinyurl.com/alphaingordon](https://tinyurl.com/alphaingordon)  
or scan the QR Code



Gordon Presbytery



# Ministry of Flowers

## Church

## Vestibule

### JUNE

5th Evelyn McBain

12th C Robertson  
(IMO Mrs Moyra Robertson)

19th Sheena Yates

IMO Mr & Mrs J A Ross (from  
the family)

26th Anne & Jim Shand

### JULY

3rd IMO Jean & Morag (from  
Allan Duff)

West Church

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

## Time Out

We were a 'full house' this month for May's Sunday Club which was wonderful. The theme of the 'Talk' in church was the sharing of God's love and how far it travels. Carl demonstrated this by cutting corners from paper (denoting love) and sharing it around our congregation.



As we moved from church through to our session we chatted about love being forgiving and powerful. The boys worked hard to design and create their own planet Earth surrounded by God's loving arms. I think you will agree that they have done a great job in the short time we have together.



Next meeting is not until June 12th due to school holidays.

In service and with love, Suzanne

# Congregational Roll

## ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 26th April—31st May 2022

### Recently Deceased

### Service conducted by

Mr Doug Benzie, 39 Selbie Dr	25/4/2022	Baldarroch Crematorium
Mr Alexander Mackie, 5 Kellands Av	3/5/2022	To be confirmed
Mr Angus Gordon, 176 North Street	20/5/2022	Rev. C Irvine

## Sunday Services & Readings

### JUNE

5th	10 am Parish Worship <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Moira Keith
12th	10 am Parish Worship <b>"TIME OUT"</b>	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Alison Young
19th	<b>10 am Holy Communion</b>	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Sarah Davidson
26th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister: Rev. C Irvine Reader: Stuart Watson

### JULY : WEST CHURCH

10 am United Parish Worship Minister: Rev. R Cathcart

### AUGUST : ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

10 am United Parish Worship Minister: Rev. C Irvine



**May 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:

<b>Fruit Juice (1 litre long life)</b>	<b>UHT milk (full cream/semi skimmed)</b>
<b>Tinned vegetables</b>	<b>Tinned Tomatoes</b>
<b>Individual jelly/fruit pots</b>	<b>Toothpaste</b>
<b>Shaving kit (razors/shaving gel)</b>	

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

**Thank you for your continuing support and stay safe!**

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

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



**INVERURIE AND DISTRICT  
CHURCHES TOGETHER**

# *Jubilee Celebration*

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June*

*6.30 -8.00 pm*

*Inverurie Town Hall*

**Jubilee: a special  
anniversary. A year of  
Freedom, Forgiveness, and  
Restoration**

**Worship led by the  
Fountain of Love Gospel Choir**

***Free entry – All Welcome***



**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.

## Eileen Robertson - Flower Convener.

I was born in Ellon and grew up in Methlick. One of seven, 5 sisters and 2 brothers. I went to Methlick School and left at 15. My first job was as an apprentice seamstress at Scott the Kiltmaker. After a year I went to Aberdeen College of Commerce and studied for O levels and Highers and embarked on a new career as an Assistant Scientific Officer in The Vet Labs at Craibstone.



I met Alan my husband at Oldmeldrum Sports when I was 16. We got engaged a year later and then married 2 years after that in Methlick Church. We bought our first house in Ellon where Alan worked as a Quantity Surveyor. Our three children Martin, Nicky, and Janelle were all born when we lived in Ellon and when Janelle was still a baby we sold our house in Ellon and bought a Flower Shop in Inverurie. Not knowing a thing about flowers or floristry it was in at the deep end for me - but it paid off as I ended up absolutely loving being a florist. I gradually trained and gained my NDSF (National Diploma of the Society of Floristry) at Nottingham University. I decided to retire after 29 years.

Our 3 kids are all married: Martin lives in Edinburgh, Nicky lives in Inverurie and Janelle lives in Barcelona. We have been blessed with 8 grandchildren - 4 boys and 4 girls. Alan and I celebrated our Golden Wedding in August last year.

The church has always been part of my life. I attended Sunday School at Methlick and I joined the church prior to being married there. I have been a member of St Andrew's since we moved here about 45 years ago. I am a member of the choir and I have been Flower Convener since 2015.



We had a great start to Christian Aid week at the Farmers' Market. Whilst highlighting Christian Aid week the sales of jigsaws and jams **raised £191**. The week long Book Sale managed by Margaret and her volunteers **raised £1095.87**. Thank you to all who contributed. The total from envelopes will be announced in due course.

**Alison Young**



# St Andrew's Parish Church

## Volunteer Rota 2022

		<b>Beadle</b>	<b>Register</b>	<b>Steward</b>	<b>Steward</b>
<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
	19	R. Green	J. Green	M. Conn	S. Davidson
	26	A. Smith	Y & C Clark	V. Binnie	S. Hepburn
<b>July</b>	3	<b><i>West Church</i></b>			

**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)

### Platinum Tea Menu:



**Platinum Concert:** On Saturday May 28th we opened the front doors of the church for everyone to view the 27 Floral Crowns and additional designs which the Flower team created for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We had an amazing response from the public. It was such a happy day: there was quite a buzz in the kirk.



My thanks go to our hardworking flower team who are Maisie Roger, Moira Thomson, Hazel Gauld, Kay Sutherland, Audrey Paterson, Eunice Naysmith, Moira Keith, Shona Johnston, Trina Naysmith and Lesley Duguid. Big thanks also to our very talented Crown makers Alan Robertson and Duncan Naysmith. Thanks Allan Thomson too for helping out the flower team. Also on display were handmade crowns from St Andrew's Playgroup, First Inverurie Brownies, Second Inverurie Rainbows and the Boys' Brigade all of whom use our church buildings. Thanks to Church member Audrey Gregor who displayed them so creatively. Thanks also to Moira Keith, Audrey Gregor and Maisie Roger for their portrayal of the Queen on her throne.

**Eileen Robertson** (Flower Convener)

# Social Events in St Andrew's Church

## HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee

**Platinum Afternoon Tea:** A sumptuous afternoon tea was served to over 180 people on Saturday 28th May to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The hall and chapel were beautifully decorated and there was a happy buzz of conversation in both rooms. We must give thanks to Molly Conn and her team, those in the kitchen, the waiting staff, those who baked, gave donations and those who gave of their time in so many ways to make the day such a success. Thanks to the "Crafters" who set up tables in the small chapel to display and sell their wares. The church has never looked more beautiful, it was simply breathtaking with the crowns made by Alan Robertson and Duncan Naysmith and then floral displays added by Eileen Robertson and her team of ladies. We even had the Queen sitting in a corner surveying the scene! Pete Milne's beautiful vintage car was parked in front of the church perhaps ready to take H.R.H. back to Balmoral!!! Such a happy day of fun and fellowship where a magnificent £1,910 was raised. **Mo Vernal**





**Platinum Jubilee Concert:** On Sunday 29th May afternoon a Platinum Jubilee Concert was held in our church. Alan and Eileen Robertson originally thought up the idea and it is thanks to their inspiration that the concert came to fruition.

Amidst the magnificent floral crowns which decorated the church, an array of local talent charmed and entertained some 200 folk. A variety of beautifully played piano pieces from our very own organist, Ian Milne; a thought provoking excerpt for the Mitchell School of Drama's latest play, "A Monstrous Regiment of Women" highlighting the influence Kintore born Caroline Philipps had on the British Suffragette movement; great Scottish tunes played with expertise and enthusiasm by accordionist Steve Innes and Bruce Edmond on fiddle; Alan Robertson singing from the heart the well loved song, "Caledonia" as well as songs from The Eagles and Robbie Williams; Sheila Craggs, a "weel kent" person in St Andrew's, whose soprano voice thrilled the audience with songs from the musicals "Cats" and "West Side Story" as well as two lovely ballads from her native Northumberland; Ramsay Tough, a brilliant 12 year old pianist who stunned the audience with his rendering of "The Dark Island", followed by a modern classical piece by South Korean composer, Lee Ruma, and then a most scintillating version of "In the Mood"; Kellands Primary School Choir, conducted by their music teacher, Leigh Tough\*, delighted everyone with their three well chosen songs; and finally Steve, Bruce and Ian led the audience in a Scottish singalong which had everyone singing lustily with hands clapping and toes a tapping! A fabulous end to a splendid afternoon.

*\*Leigh is the Mum of the brilliant young pianist Ramsay - music obviously runs in the family!*

I was honoured to be asked to MC the concert and to make the Vote of Thanks. So many people were due thanks and appreciation - not only the stars who had provided the music, drama and dance, but also the backroom folk who made sure everything ran smoothly: John Chapman and Pete Milne, the sound engineers; Linsey, the church administrator for help with selling the tickets & printing; Tom Craggs for being the official photographer; and stewards/volunteers Molly, Pat, Rosie and Allan Thomson.

Eighteen floral crowns were sold to eager buyers at the end of the concert which helped **the final total raised to reach over £1,820.00**. All in all, a wonderfully successful and FUN afternoon for everyone involved.

**Kit**





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**JULY 2022 SALTIRE ... Will be available for distribution from Sunday,  
 3rd July 2022. Please email material for the July Saltire to  
 The Church Office by 20th June 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.