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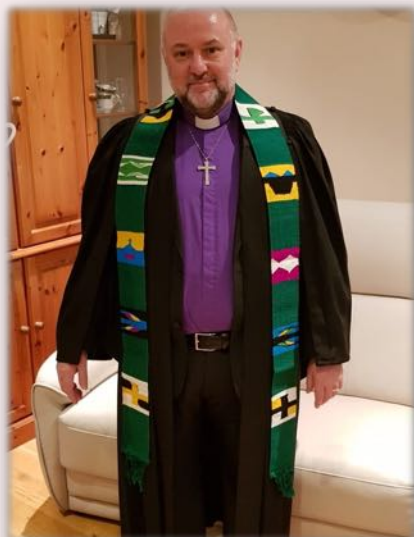
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Our Minister's Letter



Dear Friends

I am writing this on my first day back to work after a fortnight's break, during which time Suzanne and I had our first week away together, on our own, since our honeymoon. Although the new sights and experiences were wonderful, they were as nothing compared to slowing down and really appreciating quality time with each other. In this busy world, downtime is necessary not only to recharge batteries, but essential for personal health and wellbeing. As the poet, W. H. Davies wrote,

'What is this life if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare.'

Taking time just to be, to appreciate the people you are with, be it family or friends, is one of life's great pleasures. That is why Jesus took time away from everyone, at various points during His earthly ministry, to be on His own with His Father. Of course, His Father is also our Father. The prayer He taught us begins 'Our Father...', but have you ever stopped to consider the implications of those two words? God is 'Our Father' in every good way: Without Him, we would not be. Without His guidance, we would be lost. Without His love, we would have no hope.

Of course, as God is our Father, so we are His children, and Jesus told us, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 18:3). Becoming 'like children' does not mean becoming childish in our behaviour, it means trusting God in the same way a child trusts a good parent. It means looking at the world, in all its intricate beauty, in the same way a child wonders at new sights and sounds. It means accepting that, although we don't know it all, God will teach us what we need to learn. Becoming like children, is demonstrating total trust in God the Father.

While it's true that being God's children is a wonderful privilege, it is also a great responsibility! As God's children, we have are beholden to do God's will!

How do we do God's will? First, use Jesus as our model. Second, accept the fact that we can never do God's will as well as Jesus did. It's been said, 'Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.' On a dark night, the moon is the brightest thing in the sky, but each star adds its own wee bit of light. In this world, Jesus is the brightest example there is, but, in using Him as our model we, too, can provide a wee bit of light where it's needed.

So, as you take it a bit easier during the summertime, do so knowing that it is for your own good. Use the time to reconnect with those who really matter to you, appreciating their unique blessing in your life. Take time to look at the world around you as if through the eyes of a child, experiencing again the wonder that is God's creation. Recharge your batteries so that, as the days darken, you will have the strength to allow a wee bit of God's light to shine out as a gift to others.

Many blessings,

Carl

Loving God,

Thank You for the summer and the slower pace of life it allows. As we take this time to recharge our batteries, open our eyes anew to the wonders of Your creation, as if seeing them through the eyes of a child. When we focus on one part of Your work in nature, perhaps a tree, guide our thoughts to its intricate wholeness: Leaves, veined and shaded. Branches, growing at different angles, seeking the light. Bark, the protective coating, keeping the heartwood safe. Roots, plunging deep into the ground, searching for life-giving water and nutrients. The whole, home to a myriad of different species, living full lives in their arboreal habitat. As we look at a tree, help us to see it as a microcosm of creation, unique and wonderful, created by Your love.



In seeing our environment through eyes of wonder, help us to sense You at work in the world. In the slower pace of summer life, restore our energy levels for the busier days ahead. And, as the pace of life picks up once more, use us to do Your work amongst those we meet.

In Jesus' name, Amen

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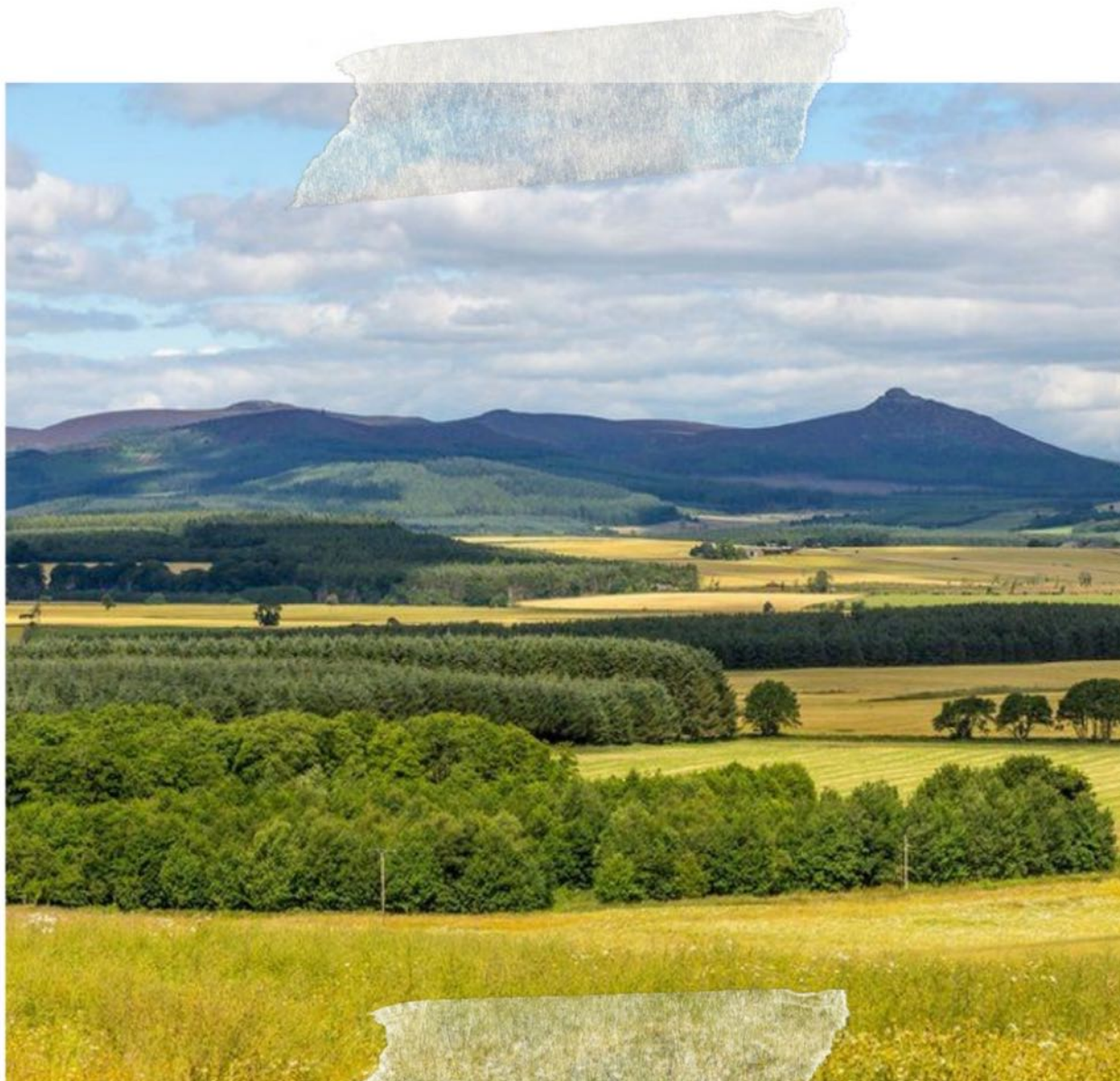
FUNDRAISING (June): Teas : £102.30 Rag Bag : £70.00

**The Editors would like to thank Linda Humphreys for her
help with this month's Saltire.**

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
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Gordon Presbytery



Ministry of Flowers

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Vestibule

AUGUST

7th	IMO George Black (from Eileen Law, Hays Court)
14th	Alan & Eileen Robertson, The Willows
21st	Family of the late Albert McCombie
28th	Neil & Louise Grant, Rutherford Folds

SEPTEMBER

4th	Margaret & Tom Dalgleish
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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



Volunteering Opportunity

Ever thought of joining the team on Iona?

We have a few short-term volunteer spaces, for specific roles, at Iona Abbey this summer. **You'll find details on our website www.iona.org.uk/about/vacancies.**



The Abbey team welcomes guests from many countries to Iona each week to explore issues of common concern - including the environment, peace-building, poverty & inequality, racism, refugees, inclusion & diversity, inter-faith dialogue. We work together, we worship together and we share meals as part of our common life. We look forward to hearing from you. **Get in**

touch with us, [Volunteer Applications@iona.org.uk](mailto:VolunteerApplications@iona.org.uk) if you'd like to find out more.

Congregational Roll

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL

26th—20th July 2022

Recently Deceased

Service conducted by

No bereavements or notices this month

Sunday Services & Readings

AUGUST : ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

7th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
		Reader:	Moirra Keith
14th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. R Cathcart
		Reader:	Alison Young
21st	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
		Reader:	Vera Binnie
28th	10 am Parish Worship	Ministers:	Rev. C Irvine/ Rev. R Cathcart
		Reader:	Ben Pawson

SEPTEMBER

4th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
		Reader:	Sarah Davidson
11th	10 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev. C Irvine
		Reader:	Robin Young



July 2022 We are continuing to work hard to get food to those people in greatest need at this difficult and challenging time. We know that costs are increasing for everyone but we would be very grateful if you would help us, if you can, by donating the following items:

Tinned veg

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned Fish

Breakfast cereals

Jars of Pasta/Curry Sauce

Diluting Juice

Packets of Cereal Bars

Shower Gel

We appreciate that many people are finding it harder to find the spare cash these days to be able to reach out to help others and I suspect this situation will only get worse as we move towards the autumn. We are definitely noticing a reduction in donations of food received. In May, we took in 6015.21 kg of food donations. This month the total of food donated was 4284.96 kg while we put out 6538.69 kg in food parcels. We are just so grateful that so many of you continue to buy a little bit extra in your shopping which allows us to continue to support those families who are still living in food poverty in our communities.

Thank you, on their behalf. Marbeth Ritchie, Warehouse Co-ordinator, Aberdeenshire North Food Bank

Jennifer Ingram, Foodbank Coordinator for St Andrew's

Indian Banquet

Rotarians from Inverurie, Aberdeen, Westhill and all over the North-east were royally entertained last week at the Elgin Kintore Arms Hotel. Where? Well for those of you who don't know, the Elgin Kintore Arms Hotel was formerly affectionately known as the KA.

Inverurie Rotary Club has met there for almost 70 years! It has recently been taken over by Elgin Hotels who own several prestigious hotels in India. I said we were royally entertained and fed by two very special gentlemen. One you may well know was our entertainer for the evening, Neil Skene, and the other, our chef/cook and server is a really special man.

Some of you may have heard of this octogenarian from Westhill Rotary and revered as a hero throughout his home country India, former Indian Air Force Squadron leader Pushp Kumar Vaid VrC. You can see and hear of his heroism and success in the India – Pakistan war when Bangladesh came into being 51 years ago. He was awarded a gallantry award called Vir Chakra by the President of India.

Pushp joined British Airways as a helicopter pilot when he migrated to UK. He survived the tragic Chinook crash 37 years ago

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9JCSeo5HM4>

Pushp loves to cook especially for charities. This event in aid of local charitable organisation Grampian Opportunities was an Indian Banquet, prepared by and cooked under Pushp's supervision by him and Rotary and GO's volunteers.

Around 100 friends of Grampian Opportunities, Rotarians their partners and friends sat down to enjoy a sumptuous meal prepared and cooked from scratch by Pushp and volunteers over the previous 3 days. Elgin Hotels, hearing that Pushp was to preside over and deliver this banquet celebrating Indian food, handed over complete use of their kitchen and facilities to his use. A very generous act indeed and showing how well-respected Pushp is in India!

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Our own Rotary President, Judy Whyte, did the introductions, having worked hard in the kitchen as a volunteer for 3 days, cleaning bulbs of garlic and chopping spinach among other tasks. A huge raffle followed in aid of Grampian Opportunities again ably assisted by Judy.

I briefly mentioned above Neil Skene who is another very special man. Many of you will know that as a blind man he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro—no mean feat even for fully fit and sighted people. Neil kept us entertained with many funny stories and jokes centered around his personal experiences as a blind person. Just one example was when he was “lost” in Inverurie and asked a passing lady if she could help with where he was. The lady then bent down and spoke into his dog Poppy’s ear telling the dog to look for the street name sign and turn left! Many similar stories kept us all roaring with laughter. A truly remarkable man.

A great night, thanks to the special people who helped and to two very, very special men who gave their time and skills to support a very worthwhile charity.

Peter Donaldson

A Blessing Comes

It's good to get away from noise
From chaos and from din,
To seek in solitude and peace
The beauty that's within
To go into a quiet place
Where all is fresh and green,
And contemplate in silent calm
Great truths and things unseen.

The mysteries of the universe
The wisdom of the sage,
Or take some old and lovely thought
From a bygone age,
And meditate upon the good
The honest and the true,
This calms the mind and you will find
A blessing comes to you.

By Kathleen Gillum

Extracted from Parish Pump

Smile Lines ... A teacher was observing her classroom of young children while they drew. As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, “I’m drawing God.” The teacher said gently, “But no one knows what God looks like.” Without missing a beat, the girl replied with perfect composure: “They will in a minute.”

A "Day Out" at Castle Fraser

Last month we featured the fairy tale castle, Craigievar, this month we are visiting Castle Fraser which is much closer to Inverurie.



Castle Fraser was built as the home of the Frasers of Muchalls, later Frasers of Castle Fraser. The castle was passed down through the Lords Fraser, the Frasers of Inverallochy and then the Mackenzie family who took the name Mackenzie Fraser. In 1897 the last male Fraser of the direct line, Frederick Mackenzie Fraser, died childless. In 1921 his widow, Theodora, sold the castle to Weetman Pearson, 1st Viscount Cowdray. In 1976 the Cowdray family gave the castle to the National Trust for Scotland.

The construction of the elaborate 5 storey Zplan castle was begun in 1575 by the 6th Laird of Fraser. It was completed in 1636. Two master masons were involved with the castle's construction: John Bell of Midmar and Thomas Leiper. The castle was modernised in a classical style in the late 18th century. The work was supervised by the lady laird, Elyza Fraser, who was also responsible for the landscaping of the grounds.

Castle Fraser retains the atmosphere of a family home and still contains the original contents, including Fraser family portraits, furniture and collections. The evocative interiors represent all periods of the castle's history, from the Medieval stone vaulted Great Hall to the Regency Dining Room.

The beautiful walled garden is also well worth visiting and there is a splendid tea room which offers a welcome cup of tea/coffee with delicious home bakes and also light lunches.

Opening times:-

Castle, tearoom and shop: 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

(Last entry to the castle is at 3.30 pm)

Garden: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Grounds: Dawn - dusk

For further information, please phone the castle: 01330 833463

Things you do on holiday but never at any other time

Lend your key to a neighbour and spend half an hour explaining the knack of locking the front door which entails pulling, turning, and pushing at the same time. Worry about your hanging baskets and runner beans. Worry about your cat. Spend an hour looking for window lock keys which you have not seen since last year and why aren't they in THEIR SPECIAL PLACE? Get up at 3am to drive to an airport.

Eat and sleep beside total strangers. Climb on a bus without knowing quite where you are going, or where to get off. Wear a swimming costume while shopping. Miss having a proper cup of tea. Buy postcards. Eat chips with almost every meal. Wonder if your cat is okay. Have a pocketful of foreign coins which you try to spend on your last day. Go to a quarry museum and try to convince yourself it is interesting as you never knew there was so much to know about slate and that it comes in so many colours of grey.

St Andrew's Parish Church

Volunteer Rota 2022

		Beadle	Register	Steward	Steward
Aug	7	<i>A Smith</i>	M Conn	M Keith	V Binnie
	14	<i>R Young</i>	S Hepburn	I Fraser	A Young
	21	<i>R Green</i>	J Green	M Vernal	V Binnie
	28	<i>R Milne</i>	Y&C Clark	J Bruce	S Davidson
Sept	4	<i>R Milne</i>	P Wink	N Peters	K Pawson
	11	<i>R Young</i>	S Davidson	A Young	J Ingram

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)



QUIZ NIGHT -

Saturday 17TH September 2022

7.00 pm in St Andrew's Old Hall

The Fund Raising Committee (*Rosie Milne, Kit Pawson, Yvonne Clark, Moira Keith, Alison Young and Ralph Green*) are holding a Fund Raising Quiz on the above date. **Tickets are £5.00 per person and can be ob-**

tained from any member of the committee or the church office.

Teams will be restricted to 4 people at a table so you can come with a ready made team or come and make up a team on the night. Crisps and nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drinks. There will also be a small raffle.

Come and join us and have some fun. **Rosie Milne**



Italian Themed Candlelit Supper

Saturday 1st October 2022

6:30 for 7:00 pm in St Andrew's Old Hall

The return of our much enjoyed Italian Themed Candlelit Supper BYOB. Menu and cost details to follow in the September Saltire.

Tom Craggs

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.*



Elaine Roebuck

I was born in Huntly and have lived in Inverurie most of my life. When I left school I was employed by the Clydesdale Bank in Inverurie. I also worked in St Nicholas and Castle Street branches in Aberdeen and in Rothienorman.

St Andrew's has always been part of my life. I was christened there by Rev Inglis Black. I went to Sunday School, Bible Class and later became a member of St Andrew's. Ian and I were married there by Rev James Davidson and our sons, Ian and Barry were also christened by him. Ian lives in Houston and Barry lives in Peebles. I have been

blessed with 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson who all live in Houston, but FaceTime is wonderful.

I enjoy gardening, yoga and walking and also help at Computers and Integration behind William Lippe's Office in St James's Place. I enjoy helping out at St Andrew's by doing the teas on a Sunday, delivering the Church magazines and I am a member of the Finance Committee.

Rev Sheila Craggs so proud to 'carry on tradition' by conducting her granddaughter's wedding

Sheila conducted the weddings of both her daughters and was delighted to be asked by her granddaughter Eilidh Cruickshank to be the minister at her wedding to Nick Mackie. The pair got engaged in 2020, during lockdown, but put off their wedding until 2022 to make sure all their family could attend. The happy couple were married at Ellon Parish Church on Saturday, 16th July 2022.



Sheila said "To now be marrying my granddaughter, that's another dream fulfilled. It is something I never ever thought would happen to me. I conducted her mum's wedding, as well as her auntie's wedding, I baptised all my grandchildren, but I never thought I would be actually conducting her wedding. It was a very emotional day but one to be remembered."

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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.