



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

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## Our Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Time has a habit of rushing by, I have now been your minister for seven months. On that wonderful evening of my induction in January, none of us had any idea of what was soon to befall us! Many people have pulled together to keep the church and grounds in good condition, help facilitate on-line worship and undertake all the preparations necessary for re-opening for Sunday worship. But, of course, much has fallen by the wayside, anticipated events like Holy Week, Soup and Sweet, a Quiz, Candlelit Supper, and others were unable to take place. This has resulted in a huge depletion of our funds, made worse by the lack of income from groups who usually use our buildings being unable to do so. We had anticipated to have a surplus of about £20000 by the end of 2020 but, in reality, this figure is forecast to be £0!

At the March meeting of The Board, we briefly discussed beginning a stewardship campaign. We each committed to three stewardship strands when we joined the church: time, talents and money. Many churches run annual stewardship campaigns, focussing on one strand each year. With the severe hit to our finances caused by COVID-19, our focus this year needs to be finance. Although we are a membership organisation, we do not charge a membership fee. Instead, each member contributes financially at a level they feel both appropriate and they are able to make. Our treasurer, Tom Craggs, tells me he would like to see regular giving to the church increase by 7.5%. Is this possible? Probably not for everyone, though some may be able to go further. How can anyone sensibly make this decision? There is some guidance in The Bible, but you have to look for it:

- When Abram successfully rescued his nephew, Lot, from four kings, he gave a tithe of the booty to Melchizedek, priest of 'God Most High'. (Gen 14:18-20) (A tithe is one tenth.)
- Leviticus 27:30, states that the tithe is 'holy to God'.
- Jesus told a rich young man, who had met all the obligations of Jewish law, to sell all he had and give the money to the poor. (Mark 10:17-31)
- Jesus commended a poor widow for putting just 'two tiny coins' into the temple treasury chest for being more generous than people who had put in much, much, more. (Mark 12:41-44)

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So how does all this help us to decide how much we should give to the church? Should we give a tenth? Should we give all we have? Should we give 'two tiny coins'? Should we simply increase our current giving by 7.5%?

No!

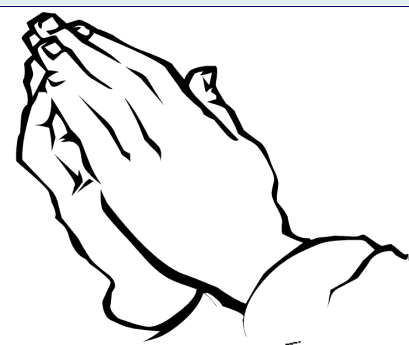
Paul's second letter to the Corinthians states, "Each person should give as he has decided for himself; there should be no reluctance, no sense of compulsion; God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7)

So, I simply ask you to think about your regular giving and follow your conscience.

**Many Blessings, Carl**

Heavenly Father,

You are a God of plenty, Your love knows no bounds and the world You created has more than enough resources to support everyone. Yet, throughout the world there is poverty, poor infrastructure, a lack of support services, and many other needs, and they all need help. There are so many charities, so many good causes, so many we would like to support, but we know we cannot. Now, just when St. Andrew's had got back on its financial feet, COVID-19 has set us back again.



Lord, we are not looking for an unexpected windfall, we have no desire for an abundance of wealth, we just wish to be able to continue to witness for You in this place. Help us each examine our consciences to see if we are truly living up to the stewardship promises we made. But let no one feel under compulsion to give more than they can afford.

Father, we trust in Your provision, work through us, we pray, to meet our needs.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

**Time Out ....** The Scottish Government has advised that any faith-based education, such as Sunday Schools, which meet separately to worship, must not take place at the present time. However, children may attend worship and sit with their parents/guardians as a family group during a service. As soon as we are authorised to commence Time Out we shall notify our families in the Saltire. We hope you are all well.

**The Time Out Team**

**News from the combined Congregational Board** meeting held on Wednesday, 12th August 2020 at 7.00 pm via a Microsoft teams video conference:

**Key Points:**

1. Presbytery of Gordon granted approval to St. Andrew's to progressively reopen its church buildings. The forward plan is as follows:-
  - **24 August 2020** - Church Office will return to its regular hours (9.30 - 11.30 am). If you wish access to the Church Office please phone beforehand as the front door will be locked.
  - **6 September 2020** - A dry run Worship will be conducted by our minister Carl to Elders/Volunteers to test out our COVID-19 procedures and within the capacity limitations of our Operating plan. We will also do a dry run of live streaming.
  - **13 September 2020** - Congregational Worship will commence within the capacity limits of our Operating plan. **Due to those limitations pre-booking will be required by calling Linsey Stewart on 01467 628740 before 10.30 am on Friday, 11 September 2020. Service will begin at the usual time of 10:00 a.m. Additional Sunday services will be arranged to meet the demand.**
  - **27 September at 7:00 pm-** A Live Stream Communion Service will be held.
2. **WFO and Monthly Collection Envelopes** - **Due to the lockdown it was necessary to halt collections of envelopes. However, we are now in a position to restart collection/receipt and would encourage you to have them available either for collection by the Magazine delivery teams, personal drop off at the Kirk Office from 24 August 2020 or bring them along to the Worship Service on 13 September 2020. As St. Andrew's continues the challenge of balancing its finances, your continued generosity is appreciated.**

**Joyce Lawson**, Clerk to the Board



**Safety Guidelines IMPORTANT ...** We will be returning to weekly worship in our church buildings soon - however there will be many changes and some restrictions on how we can operate in the building. Some of these have been Mandated by the Scottish Government and the Church of Scotland and others are following the guidance they issue to help us reduce the risk of the Coronavirus circulating amongst us. Members of the Board and Session have met and have prepared risk assessments and plans on how we will operate, but in essence you will see the following. **There may be more than one service a day as, at the time of writing, we are restricted to a maximum of 50 persons in the building during a service. We have 46 seating positions we can use in the building including stewards and the minister which leaves 37 for the attending congregation. A BOOKING SYSTEM IS GOING TO BE USED AND IF THE FIRST SERVICE BECOMES FULL A SECOND AND, HOPEFULLY, THIRD SESSION WILL BE HELD. BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE.**

**There will be no Taxi Service or Flower distribution until we are advised this is allowable. Similarly, there will be no teas and coffees after the service at this time.**

- Do not come to Church if you have symptoms or if you or someone in your household is isolating.
  - On arrival all worshippers will be asked to enter by the main doors on the High Street. If the weather is very inclement, we may change this so all will enter through the Chapel door from the carpark. **We ask that you maintain the 2m separation if you need to queue.**
  - On entry you will be greeted by a steward wearing a face covering and reminded **it is mandatory for you to wear a face covering while in the building and during the service. You will be asked to sanitize your hands by the steward and to leave any offering in the receptacle at the door to the Church**
  - You will be asked to provide your name and a contact number or email address to allow us to comply with the Test and Protect protocols. There will also be a smartphone app and QR Code which will be used alongside the paper record. This information must be kept for at least 21 days and will be destroyed between 21 and 28 days after collection
  - You will be escorted, at a suitable distance, to the first available seating position, starting from the front of the Church and working to the back. As necessary the Chapel of Apollinaris will be used for additional seating.
  - **Please remain in your allocated location. You may sit beside members of the same household but do not sit with others outwith your social bubble.**
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- If you feel unwell or need to leave during the service, please attract the attention of one of the Stewards who will assist
- Hymn books will not be provided. You may bring your own and/or a bible if you wish but singing is not currently permitted, and these should not be shared outwith your household.
- **After the service, please wait until a Steward asks to you leave. You will be asked to leave from the back to the front and through the door you entered by.**
- Please do not congregate in groups in front or to the side of the Church
- **Use the sanitisation point on your exit to sanitise your hands**

**Remember at all times the Governments advice – F.A.C.T.S.**

**FACE COVERINGS**

**AVOID CROWDED PLACES**

**CLEAN YOUR HANDS REGULARLY**

**TWO METRE DISTANCE**

**SELF-ISOLATE AND BOOK A TEST IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS**

**Robin Young**

## **Sunday Services & Readings**

### **SEPTEMBER**

6th	10.00 am Parish Worship <b>(Elders/Volunteers only - Trial Worship)</b>	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
13th	10.00 am Parish Worship <b>(Congregation worship commences)</b>	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
20th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
27th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
27th	Live Streaming 7.00 pm	Minister:	Rev C Irvine

### **OCTOBER**

4th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine
11th	10.00 am Parish Worship	Minister:	Rev C Irvine

**NOTE: NO READERS ARE REQUIRED AT PRESENT**

# Congregational Roll

## ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH CHANGES IN ROLL 1st July - 26th August 2020

### Recently Deceased

Mrs I Minto, 11 Canal View, PE	17/7/2020
Mrs J McIntosh, Drumdarroch Care Home, Inch	19/7/2020
Mrs V Craib, Bennachie View Care Home	3/8/2020
Mrs A B Forsyth, Drumdarroch Care Home, Inch	17/8/2020
Mr G Mathieson, Westbank Care Home, Oldmeldrum	19/8/2020

### Service conducted by

Rev S Craggs
Rev R Cathcart
Rev R Cathcart
Rev C Irvine
Rev C Irvine

### Change of Address

Mr & Mrs S Barclay (formerly 1 Townhead Av) now at Mandalay, 1 Maryfield Gdns



*Yemen has seen enough suffering, even before the pandemic hit...* **Tearfund in Yemen**

Yemen faces the world's biggest humanitarian crisis. More than 24 million people need urgent aid, safe water, food and sanitation. The country is on the brink of famine and facing complete meltdown. Through its partners in Yemen, Tearfund has been responding with medical help and providing safe water, food, seeds and farming tools.

Just one example of the thousands of people whom Tearfund has helped is Samed, a father of four who suffers from severe scoliosis (curvature of the spine). He and his wife were forced to send their children out begging, just in order to stay alive. Then the local Tearfund partner began bringing Samed's family regular supplies of flour, beans, sugar and salt. Samed says: "I thank God that our children no longer have to beg." If you can help,

visit <https://www.tearfund.org>



### A grain of sand at a time

This autumn, do you feel overwhelmed with all the things that you need to get done? Then think of your life as an hourglass. There are thousands of grains of sand in the top of the hourglass; and they all pass slowly and evenly through the narrow neck in the middle.

We are like that hourglass. When we start in the morning, there are hundreds of tasks which we feel that we must accomplish that day. But if we do not take them one at a time and let them pass through the day slowly and evenly, as do the grains of sand passing through the narrow neck of the hourglass, then we are bound to break our own fragile physical and mental structure. Do not attempt more than God designed you to do.

# An interview with Tom Dalglish



## 1. What are your first memories/impressions of St Andrew's?

*We joined St Andrew's Church, Inverurie, in 1973. We had previously lived in Leith and worshipped at St Andrew's Place Church so we thought we would "follow the name"! I was admitted to the eldership in August 1973 having been ordained at St Martin's, Portobello in 1965. I have been an Elder for 55 years. I have fond memories of the minister at the time, Rev Jim Davidson, seen (in the photo) seated in our house - with his bicycle clips still on!!*



**2. Tell us about your connections with St Andrew's** *Over the years I have served in a variety of roles. As mentioned I became an elder in 1973; then a member of the Magazine Stapling Committee; and was the WFO Convenor from the early 1980s till 1997. I became Session Clerk in 1997 under the Rev Iain Telfer, then the Rev Graeme Longmuir and stepped down around 2003. I was nominated to serve on the Vacancy Committee (after Iain left) which ultimately appointed Graeme in 2001. I continued to volunteer my services for various duties: Sunday Beadle as well as Beadle for weddings and funerals (1998 - 2020), Readers' rota, Sound rota and Monthly Count. I also assisted my daughter, Sarah, in her role as Monthly Count Convenor. Finally, I was happy to help cover the Church Office when the previous Administrator, Jackie, was on holiday. To sum up: I was always there to help and support the church whenever I was needed - day or night!*

**3. Have you a particular story about St A's that you wish to tell.** *This involves one of my many volunteer tasks! I was asked to change all the light bulbs in the Church and Old Chapel which meant that I had to crawl along the loft floor to lower the church lights, change bulbs and then go into reverse!*

**4. Over the years what major changes have you seen?** *The major event in my lifetime with St Andrew's was the renovation in 2009/2011.*

**5. What have been some of your personal highlights connected with St Andrew's?** *The highlights involve seeing my daughter, Sarah, being christened in 1974, and then married to Marcus in 1999; being present when their children, Callum and Dylan, were christened respectively in 2007 and 2019; and finally Sarah being ordained as an elder in 2016.*

*We are a St Andrew's family spanning 3 generations.*

**6. Have you a favourite hymn?** *'By Cool Siloam's Shady Rill'.*



# An interview with

## Ally Bonnyman

### 1. What are your first memories / impressions of St Andrew's?

*I came to Inverurie in 1940 when my father was appointed as the Head Gardener at the recently built Inverurie Hospital. I joined the Sunday School - the church at that time was called the South Church - and the minister was the Rev Borland Shearer. Sadly, although he was a young man, he died shortly afterwards and was replaced by the Rev. I. M. Black. I became friendly with his son George who was my age and the two of us got up to all sorts of mischief. (see page 10)*



**2. Tell us about your connections with St Andrew's** *As a young lad I enjoyed the Sunday School parties in the Old Hall and I participated in the Nativity Plays. I was ordained an elder by the Rev Jim Davidson in 1980 and over the years have volunteered for several different duties within the church including that of Beadle.*

**3. Have you a particular story about St A's that you wish to tell.** *Before I could afford a car, I shared one with my father. One day I wished to borrow the car and went to find my father to ask for the keys. He was in the greenhouse talking to the Rev Jim Davidson. The minister said that I should buy a car for myself but I replied that I was unable to afford one. He went on to say he could get a car for me at a very reasonable price. I discovered that one of his relations owned a garage and had a big six seater "very bright" pink car for sale - going at a cheap price because of its colour. I was delighted to own a car and was duly named "Ally the Pink", as at that time there was a popular song "Lily the Pink" on "Top of the Pops".*

**4. Over the years what major changes have you seen?** *The first big renovation was carried out under the Rev Douglas Lister (1957 - 67) when the side galleries were removed and the organ was installed upstairs. The second major renovation was under the Rev Graeme Longmuir in 2009-2011.*

**5. What have been some of your highlights?** *I enjoyed serving as Beadle under the Rev Graeme Longmuir. Graeme had a great sense of occasion and asked me to wear a beadle's robe at ceremonial events. I was also asked to carry a mace which had been handcrafted by Stuart Watson. In the old days, the beadle used to carry a mace, or as it was colloquially known, the "pokey stick". Seemingly part of the beadle's duties was to poke any member of the congregation who had fallen asleep during the minister's sermon! What a rude awakening!!!!*

**6. Have you a favourite hymn?** *'All Things Bright and Beautiful'.*

**Don't let looks deceive you!** The photo shows 2 innocent looking lads taking part in a 1940s St Andrew's Nativity Play: the boy on the left is George Black and the boy on the right is our very own Ally Bonnyman.



During the war, as many of you will know, church bells were not allowed to be rung unless there was a German invasion. Everyone knew that if church bells were ringing out, an invasion was either imminent or was taking place. In March 1943 these 2 likely lads decided that it would be fun to ring St Andrew's bell to see what would happen. George's father, the Rev Inglis Black, was the Intelligence Officer in the Home Guard and he was greatly amazed to hear the bell ring out but the Home Guard was duly mustered and Inverurie was put on the alert. When it was discovered that George and Ally were the two culprits, the Home Guard was stood down and Inverurie relaxed! However, Ally recalled that he was unable to sit down for a week and George suffered the same fate. The bells remained silent for the next 2+ years when they finally rang out to celebrate the end of the war in May 1945.

**Kit**

## **Lettings URGENT**

As with most other businesses in the UK, our Lettings have suffered a major setback thanks to the Coronavirus. Usually we achieve an annual income of approximately £18,000.00 - £20,000.00. So far this year the coffers are empty!

However, there are some small green shoots of recovery. The play-group has re-started in our halls and other "regulars" are preparing risk assessments but no dates have been confirmed. The MSD (Mitchell School of Drama) is hopefully starting in January. We have new clients, for example, St Andrew's School are using 15 car spaces during the week and are giving us a donation. We also have had enquiries from an Art Club and an After School Club.

We continue to advertise our rental spaces via various media outlets and we can only hope that by the end of 2021 we have managed to recoup a proportion of our usual income. Of course it will not be in the £18,000.00 range but, as we are often told by a famous supermarket, "Every little helps!"

**Kit Pawson, Lettings Convenor.**



Hello to you all,

We hope you are all still safe and well. We here at the Boys' Brigade are starting to get our plans in place to return to activities in the halls, fingers crossed, in September. (Government clearance still required on indoor meetings). We have been keeping busy over the summer and I should like to thank the 2 seniors who helped myself and Alastair Smith in doing the monthly deliveries of the Saltire magazines. Our apologies to anyone who did not receive a copy as we were on a bit of a learning curve with delivery to the correct addresses!

Meanwhile our Anchors and Juniors have been having some fun growing Sunflowers. We have been amazed by the boys' efforts and by far and away the winner is a fantastic entry from the Anchor boys - Charlie Barrack with his giant 2.5m effort is, as you can see, a cracker! Chris Kelman is the Junior champion in this competition and, although it's not as tall, it has got an amazing 9 heads! Stay safe and well.

**From all at Inverurie Boys' Brigade**

***PS On behalf of the Church we thank the BBs for their generous offer to deliver the August Saltire - much appreciated.***

Kit & Diane



**Items needed by our local Foodbank  
this month are:**

<b>Jam/marmalade;</b>	<b>Long life fruit juice;</b>
<b>Small jars of coffee;</b>	<b>Tinned rice pudding;</b>
<b>Instant mash;</b>	<b>Razors and shaving foam.</b>



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 4th October 2020. Please email material for the October Saltire to  
 The Church Office by 20th September 2020.**

### **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.