

CONCORD

Summer 2016

The Magazine of St Andrew's Erskine Church of Scotland, Dunfermline, where we welcome everyone in the name of Jesus Christ, as we celebrate and share the love of God within the community which we serve.

*Sacrament of Holy Communion
12 June*

Minister: The Rev Muriel Willoughby



The Church at the Heart of our Community

DEADLINES

All intimations for inclusion in the Sunday Order of Service should be handed into, or emailed to, the church office by 9.15am on Tuesday mornings.

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Items for the Summer edition of '*Concord*' should be with the Editor by Sunday 31 July 2016 for distribution from 14 August 2016.

Articles for inclusion in the magazine should be sent to the Editor at eunice135@talktalk.net

Please note that this is a change to her previous email address.

Alternatively, you may hand them directly to Eunice or telephone her on 01383 745828.

May 2016

From the Minister



Dear Friends

It's an exciting time to be a member of the Church, both locally, nationally and in the wider world.

Here in St Andrew's Erskine we've got the impetus of our new Unrestricted Tenure to encourage and inspire us in our ministry and mission. It was a great encouragement and affirmation to me personally to have a unanimous vote on 1st May confirming me as minister under the new tenure arrangements.

I'm now getting involved as Interim Moderator at Lochgelly & Benarty St Serfs and, following an elders' conference, feel that we are going to work well together to find the people God is calling to serve in the ministry team there. It is good to meet new people and hear their stories and be reminded how much of our Christian journey we share with others.

When writing this I am preparing to attend a training course so that, in future, I will be able to help in training students for various types of ministry. This will, I'm sure, enrich our life as a congregation as well as challenge me as a supervisor.

The 'blue book' has arrived with reports for this year's General Assembly, which I will be attending later in May with Susan Bor. That is a great opportunity to hear what is going on around the Church of

Scotland and be encouraged by all the resources that are available to help us carry out our ministry together.

The recent Kirk Session conference gave us time to hear from representatives of World Mission and Mission & Discipleship Councils and to hear what the Church of Scotland is doing and providing to local congregations and beyond. On 8th May we had the privilege of hearing from the Asia Secretary about the Nepal Appeal, which is becoming an important focus for our own mission and outreach.

And then there is the Community Fair in June – a fantastic opportunity to host an event that should include members of the congregation and community having fun together and getting to know more about what we all do.

Can I encourage you to take up as many opportunities as you can to engage with other Christians and our local community to show that we care for them because we believe that God loves us and wants us to love each other in his name.

A date for your diary: Sunday 22nd May 'Heart & Soul' event in Princes St Gardens celebrating the life of the Church of Scotland.

A website to explore: www.churchofscotland.org.uk . Have a delve into all that's going on around the church.

I'm looking forward to all these challenges and opportunities and hope that you will join me in as many as you can.

With my love and prayers

Muriel

SERVICES

All services at 10.30am unless otherwise stated

22 May	Reader: Linda Russell
29 May	Reader: Ian Mitchell
5 June	Reader: Lorraine Brown
12 June	Reader: Carolyn Simpson
19 June	Reader: Isobel Walker
26 June	Reader: Susan Bor
3 July	Reader: Alasdair McCallum
10 July	Reader: Elaine Shorthouse
17 July	Reader: Hilary Arneil
24 July	Reader: Louis Douglas
31 July	Reader: Christine Mitchell
7 August	Reader: Eunice Lacey
14 August	Reader: Jim Welsh
21 August	Reader: Elizabeth McCallum
28 August	Reader: Sheila Robinson
4 September	Reader: Linda Russell
11 September	Reader: Ian Mitchell

WELCOME TEAMS

22 & 29 May, 17 and 24 July, 11 & 18 September (Team 3)

Banking	Alex Twaddle	Margaret Harding
FWO	Myra Knust	Bill Stark
Others	Maureen Smith	Linda Russell
Laptop	Alan Willoughby	
Sound	Alex Twaddle	

5 & 12 June, 31 July & 7 August (Team 4)

Banking	Margaret Young	Sandra Stenhouse
FWO	Dave Young	Jim Welsh
Others	Hilary Arneil	Margo Kindness
Laptop	Kirsten Russell	
Sound	Lorraine Brown	

19 & 26 June, 14 & 21 August (Team 1)

Banking	Jane Blackie	Eunice Lacey
FWO	Ian Mitchell	Carolyn Simpson
Others	Elizabeth McCallum	Alasdair McCallum
Laptop	Judith Dennis	
Sound	Keith Lacey	

3 & 10 July, 28 August & 4 September (Team 2)

Banking	Louis Douglas	Esther Monro
FWO	Isobel Walker	Christine McWilliam
Others	Susan Bor	Mary McCormack
Laptop	Margaret Harding	
Sound	Ian Mitchell	

Preparation and Serving Communion Elements (12 Jun)

Rikky McPhee*	Louis Douglas	Margaret Harding
Eunice Lacey	Fiona Todd	Isobel Walker



Would the person marked with an asterisk please supply the bread.

PARISH REGISTER

Deaths

“Jesus said ‘I am the Resurrection and the life. Those who live and believe in me will never die.’” John 11: 25, 26.

We record, with sympathy to their families and friends, the deaths of the following members of our community.

Lee Duffy Kinnaird Place,

Martin Smith Garvock Hill

Agnes McLeary* Whitehill Court

David Eadie Hill of St Margaret

* Means that this person was a member of the congregation

New Members

William McQueen 2 Torwood Place
 Transferred from Dalgety Parish Church

COMMUNITY FAIR

The Community Fair will be taking place from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 11 June in the Church. There will be games and activities, stalls selling a variety of goods, a bouncy castle, and the Town Band will be playing. It will also be the culmination of our walk to Kathmandu mission.



If anyone would like a table or knows of someone who would, please contact Carolyn Simpson or the church office as soon as possible

The Stewardship Team

KIRK SESSION NEWS



The Kirk Session Conference was held back in March with speakers from “121” - Nicola Whyte from Mission and Discipleship, and Karen Gillon from World Mission.

Now that we have “unrestricted tenure”, we can begin to plan long term for our faith, our congregation and our local community.

Nicola focused our thoughts on creating a discipleship culture in church and how we reach out to our community. Karen spoke about, and gave us lots of information on, the many projects the Church of Scotland is involved in throughout the world, and all with a biblical context.

In the book, “*Living Stones*”, which Karen handed out, I found the following prayer.

God of love,

*As we grow in faith through answering your call to serve,
may we never tire of learning new things
about other countries, peoples, cultures.*

*May we be constantly amazed as you reveal more of yourself to us,
deepening our own discipleship and commitment to you.*

A reminder that we still require a replacement Treasurer, for day to day running of our finances. Mrs Margaret Birse has been appointed only to deal with our Annual Accounts.

Dates for your Diary

Concert on 27 May "On Pitch" – Tickets now available

**Community Fair to be held from 10am - 12 noon on Saturday
11 June** (See more details elsewhere in Concord.)

Lorraine Brown

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group continues to meet at 2.30pm on a Thursday afternoon in the church, and we'll be delighted to welcome anyone who wishes to join us. We cover all manner of crafts in a friendly, informal way, so why not come along one week to see for yourself. You may be pleasantly surprised!



There will be no Craft Group Coffee Morning this year, as we will be part of the Community Fair on 11 June. A good range of craft items will be on sale, and we very much hope you will support this event. Proceeds will be going to the “Let us Build a House” project.

We will finish for the summer with our meal out on 16 June and recommence on Thursday 18 August.

For further information, please contact Eunice Lacey on 01383 745828.

‘THE EATERY’

The next café meeting is on Wednesday 1 June at 10am, and all are welcome. We are always looking for more volunteers, whether to serve or help at the café or to make soup or bake.



At the meeting we will be trying out a variety of Fair Trade teas and coffees to decide which to serve at the café.

We will close for the summer on Friday 1 July and reopen on Thursday 18 August.

Hilary Arneil

CHRISTIAN AID



Forth Bridge Cross

Seven walkers (including one four legged friend) met the challenge of the Forth Bridge Cross for Christian Aid on Saturday 23 April and raised the magnificent sum of £793! This, of course will be considerably increased with the addition of Gift Aid. Very many thanks to those who took part and to their generous sponsors.

Isobel Walker

ECO CORNER

Spring is a time when wildlife wakes up from Winter and looks for fresh food and a place to live. The good news for the not so keen gardeners out there is that nature likes a bit of a mess. Leaving a pile of stones or logs lying provides a home for insects, and having a corner of your garden wild with weeds and long grass provides food. The insects then provide food for the birds. A win win situation!



Hilary Arneil

WALKING GROUP

We meet as usual in the Church car park at 1.30pm to share transport.

Most of the walks are easy to moderate, do not exceed six miles, and are generally held on the last Sunday of each month.

The programme for this year is as follows:

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| 29 May | Cambus, Tullibody and the River Forth |
| 26 June | Falkland to Maspie Den |
| 31 July | Bridge of Allan to Dunblane |
| 28 August | Errol to Port Allen beside the River Tay |
| 25 September | Local walk |
| 30 October | Alloa and Clackmannan Towers |



Charlie Downie

LADIES GROUP

The Rev Ian Greenshields was the guest speaker at our February meeting, when he gave a very interesting talk on his charity "Hope for China's Children". A donation was given for this charity.



In March we held a Fashion Show by the La Vida Boutique in Cairneyhill. A total of £250 was raised, which was divided between two charities selected by the Ladies Group (Nepal fund) and La Vida (the cancer unit at the Western General Hospital).

Community Police Safety was the subject of the April meeting. This was presented by Fraser Laird, who advised us on the various techniques being used for fraudulent activity on cash machines and also on protection within the home and abroad.

On Monday 25 April four members visited the Scottish Country Dance evening in the Del Farquharson centre. This was very enjoyable, and we were made very welcome by the members. We even joined in all the dances at their invitation, although we looked like we had "two left feet"!

Future events:

May - Visit to the Kelpies and meal.

June - AGM and meal at the City Hotel

Mary McCormack

LIFE AND WORK

Copies of "*Life and Work*" are on the display stand in the church foyer. Further details and the contents of the May issue appear on the inside back cover of this magazine.



SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

We had a very successful start to our social and fundraising calendar this year.



The film show 'Nanny McPhee' was well supported, with a donation going to the Nepal "Let us Build a House" project.

The Daffodil tea in March raised £454.66, and the Coffee morning in April raised £424.10

Our next event is a concert on 27 May, when our guest entertainers will be 'On Pitch'. This is a musical theatre show not to be missed!!

Tickets are available from the fundraising team.

Any ideas for future events are always welcome.

Esther Monro

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School's challenge - to walk, run, cycle, swim or dance the 6,000 miles from Dunfermline to Kathmandu - started at the beginning of April, and we hope to reach Kathmandu on 11 June, when we will celebrate our incredible achievement at our Community Fair.



All are welcome to participate, no matter how far you travel. Just let us know each week how many miles you have clocked up and add it to our running total.

Please help us to achieve our mission and raise as much money as we can to help rebuild the Dhading community, which was one of the closest to the epicentre of the earthquake. Many of Dhading's communities were inaccessible due to aftershocks and tremors, and families were left without homes: many also lost loved ones.

You can also support us by making a donation on line at:
<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/kathmandu/300270>

Fiona Todd

THE GUILD

The final meeting of the Guild before finishing for the summer will be our outing to Leven on 24 May.



Elizabeth McCallum

FLOWER CIRCLE

5 June	Mrs E Lacey
12 June	Mrs Campbell
19 June	Mrs E Lewcock
26 June	Flower Fund



June Distribution:

3 July	Flower Fund
10 July	Mrs M Young
17 July	Mrs H Arneil
24 July	Mrs E Monro
31 July	Mrs E Headrick

Volunteers

July Distribution:

7 August	Miss C Simpson
14 August	Flower Fund
21 August	Mrs S Stenhouse
28 August	Mrs E Lewcock

Mrs M Knust

August Distribution:

Volunteers

If you would be willing to help occasionally with the distribution of flowers after the service or to donate flowers on a particular Sunday, please add your name to the Flower Rota on the notice board or speak to Rikky McPhee. You can see her in church or give her a call on 01383 722544.

WORDS OF THANKS



Charles Stewart would like to thank the church for the lovely bouquet of flowers he received on Sunday 14 February – it was very much appreciated.

Barbara Boyle writes ... *“Many thanks for the flowers and cards received from the church and also from the members of the Guild on Mary, my daughter-in-law’s passing. God bless you all.”*

Douglas Campbell writes with thanks to Sandra, Rikky and others on his birthday.

Barbara Reid writes ... *“Hello. Just a note to say many thanks for the lovely flowers received. Charlie Downie kindly delivered them, and it was lovely to go down memory lane, as we were at school together. How the time flies ! Again many thanks.”*

Isobel and Alastair Robson write ... *“Just a quick note to say a huge thank you for the beautiful flowers we received from the Church following the loss of my Mum. The gift was truly appreciated, and I would be grateful if you would pass on our thanks.”*

Irene and Bill Marshalsey write ... *“Many thanks for our beautiful flowers – that was so very kind.”*

Doreen Keith would like to thank the church for the lovely flowers received recently.

Moira and John Jamieson would like to thank the church for the beautiful flowers received for their Golden Wedding Anniversary – *“They were very much appreciated.”*

The Simpson family *“just want to say thank you for the flowers received on birthdays and sickness. All were beautiful.”*

Annie Donaldson writes to say *“thank you for the lovely flowers. They were much appreciated.”*

Thanks have also been received from May Bowman, Mary Fleming, Ruth McNeil, Sheenah Ross and Lilian Campbell.

LIFE & WORK



Contents of the May Edition

General Assembly 2016

Nine pages of previews, including Assembly reports, timetables, interview with the Moderator-Designate and looking forward to Heart and Soul.

Give, Act and Pray

Marking Christian Aid week, an interview with the new Head of Christian Aid Scotland, the Rev Sally Foster-Fulton.

The Hidden Christians

The author of a new book on Christians who don't go to church tells how it came about.

Circle of Care

How the local community rallied round a terminally-ill minister.

The Changing Seasons

The Rev Alastair Duncan considers the message of Pentecost and the challenges of preaching the Gospel in contemporary Scotland.

Jesus, Makar and Maker

Ron Ferguson reflects on the need for dreamers and poets, as well as practical people, within the Church.

Scotland and the Faithful Few

Hannah Mary Goodlad argues that there is 'spiritual hunter' within Scotland.

Little Failings, Big Consequences

The Very Rev Dr James Simpson highlights the dangers of convictions without courtesy.

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