

CONCORD

Summer 2017

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
11 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.

Church email address: staechurch@standrewserskine.org.uk

Items for the Autumn edition of ‘*Concord*’ should be with the Editor by Sunday 30 July 2017 for distribution from 13 August 2017.

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

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

LIFE AND WORK

Copies of “*Life and Work*” are on the display stand in the church foyer. Subscriptions by post are available – please see the magazine for details.



May 2017

From the Minister



Dear Friends

As I have now been longer here than in any previous charge since I became a minister in 2006 I want to say one thing to you all. THANK YOU!

Thank you for your love and friendship and support.

Thank you for your hard work and willingness to change.

Thank you for your openness and honesty.

Thank you for being you!

I have certainly had my call to this congregation confirmed over and over again in the past 3½ years, no less so during our recent Future Focus programme and Easter season.

Over 40 members attended one or more of the Future Focus meetings and contributed to the conclusions, which you will find elsewhere in the magazine. This experience reminded me of how much we have to be grateful to God for bringing us together just now. This is an exciting time for us all, and I certainly look forward to working through our plans with the Kirk Session, planning group and whole congregation in the coming months and years.

Our Easter celebrations were also memorable for the use of the talents of many people and the way that God guided us to make our Holy Week and Easter Day services really meaningful as we worshipped together as part of God's family.

I hope that you will all be encouraged to play as full a part as you can in the life of the church locally and even further afield. I am off to the General Assembly again (!) and look forward to reconnecting with the national church and being reminded of my calling to be a small part of that body that is Christ in the world.

With my love and prayers

Muriel

SERVICES

All services at 10.30am unless otherwise stated

4 June	Reader:	Eunice Lacey
11 June	Reader:	Jim Welsh
18 June	Reader:	Elizabeth McCallum
25 June	Reader:	Sheila Robinson
2 July	Reader:	Linda Russell
9 July	Reader:	Carolyn Simpson
16 July	Reader:	Lorraine Brown
23 July	Reader:	Ian Mitchell
30 July	Reader:	Isobel Walker
6 August	Reader:	Alasdair McCallum
13 August	Reader:	Elaine Shorthouse
20 August	Reader:	Hilary Arneil
27 August	Reader:	Louis Douglas
3 September	Reader:	Christine Mitchell
10 September	Reader:	Eunice Lacey

WELCOME TEAMS

4 & 11 June, 30 July & 6 August

(Team 2)

Banking	Louis Douglas	Esther Monro
FWO	Isobel Walker	Sheila Robinson
Others	Mary McCormack	Joyce Bain
Laptop	Margaret Harding	
Sound	Alex Twaddle	

18 & 25 June, 13 & 20 August

(Team 3)

Banking	Alex Twaddle	Myra Knust
FWO	Maureen Smith	Judith Dennis
Others	Margaret Harding	Linda Russell
Laptop	Alan Willoughby	
Sound	Ian Mitchell	

2 & 9 July, 27 August & 3 September

(Team 4)

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

16 & 23 July, 10 & 17 September

(Team 1)

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

Preparation and Serving Communion Elements (11 June)

Jim Welsh*	Margo Kindness
Fiona Todd	Judith Dennis



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.

Deborah (Debbie) Dryburgh*

Victoria Street, Dunfermline

Robert McMurray

Torwood Place, Dunfermline

Donald McLeod

Canmore Lodge

* Means that this person was a member of the congregation

New Members

Tom and Jean Bennet

17 Ellon Place, Dunfermline
By Resolution of the Kirk
Session

CHRISTIAN AID



About a dozen members and friends/family took part in the Forth Bridge Cross for Christian Aid on Saturday 22 April. So far almost £400 has been collected, but some monies have still to be handed in. Thanks to all participants and to their loyal sponsors.

Again this year, instead of a door to door collection, Christian Aid envelopes will be distributed in Church and can be put in with the Freewill Offering or handed in to the Church Office.

See the Church Notice board to find out our totals.

Thank you for all your support.

Isobel Walker

KIRK SESSION NEWS



Thank you to all who attended the Future Focus meetings in February and March. The meetings are over and the report is in, but that is not the end of the story...just the beginning.

In the next few weeks some of those who attended will meet to discuss how we act on the suggestions made and plan for our future.

Pray that we are guided by God to achieve all we hope for.

A Messy Church event is being planned this summer. **Pray for the families in our community that they feel welcome to join in our activities.**

Pastoral Care visitors are now visiting some of our housebound members. **Pray for our members and visitors as they get to know each other.**

Plans are well advanced for our Community Fair on 10 June. **Pray for our community and please come along to share the fun on the day.**

Please remember our designated charities in your prayers - Alzheimer Scotland and Tearfund. There will be an opportunity to make a donation at the Communion Service on 11 June.

Christine McWilliam retires as Treasurer in June, and we still do not have a replacement. She has compiled a list of her duties to allow for more than one person taking on the various roles involved. **Please pray that someone will come forward to assist us.**

We also remember Christine in our prayers and give thanks for all her hard work and dedication over the many years she has been our treasurer.

Lorraine Brown

20:20Vision



St Andrews Erskine Church, following Future Focus, has set out a plan for the 20:20 vision which will take our church forward to 2020 and beyond.

The plan has as its strategic aims the undernoted:-

- *“To Improve our Community Connections”*
- *“To establish ourselves as the local community hub” which can offer support and “social activities”*
- *“To be engaged with more young people”*
- *All underpinned by active discipleship*

In order to progress these aims, a plan needs to be developed to look at short term, medium term and longer term targets on which to build.

Short term targets would be achieved (which could mean started) by September 2017 with all data in place by April 2018

Medium term would be achieved (which would mean completed) by September 2018

A review phase would be from April 2018 to September 2018 to devise a further series of targets which would be longer term.

Longer term targets would be completed by January 2020.

Short Term (ST) and Medium Term (MT) might be:-

“To Improve our Community Connections”

1. Set up a working group to scope out the objectives (ST)
2. Gather information on organisations and facilities in the parish (ST)
3. Make contact with organisations and facilities (ST)
4. Set up a group to develop ideas(MT)
5. Contact organisations (and other churches) to identify their needs (ST)

“To establish ourselves as the local community hub” which can offer support and “social activities”

1. Set up a working group to establish questions for a survey for a household drop throughout the community (ST)
2. Deliver and collect forms to establish the needs of the community (MT)
3. Conduct a community questionnaire exercise to formulate a marketing plan (MT)
4. Plan to target one street (in parish) and knock on the doors to ascertain local needs (ST)
5. Revise approach, as necessary. Roll out to other streets and plan a response to the perceived needs (MT)

“To be engaged with more young people”

1. Form a group to facilitate identification of young people (e.g. visits, questionnaire) (ST)
2. Identify children in the community – church users, nursery, school (ST)
3. Identify what young people are wanting via the schools – approach, get permission and make link (MT)
4. Link up with presbytery to see what is successful e.g. a youth football team or group activity to determine future options and best practice (MT) (or wider)
5. Set up a working group to contact youth groups that use the church and also other groups that use the church in the community, to inform and invite them to our family-friendly service (ST)
6. Ensure activities at the services are age appropriate (ST)

All underpinned by active discipleship

1. Develop discussion to be part of the Sunday service and get used to it – people will then become more confident about going to a study group (ST)
2. Develop study and prayer groups (MT)
3. Conduct a survey to determine who would be interested (prepared by a working group) (ST)
4. Research into literature available to establish the form meetings could take (ST)

Longer term targets would grow from the information gathered by ST research and MT initial work.

LADIES GROUP

At the February meeting we welcomed Muriel, who spoke on "*A week in the life of a Minister*". This gave us an insight into how wide, varied and busy her week is.



This was followed by a "*Bake Off*" competition which was won by Myra Knust. The judges were Jane Blackie and Ian Mitchell.

In March we held a fundraising evening, and the guests were a singing group based at the Alhambra. The money raised for the Nepal Fund was £315.

In April we welcomed a representative from "*Riding for the Disabled*", who gave a very interesting and informative talk on all their activities at their base in Shiresmill.

Future meetings

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| May | Visit to Falkland Palace with tea at Bridgend Garden Centre, Freuchie. |
| June | Final meeting this season is the AGM being held at the City Hotel at 7pm |

Mary McCormack

COMMUNITY FAIR

As you are all aware, the Community Fair is taking place on Saturday 10 June from 10am – 12 noon.



We have many stalls, a bouncy castle, and the Town Band are once again playing for us.

If there is anyone, who is not already involved with either a stall or in catering, who would like to help in anyway, please see Carolyn Simpson.

We look forward to seeing you all there on the day.

The Stewardship Team

FLOWER CIRCLE

4 June
11 June
18 June
25 June

Vacant
Mrs E Lacey
Mrs L Lewcock
Vacant



June Distribution:

2 July
9 July
16 July
23 July
30 July

Volunteers

Vacant
Mrs M Young
Mrs H Arneil
Mrs E Monro
Mrs E Headrick

July Distribution:

6 August
13 August
20 August
27 August

Myra Knust

Miss C Simpson
Mrs S Lyell
Mrs S Stenhouse
Mrs L Lewcock

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 MacPhee. You can see her in church or give her a call on 01383 722544.

CHURCH FLOWERS - CAN YOU HELP ?

You will see from the rota on the Notice Board that there are quite a few dates when the cost of flowers has to be met from the Flower Fund. As this fund is gradually shrinking, perhaps you could consider donating flowers (or money for flowers) on one of these "Vacant" dates. Many thanks.



DIY SERVICE - 25 JUNE

For our DIY Service, we would like you to think about your favourite hymns and bible passages, then give details to Muriel by 4 June together with some information about what makes them special for you.



This will be a service by you for you.

The Choice is Yours

THE GUILD

The last meeting of The Guild for this session will be on Tuesday 6 June, with an outing finishing in Cupar for afternoon tea.



The Guild will resume after the summer break at 2pm on Tuesday 5 September.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone who would like to come along to any of our meetings.

Elizabeth McCallum

'THE EATERY'

The café will be open as normal on election days, and we look forward to welcoming anyone who would like some light refreshment after casting their vote.



We are not open over the school summer break and will close after business on Friday 30 June.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer and look forward to welcoming customers old and new when we reopen on Thursday 17 August.

Anyone interested in helping with the café should contact Hilary Arneil or any member of the team.

Hilary Arneil

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

The congregational outing to Musselburgh to see “Oliver” was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came.



Suggestions for another outing towards the end of the year will be most welcome.

The Film Show in April raised £145.70p for church funds.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

The Social and Fundraising team are having a Baking Stall at our Community Fair on 10 June; any donations of home baking will be much appreciated.

Esther Monro

CRAFT GROUP

We had a very successful Coffee Morning in April and raised just over £400. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported us.



On Saturday 10 June we will again have a table at the Community Fair. So, if you missed the Coffee Morning, why not come along in June, enjoy the festivities, and help us boost our donation to church funds.

If you would like to see what we do on a weekly basis, why not pop in one Thursday afternoon. We meet at 2.30pm in the church hall and finish between 4pm and 4.30pm with a cuppa and a chat. If transport is a problem, please let us know, and we'll see what we can do to help.

We finish for the summer break on 15 June and resume on 17 August.

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

Eunice Lacey

WALKING GROUP

The first walk of the season took place on Sunday 30 April when 11 walkers enjoyed a circular stroll from Carnock down towards Crossford, through the Dean Plantation and back. Weather conditions were perfect, so we enjoyed lovely views over the Forth and a carpet of bluebells in the woods. The next walk will probably be another local walk at the end of May; it is anticipated that at least five of the walks this season will be local walks.



The usual arrangements remain – meet in the church car park at 1.30pm to share transport.

For further information, please see Charlie Downie. All are welcome!

Charlie Downie.

TRANSPORT TO CHURCH

If there is anyone who wishes to attend church services but is unable to come under their own steam, transport can be arranged.



Just let your visiting elder or Lorraine Brown know.

MESSY CHURCH

Coming Soon

An Exciting New Venture

Watch this space for further details.



WORDS OF THANKS



Ella Headrick would like to thank the church for the flowers she received recently.

Doreen Keith would like to thank the church for the lovely flowers received. *“They were much appreciated”.*

Mary Fleming would like to say thank you for the flowers she received from the church.

June Ramage writes ... *“Ian and I would like to thank the congregation for the beautiful flowers we received for our Golden Wedding. We celebrated with a lovely meal, and all our close family were there. Thank you all once again – the thought was very much appreciated.”*

Irene Marshalsey would like to thank the church for the lovely flowers, and Bill thanks you for his birthday card.

Lilian Campbell sends thanks for the flowers received for her birthday.

Annie Donaldson also writes with thanks for her lovely birthday flowers.

Isa Bell writes ... *“Thank you so much for the lovely flowers – a nice surprise.”*

Nettie Stuart would like to say thank you for the flowers from the Church when she came out of hospital. They really cheered her up.

Barbara Reid writes ... *“Just a note to thank you very much for the lovely flowers delivered by Charlie Downie on Sunday. It was so kind of you - they are lovely. Many thanks.”*

Esther Monro would like to thank the church for the lovely flowers she received.

Thanks for flowers have also been received from May Bowman.

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