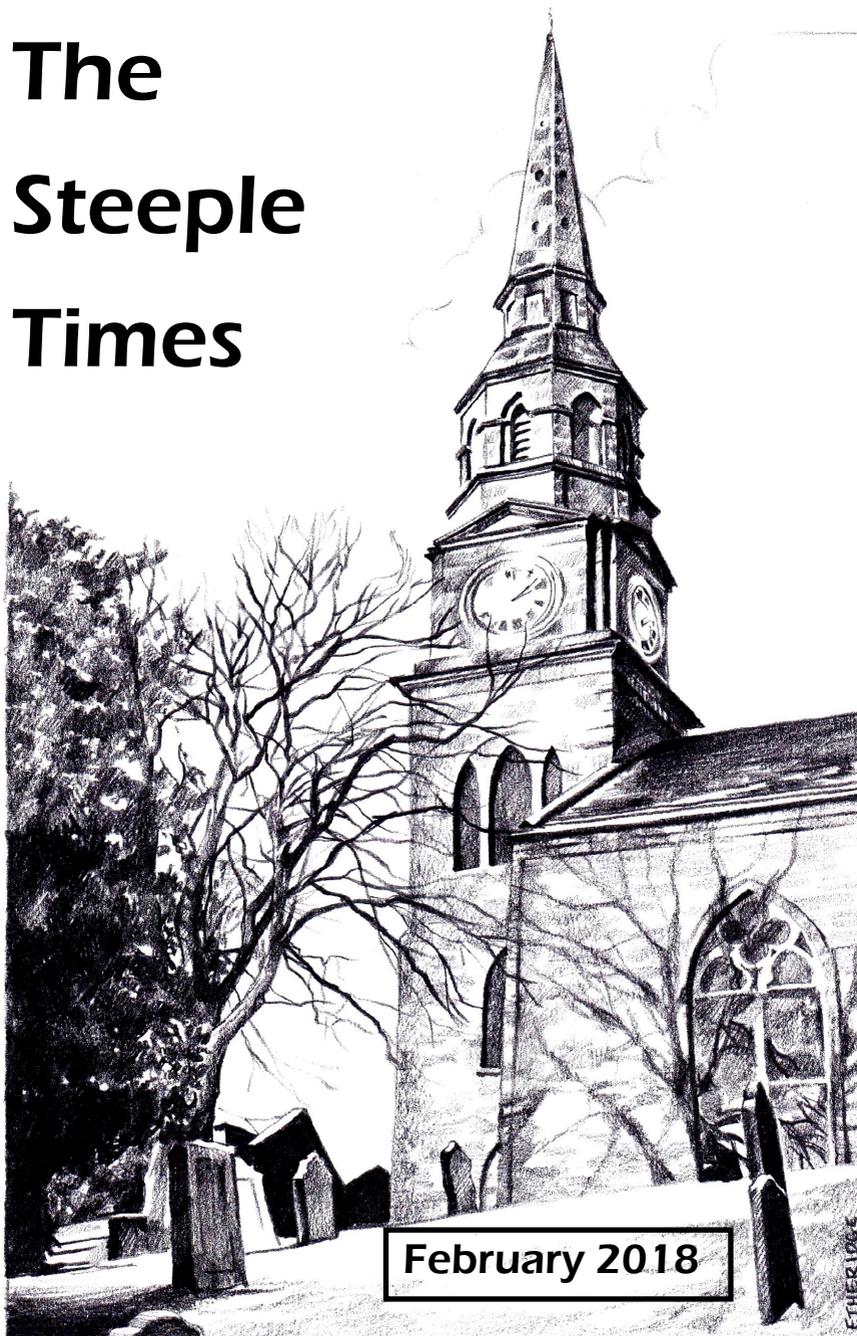


# The Steeple Times



February 2018

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## **Services of Public Worship:**

- Every Sunday at 11:00am
- First Sunday of the month at 9:30am and 11:00am
- Second Sunday of the month at 9:30am for breakfast and 11:00am
- Last Sunday of the month at 6:30pm for a contemporary evening service
- Mid week Service every Wednesday at 12:10pm

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# FROM THE MANSE

## Letter from the Manse

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members and friends! Can you believe it is 2018 already! I am writing this letter to you on the morning of 20<sup>th</sup> January so that it can be emailed to the editor of the Steeple Times for the deadline. It was 7 years ago today that I became your minister and what an exciting, fun filled and challenging 7 years it has been. A number of you will be aware that when I first started looking for a church to move to I informed God that I didn't want to move to the East Coast, I didn't want a town parish and I didn't want an old church! What did God think of that – he sent me to the East Coast, to the town of Forfar and to a church built in 1790, and it has been GREAT! You never know where God is going to lead you and what people or situations you are going to encounter. With that said East and Old is looking ahead to another exciting, but challenging year.

In March we will be hosting 27 members of Zuglo Church, Budapest when they come over to host some choir concerts and get to know our members better. Thank you to those people who have agreed to be hosts for the duration of their stay. On the last day of Zuglo's visit I will be heading off to Israel with the World Mission Council for 10 days to see the work that the Church of Scotland is doing there and then in April Irene Duthie (our BB Captain) and myself are off to Nepal to see first-hand the work that is being done with the money raised for the 'Let us build a House Campaign'. Both our church and our Boys' Brigade Company contributed over £2000 to this campaign and nationally the church raised approximately £300,000. We have already held a coffee morning to help fund the cost of the trip to Nepal and will be holding something else in the near future as well. The trip will cost £1250 each and we are going as representatives of East and Old Church.

In May we will be hosting 30 visitors from Zurich and once again we are looking for hosts for this trip. Karen Liddle and myself visited Zurich last year as part of a steering group to set up for a visit but the members there were eager to come to us.

July 24th sees our members heading to Zurich to see the area, meet

fellow Christians and also to learn more about the reformation.

In October a number of members who work alongside the children and youth in our church will be visiting Zuglo Church to see their work with children and youth. These visits both here and abroad are not holidays but developing relationships with people from other countries who have different customs and practices than ours and developing an understanding of each other's faith in the process. It is never too late to join in on any of these ventures either as a participant, host, tour guide or just to meet and greet.

2018 will see us experience challenges as we are starting our fundraising campaign for phase 2 of our renovations. The anticipated cost is around £425,000.00, however, our main concern this year will be our day to day running costs. We pay Edinburgh £73,500 a year and then we pay presbytery £2 per head for their dues - £1600. Our outgoings last year far exceeded our income so much so we had a deficit of £16,500 at the close of the year. Our challenge is not the fundraising but the weekly, monthly and yearly donations that you our members willingly and graciously give. Once again we ask you to look at the amount you contribute each week or month and also think about the last time you increased this giving. As of today I have once again raised my monthly giving by another £5 which is only an additional £1.25 per week. I spend more than £1.25 a week on tea and cake in the local cafes so missing out on a cup of tea and cake will do me no harm. Is there something you could give up each week to give to the church?

As I said exciting and challenging times ahead but with God's guidance and help I am sure we will have another fun-filled year ahead which will lead to many new opportunities to further God's mission both locally, nationally and globally.

Every blessing to you all

*Barbara Ann*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



**Forfar Academy** – at the end of November East and Old took a stall at Forfar Academy's shopping night which involved lots of wine bottles and wrapping paper. Thank you to those who responded to our appeal for empty wine bottles and full ones! Busy Hands wrapped all the bottles and the stall was manned by Susan and Johnny Forbes. We made over £100 profit after giving the school £15 for our stall.

Matthew Scott a pupil at the school and one of our Groovy Gryphon leaders invited us to take part. Forfar Academy also held their Nine Lessons and Carols in the church on 13<sup>th</sup> December and what a talented group of people they were. The orchestra, guitarist, singing and readings were all fabulous and the pupils were a great credit to the school and to their families.

**The Lost Sheep Competition** took place from end of November to mid

December. Knit N' Natter, Busy Hands and the Outreach committee were all involved in getting this competition off the ground.

Competition forms were given out to every child in the three primary schools and they were to go around the shops in the town centre and find out what number of sheep was in their window and what the sheep was named. The business owners were happy to help out and we thank them for doing that. Some parents came back saying it was a great idea and kept the children busy for a few hours as well as some good family time together.

The first three drawn from the bag all came from Whitehills Primary and we also handed out runner up prizes to many more.

**Angus Toy Appeal** once again benefited from the donations of new toys from the members of East and Old. Boxes and bag loads of toys, games and books arrived at our Toy Appeal service and were collected two days later with a grateful thanks from those involved. Once again the members of East and Old rose to the challenge in helping others.

**Reverse Advent Calendar** – this bright idea came from our minister and was a resounding success. Each Sunday members and friends brought in goods from the list that was available each week. Our cupboards are bulging and £238 was raised through people giving money as well as goods. In mid-January the goods were given out to local families and other food suppliers and the money was converted into electricity cards. All the families said that the food and household parcels came at the right time because money was short near the end of January. Thank you so much for all your wonderful donations.

**Christmas Tree** – what a lovely tree we had this year and beautifully decorated. We thank the team who put the tree up and decorated it as well as the dismantling of it – nothing happens with the wave of a magic wand! Many people put in so many hours of work that are unseen so a great big thank you to you all.

**The Christmas Tree Competition** was held in the church this year with the theme 'Christmas Carols'. First in the junior trophy was the Boys' Brigade who displayed a

variety of carols and First in the adult section was Busy Hands with a display of O Come all ye faithful. Thank you to the outreach committee and those who helped with the food and drink.

**Salvation Army Concert** in the Lowson was once again well attended and enjoyed by all. East and Old Church held a retiring offering to supplement the income of the band who decided to give all proceeds to FACT's chosen charity this year – The Inspiration Orchestra.

**Strathmore Primary** had a busy December as did our minister with them. Barbara Ann was involved in 3 school assemblies, went with the school on their Christmas trip to the cinema and saw Paddington 2, attended the school nativity play and then held the school Christmas Service in the church. Some of the primary 7 children also made a Christmas lunch at Heavenly Bites that everyone enjoyed!

**The Annual Forfar Big Sing** was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December in St Margaret's with the proceeds going to Christian Aid. The numbers attending were greater than last year as were the

donations. Just over £500 was raised and this will be matched by the government making the total over £1000! Jim and Marian Nicol and Margaret Scrimgeour represented our church as volunteers to help on the night – thank you.

**Food, food and more food!** How many meals can our members eat over a short period of time? The shop meal was on 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Royal Hotel, the men's Christmas night out to Armstrongs was on 14<sup>th</sup> December, the walking group on 16<sup>th</sup> December to Stromos in Montrose, the ladies meal was on 18<sup>th</sup> December to the Drover's Inn, our minister was guest speaker at Dundee Rotary and had a Christmas lunch at the Invercarse Hotel on 21<sup>st</sup> and the book clubs meal at Armstrongs was on 28<sup>th</sup> December. We can assure you there were even more than this for some of our members and committee's.

**Nine Lessons and Carols** – this event is usually held on a Sunday afternoon but with Christmas Eve being on a Sunday our minister changed the day and time to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the evening. This service is quieter and more formal in its style and the

numbers attending were up. Those who go along enjoy the bible readings and the singing taking us from the beginning of the bible to the book of John when the Word became flesh.

Bruce Simpson, Margaret Anderson and Elizabeth McLeod deserve a huge thank you. Many of us take music for granted in the church but we really only have a limited number of people who can play for us. Bruce plays every Sunday sometimes twice, Margaret Anderson plays every Monday at the Music café and both Bruce and Margaret cover the care home services and Kirkriggs services. Elizabeth is our relief organist when Bruce is on holiday and covers some of the care homes, she also plays her heart out with Accord when they perform. A big thank also goes to the members of Accord for helping out at an evening service and also at the Christingle Service.

**Reflective mid-week Services** are held every Wednesday however some of our ministers meetings in Edinburgh fall on a Wednesday so Barbara Ann would like to thank the many people who help out and cover these services for her: Mary Pickstone, Margaret Scrimgeour,

Esther Kidd and Margaret Robertson to name a few. East and Old Church is blessed with so many talented and gifted people.

**Christingle Making** – a big, big thank you to those who turned up to make 350 Christingles and used hundreds and hundreds of marshmallows, sultana and sweeties and over 3000 cocktail sticks! A great team working together and everything was finished in 90 minutes!!!

**Christmas Eve** and there were two big events in the church. The nativity service in the morning led by our Groovy Gryphons and they told and sang the nativity story beautifully – well done to the children and the leaders. And then in the evening we held our Christingle service with over 350 at this service. Everyone was in a festive mood and took part in all the different sections. The nativity bingo went down well as did the nativity Story sung as the Bohemian Rhapsody. The highlight for everyone was of course the Twelve Days of Christmas and then the giving out of the Christingles. The retiring offering amounted to £620 with £310 going to each of the two chosen charities: Alzheimer's Scotland and

Strathmore Primary School Rock Challenge.

**Vanessa - our cleaner** – we want to say thank you Vanessa for the extra work that you do for us without us even asking. You come along to the Christingle Service and as soon as everyone is out you start tidying up and vacuuming so that the church is ready for Christmas morning. Thank you for all you do throughout the year.

**Christmas Day Service** was slightly busier than in the last few years. A 35 minute service to welcome the new Christ child on Christmas morning and a wonderful friendship time with those who come along. Barbara Ann wants to thank everyone for bringing along their gifts and showing them off to us.

**The Church Coffee Morning** on 13<sup>th</sup> January was well attended and this was to raise money to help pay part of the amount needed to send Irene Duthie to Nepal to represent our church. A total of £380 was raised and Irene says thank you to all who helped and contributed in the many ways on the day and beforehand.

**Heather Gourlay** was in her Discernment Placement with us for just over 4 months. During that time Heather interacted in so many ways with our church life from taking services, visiting, meetings and much, much more. We are delighted to say that at Heather's interview in mid-January it was deemed that she was a suitable candidate to go to the next stage of Selection School in April hoping to become a Local Ordained Minister. We wish her every blessing in this next stage and thank her for all she was involved in while she was with us.

**Breakfast Church** – these short services are going well with approximately 20 people attending. In December the Groovy Gryphons treated us to a lovely breakfast and plenty of smiles too. Then in January our Guild started us off with a lovely breakfast and beautifully decorated tables with matching mugs and napkins. Please consider organising the breakfast or taking the short service and help is always on hand beforehand or on the day. Come along to the service and see what happens.

**Evening Services** – once again so many people and organisations and committees have helped out at the

evening services. The food has been very good – a main course with tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards. The style of worship services has varied significantly from contemporary to traditional to songs of praise. Come along and join us for the meal and then worship and if not the meal then for the worship service.

**Refreshments** after church is staffed on a rota basis. We normally asked for two volunteers but because more and more people are staying after the service we really need three now! Sheila McTavish has offered to be on the rota every Sunday and wants to stress that the washing up is her job! Please consider putting your name on the rota. If you can't do it once a month try for once every two months. Thank you to Margaret Scrimgeour for organising this and to Graham Scattergood who brings milk in every Sunday morning.

**Cosy Corner** – two of our helpers have had to stand down on this rota and we urgently need to recruit more helpers. If you can make a pot of soup or a tray of sandwiches then you are well qualified! Speak to Barbara Ann or Jean Alexander they would love to hear from you.

## What's coming up & what to look out for



**Lent Bible Studies** – it is that time of year again! The FACT Lent Bible Studies start on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February which will be taken by our own minister Rev Barbara Ann. There will be a bible study each Thursday during Lent and will be led by a different member of the clergy each week. All the studies will take place in East and Old at 7.30pm.

**Lent Lunches** – if the Bible Studies have started then so have the FACT Lent lunches. Every Friday in East and Old from 12noon onwards. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February is East and Old's turn so please offer your support and help to Isabel Farquharson. The cost of the lunch is a minimum donation of £3

**Under 50's Ladies Group** – we are hoping to start this group in

February/March for all ladies under the age of 50. We have a few ideas of how the group will be formatted but we need input from the people who will be attending. There is a sign-up sheet in the social area for those interested or just phone Barbara Ann. We are looking to see what night and time would be suitable.

**Widow/Widowers Group** – a number of our members over the last couple of years have been bereaved and lost their wife or husband. We have been asked by a few people if we could run something for them. This may be two clubs – one for the men and one for the women or a joint venture but we need to hear from the people involved. Once again there is a sign-up sheet in the social area.

**Zuglo Church** – we are excited that our friends in Zuglo Church are arriving on 15<sup>th</sup> March and staying with us until 19<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to say a big thank you in advance to those people who are hosting our 27 guests and also for the people who will chauffeuring them around. Here is the plan of action so far: arrive in Forfar to meet church members and host families and have a Stovie Supper in

the church. Friday during the day a masterclass for singing for anyone who would like to learn a bit more about choir singing or just wants a good sing.

Friday evening the choir will be holding a concert in the church. Saturday the choir and some of our members will be heading out of Forfar and then on Sunday they will be joining us in worship, having lunch in the church after the service and then heading to Arbroath – St Andrews Church for the evening service.

They then leave us early Monday morning! Please come along to the concert and some of the other events that we have planned while they are here.

**Zurich Church** are looking forward to coming to us in May with a party of 30 people! We are looking forward to welcoming them and showing them our wonderful area of Angus and also Edinburgh whilst bringing in John Knox tourist destination in celebration of the Reformation. We will be looking for hosts once again and we will also be holding a traditional ceilidh which we hope you will bring your family and friends to. Look out for more information in our next edition.



year of young people  
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**Year of the Young Person** is 2018 and we will be involving the children and youths of the church throughout the year. We are looking for ideas to involve more family activities during this year also so if you have any ideas then let us know please?

**The Kirk Session** have been looking at our membership and roll in recent months. We have a considerable amount of inactive members who no longer are able to offer their time, talents or money. To that end the inactive members will no longer receive a visit from an elder or receive a Steeple Times magazine but will remain on the roll.

### **Friends of East and Old**

Friends met at the beginning of January to organise the events for this coming year. As this edition goes to print Friends will be holding their Scottish Evening otherwise known as a 'Burns-less' night.

There will be a three course meal and lots of entertainment with no haggis or Burns poetry or songs in sight! Why you ask – well the last

Burns Supper we organised had to be cancelled so this is just a little twist for an exciting evening. More information on how it all went in the next edition.

What's coming up – well you need to get your diaries out so here it goes:

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Flick & Chips Night** – come along and get your fish and chips and watch the film Hidden Figures – Tickets £7.00

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Handbag Party** – back by popular demand

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May Ceilidh** – with our Zurich Guests

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 7pm – Spanish Night**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Friends walk 1pm**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Renewal Night**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Handbag Party** in time for Christmas



## Walking Group

The walking group have held some lovely walks over the last two months with numbers attending averaging at 12/14 people on each outing. Our walks are normally around 5 miles long with very few hills!!! The minibus has been a great asset to us with each person paying £3 per trip therefore making a wee profit for the bus on each trip. Walking is a good form of exercise and the world is put to rights through the chatter. Each person normally takes a snack with them and everyone is very good at sharing. The best thing to be shared is when the Kendall Mint Cake comes out – yummy!!! The 17<sup>th</sup> February and 24<sup>th</sup> March are the dates of our next walks. We have been invited to join the Groovy Gryphons on their summer outing on 26<sup>th</sup> May to Corrie Fee and then for lunch at the Clova Hotel which we are all looking forward to.



### **Green Team Tips**

- ◆ Continue to feed your compost heap with peelings, used teabags and coffee grains, dead flowers from vases and gardens (if there are any this time of Year!).
- ◆ If washing car or windows, use the dirty water to water plants in green house or home.
- ◆ Unused bread or soft biscuits should be broken down and fed to the birds especially in this cold weather with the ground being so hard with frost and snow.
- ◆ Regularly defrost the bird bath if you have one!

The Boys ended the year 2017 with a Christmas Party shared with their Mums and of course, Santa Claus.

We are pleased to say that once again the "Christmas Card Delivery" was very busy indeed.

This is a very good fund-raiser for both the B.B. and the 6th Forfar Scout Group.

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped in anyway to make this a great success.

All the boys are settling back into the B.B. nights with games and crafts ongoing.

Any new members would be very welcome in the B.B. Hall

***Irene Duthie***



**Nov 22** Very interesting talk from Courier writer Angus Whitson (Man with Twa Dogs).

**Nov 29** Love Quizzing- 4 visiting Guilds competing in light-hearted quizzes on the theme-‘Go in Love’. Newtyle won the chocolates.

**Dec 13** Our Christmas buffet meal in the hall with a few games and singing.

**Jan 10** Members night – more puzzles, a bit of craftwork again on the theme.

Looking forward to Rev Ramsay on ‘Desert Island Books’ on 24th Jan, Meigle Musicality on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb and Linus UK charity on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - knitting blankets, hats & cardigans for premature babies.

You will be made most welcome at

any of our meetings. The syllabus for Feb and March is on the social area noticeboard.

### ***Esther & Bob***



### **Tae a Snowdrop**

Ye fairly mak my hert sing,  
as I stand here and  
look at ye,

My first glad sign of  
spring.

A brave wee flooer, dainty  
and braw, a welcome sicht  
among the snaw,

Sae lang may ye flourish  
there, without compare,

Your beauty free for all to  
share.

And blessed now are we,  
for the pleasure Lord has  
given through thee.

**Morag Milne**



## MUSIC CAFÉ

The Music Cafe meets **every Monday , 2pm to 3.15pm**, helpers are there from **1.30pm**. We meet in the Church Social Space. The Music Cafe is for people suffering from Alzheimer's / Dementia and their carers. We sing a mixture of songs, including old favourites, Scottish, hymns and modern well known songs. We break for tea/coffee when people can enjoy a chat. Run by Pat Brodlie, one of our members, who is the Alzheimer Scotland contact for Angus. A very happy afternoon where the helpers prepare the teas/coffees & eats before the session starts & serve during the break, also help with finding songs in the folders for people who attend. **CAN YOU HELP?** Please contact **Jean Alexander** (01307-463860) or **Barbara Ann** (01307-248228) for more information.

## TheBigKirkShop

Charity Shop - wide range of 2nd user goods for sale

East High Street - FORFAR - **Spring bargains now on sale!**

## FRIDAY FLING

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Friday Fling dancing group.

No great experience needed, if you can do a Gay Gordon , St Bernard's Waltz or a Hokey Cokey then you can help bring some joy to a person with dementia.

The dancing runs once a FORTNIGHT in the OAP Hall Chapel Street Forfar from 2pm to 4pm. Contact Jean Alexander on

**01307– 463860**

# BALANCING THE BOOKS



In our June edition of 2017, our treasurer reported on the delicate exercise that is balancing the books of East & Old Parish Church. The report at that time showed that our expenditure and income balance on a monthly basis was running at a negative of £2,183.00 every month. This has improved in the last six months and the negative balance every month at East & Old is now £1,600.00

As you can imagine, the balance has to be made up and we do this by raising funds at our various events throughout the year. This in turn means we have less funds available for doing God's work in and around our community because a fair majority of all our events income goes to cover the basic running costs of the Church.

While exploring more ways to let out our buildings and cutting costs where we can, the impact of increasing prices is significant. Some costs we positively support such as the living wage for all our employed staff. Our annual rising costs include:

Energy - £8650 **Up 4%**; Food - £250 **Up 3%**; Wages - £20,400 **Up 4.5%**;  
General Supplies (Toilet Roll, Napkins, Hand Towels) - £1020 **Up 4.5%**;  
Insurance costs - £8,500- **Up 6%**

***Can You Help ?***



**OR**



## **Reviewing your weekly or monthly church donations:**

We are asking all our members to review their weekly or monthly donation to East & Old. Could you increase your weekly giving by **60p** or even better, by a round (or not so round now) **£1 ?**

If all our active members were to increase their giving by **£1 per week**, the monthly negative balance would be wiped out and there would be spare funds to put towards our work in the local community.

An increase of **60p per week** would allow our treasurer to balance the books on a monthly basis and would also wipe out the negative balance.

*Thanks to all our members and friends who donate in any form, we are truly grateful for every assistance we receive.*

The Bible is filled with stories of people's generosity the little boy with the five loaves and two fish, the Macedonians who gave in the midst of their poverty, the former slaves who gave their riches to build the tabernacle, David who shared his wealth to build the temple, the widow that fed Elijah from the little she had, the widow's mite. In Scripture there are 2,350 verses on finances, generosity, and material possessions, an inspirational read if you need it !

*God's plan has always been to finance His work through the tithes and offerings of His people. The motivation for all Christian giving should be our appreciation of God's giving to us - especially his giving in the life and death of Jesus.*



[www.alzscot.org](http://www.alzscot.org)

Our minister presented a cheque to Pat Brodlie for Alzheimer Scotland Angus Branch at the Music Cafe this week for £310. This was half the money raised from the Christingle Service and was presented in January.



Dementia is an illness that affects the brain, making it harder to remember things or think as clearly as before. Dementia can affect every area of human thinking, feeling and behaviour, but each person with dementia is different - how the illness affects someone depends on which area of their brain is damaged.



East & Old Parish Church  
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During morning worship 14th January, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze certificates were awarded to **Beth Steele** and **Rachael Fotheringham**. The girls explained their skills training, tent expedition and reports, required to achieve this level during the last year. They were congratulated by the congregation along with trainers Karen Liddle & Glenda Robertson.



**Marlene Sim** received a bouquet presentation on Sunday 7th January during morning worship. She has been our flower convener for over 10 years and headed a team of floral arrangers who decorate the building and deliver flowers throughout the area.

Marlene is pictured below with Marion Birse and Irene Duthie who made the presentation.



## **PHASE TWO - Upper Level Renovations - Multi Purpose Space**



One of the major elements of our phase two works will be to fit out a multi-purpose room directly above our Social Space. This will have a sound proofed and sprung sports floor and will be available for hire. Sound & Vision system will be fitted. The space will be accessed

by lift with accessible toilet on the same level with main toilets close by.

## FLOWER GROUP



The new administrator for the flower group is **Catriona Milne**. You can pass the money for the Sunday flowers to her directly in Church or alternatively you can hand your donations into the gift shop PRIMA (situated next to the Church gates) where her friend **Jennifer Gair** will be happy to collect the monies on her behalf.

Marlene Sim has done a marvellous job as the flower administrator over many years and has thankfully handed over a very well run system to Catriona.

A wrought iron Church Window stand was commissioned from local blacksmith Kevin Robertson. This has been presented to the Church by the East & Old Flower Group and dedicated to members past and present who support the Ministry of Flowers with their donations. The fund provides Sunday flowers and deliveries to our Church members in need of comfort or support.

## MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

<b>4</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>		<i>Marjory MacLean</i>
<b>11</b>			<i>Joan Petrie</i>
<b>18</b>			<i>Isobel Farquharson</i>
<b>25</b>			<i>George Richardson</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<i>Mothers Day</i>	<i>Karen Murray</i>
<b>11</b>			<i>Bruce Simpson</i>
<b>18</b>			<i>Esther Kidd</i>
<b>25</b>			<i>Pat Milne</i>

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### DEATHS

Oct	30	Alexander Wylie	Tigh Ban, Halfpennyburn, Forfar
Nov	26	John (Jack) Clacher	Briar Grove, Forfar
	27	James (Jim) Clark	1 Isla Place, Forfar
Dec	03	Eric Fenwick	Benholm Care Home
	12	Hazel Stewart	1 Pirnie Mill, Forfar
		William Milne	Market Street, Forfar
	16	Margaret Walker	Finavon Court, Forfar
	23	Helen Sturrock	19 Hillside Road, Forfar
	30	Isabelle Smith	16 Brander Ha, Forfar
Jan	7	Mary (May) Diplexito	Benholm Care Home, Forfar
	15	Helen Miller	27 Toll Crescent, Forfar



**NEED A VENUE FOR CONFERENCES MEETINGS ETC?**

**THEN LOOK NO FURTHER**

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SOUND SYSTEM AND HI SPEED WI-FI.**

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**Do you need Transport to Church ?  
The Forfarian bus is available on the  
first Sunday of each month.**

**Please telephone Jean Alexander on  
463860.**

## HAVE A COMPUTER? THEN YOU CAN HELP

You can help raise funds for East & Old's Dedicated Improvement Fund by clicking on the links below. It costs nothing but will help our funds.

Do you shop online then click on

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/forfareastoldparish/>

then follow the simple steps on how to register then every time you shop online always go here first then shop. The best way is to make this a bookmark or favourite.

Even if you don't shop online you can still raise funds by clicking on

<http://forfareastoldparish.easysearch.org.uk/>

and use this every time you want to search the web. This uses Bing, Yahoo and Ask.com to search the web. Again the best way is to make this a bookmark or favourite.

For more information click on

<http://www.thebigkirk.co.uk/church-information/easyfundraising/>

Why not try it. If you need help setting it up please contact Billy Sweetin 01307 248228

## NEXT ISSUE OF STEEPLE TIMES

The deadline for submission of articles for  
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