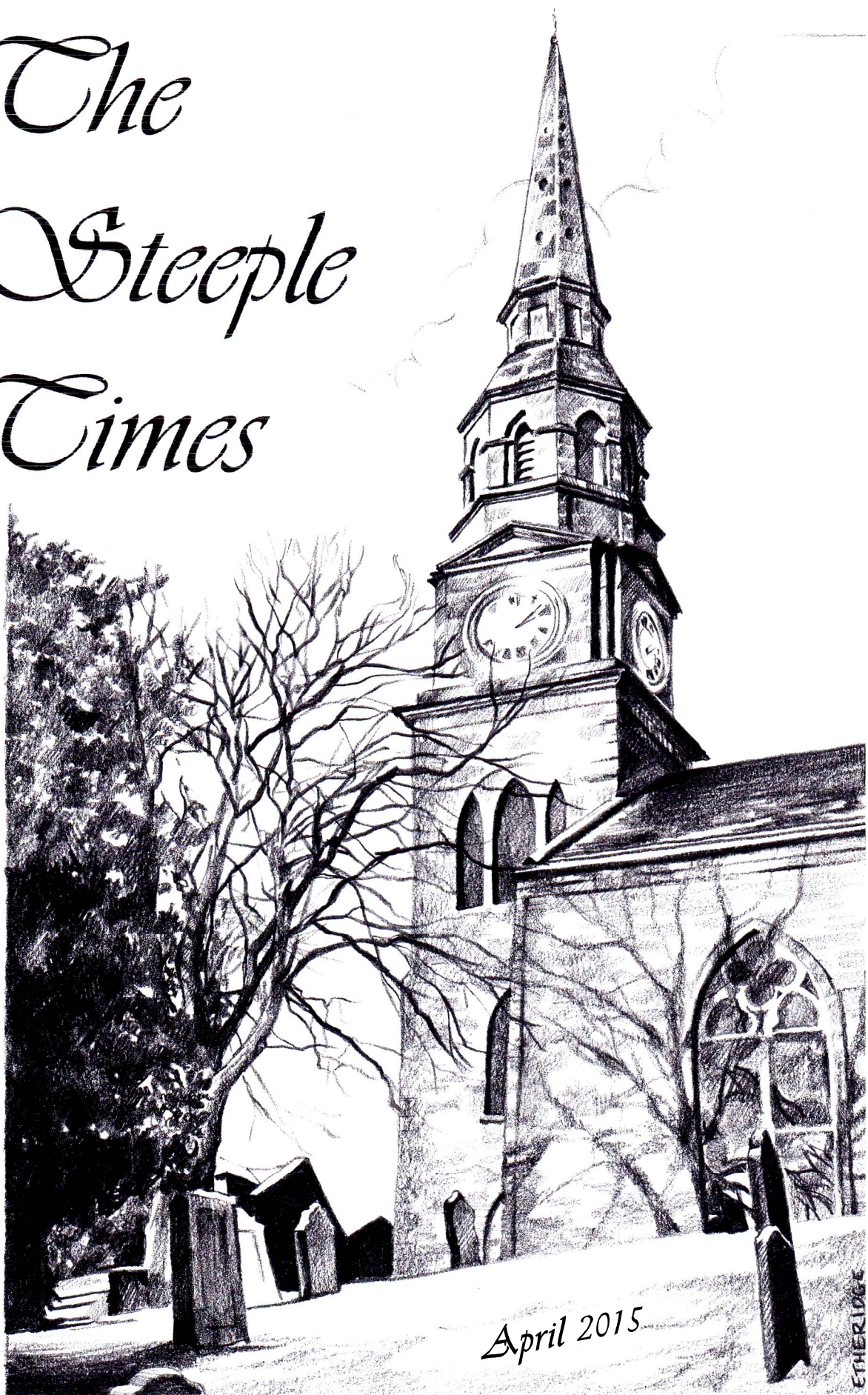


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**Services of Public Worship:**

Every Sunday at 11. a.m.

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# FROM THE MANSE

April 2015

Hello once again my dear friends

One of the most well-known passages in the bible is of course Psalm 23. Quite a number of people could recite this psalm word for word or sing it to many different tunes. My colleague Liz who is a minister in Ayr wrote a series of reflections for the Lenten Period and one of them was based on Psalm 23 and I thought I would share it with you. You will be glad to hear that I have taken this reflection to heart and decided to slow down just a bit to recharge my batteries but most importantly to spend more time with our Lord because his word and his voice do strengthen the soul.

## **Psalm 23**

The **LORD** is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup>he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the **LORD** forever.

## **Reflection**

Still waters are a novelty for my soul. I like the rage of the rapids or the thunder of the mighty falls, the rainbows reflected in the spray, the thrill of the chase. Still waters challenge me to stop and breathe gently, to be nurtured, to experience grace, to see clouds reflected and beautified in the stillness. And I fear that I am diminished as my soul is stilled, for I am accustomed to turbulence. I thrive on the agitation and founder in the stillness. The Lord, who is my shepherd, leads me by still waters, not to diminish but to strengthen my soul. Amen

If you are off on holiday soon or just taking a break from your normal routine in this Easter period can I wish you all every blessing in the coming weeks and months.

Your minister, your friend and sister in Christ

*Barbara Ann*

**The Rev Barbara Ann was recently interviewed by Life and Work regarding the work which is being carried out in our church for people with Alzheimer's or dementia and their carers. For those of you who do not subscribe to "Life and Work" here is an extract of the article which was printed.**

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The Rev Barbara Sweetin, minister of East and Old Parish Church in Forfar, says she has always believed that the church should be at the heart of the community it serves.

"After arriving in Forfar I noticed that there seemed to be a high percentage of people with dementia, and I asked one of my elders, Pat Brodlie, who worked for Alzheimer Scotland, if that was the case. Pat explained that Forfar was an ageing community and most of the people in the six local nursing homes and those attending the two day care units were people with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Then, in the summer of 2011, I saw an article in the papers about "Singing for the Brain", where singing is used to help people with dementia to express themselves in a sociable and enjoyable way. I approached Pat and asked her if this was something we might be able to do – and she was thrilled at the prospect. Twelve people from the church volunteered and we all met to find out more about dementia from Pat. She explained the differences between dementia and Alzheimer's and gave us insight into the classic early stages that are often overlooked because the person disguises it well. Old people will often just hand over a pile of change and let the shop assistant "take what's needed" instead of trying to work out the correct money. Short sentences are best when you're talking with someone with dementia and Alzheimer's – for instance if you say that the green jacket was wet, the person will often just remember that "something was wet", so Pat's input was vital.

Now when we work in our church groups, we make sure everything is in the here and now unless we are having a specific talk about the past. The help we got from Pat was invaluable. The church is involved in several projects geared towards helping those with the diagnosis of dementia and their carers.

Every Monday we hold "The Music Café" where we sing old hymns, old Scottish songs, favourite songs from the musicals and many, many others. One congregation member who felt she couldn't do much in the church volunteered to play the piano for us – and now only misses the club when she's on holiday, so it's been a great way of involving the whole church.

Every second Friday we have "The Friday Fling" where we have old style dancing and ceilidh dancing plus some modern favourites – like the Birdie Dance! It doesn't matter if people actually dance – some just walk around the floor to the music – but it really doesn't matter.

The Art Group meets every Thursday and it's for everyone who likes to draw and paint. Some people with dementia come along to this as well.

I guess the number of people involved in the activities varies. The music café has a regular client average of 40 a week plus 15 volunteers from the church. The Friday Fling can have as many as 30 clients a fortnight and the art group is small at the moment but is still in development.

I think I've been most surprised by the way that God is in the moment when we are working. It is all about being right there and present when working with those with dementia – and finding God in the here and now, even just in the tiny ways we can help. The things we learn are

amazing – like one client who wouldn't go into a room because of the photos of the ministers hanging on the wall. One picture was particularly forbidding and as soon as we took the photos down the client joined in fully. Such a little thing but so important. Another thing we learned was how to use colours to help those with dementia whose perception of depth and understanding of what they're looking at can be altered by the condition. We took advice and now have yellow screens with blue writing – which is the best colour combination for helping people see; we have pictures as well as the words to say what a room is for – like the kitchen or the toilet. We don't have a front door mat in brown or black because that can look like a hole if your perception is off. Our new chairs for the sanctuary do not match the carpet – that's deliberate so that they can be distinguished much more easily – even just by those whose eyesight is failing.

It's been a real journey of discovery, but one I'm incredibly grateful we have been able to take.".....



## **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING**

### **SPONSORED PREACHATHON**

Barbara Ann would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported her on the recent Sponsored Preachathon. To all the individuals who sponsored a hymn and/or a bible reading, to the Guild and the Boys' Brigade and to the local businesses who sponsored the event: Danny Lavery, Hairstylists in Arbroath, Strathmore Funeral Directors, Stewart Limousines, Alexander Bain, Funeral Directors, McLaren's, Bakers, Saddler's, Bakers, Cameron's, Fishmongers, North Street Dairies, WF Barker, Liddle and Calder, Forbes Roofing and Stewart's Blinds. In addition to this many people made a special donation to the sponsor and so many people agreed for gift aid to be claimed also. Thank you must also go to Bill and Irene Duthie and Bob and Esther Kidd who were around most of the day and helping out, to all the church office bearers who welcomed people at the door and helped in the tea room, Karen the church secretary for printing huge amounts of material and to Mabel who counted the money and has been working out the gift aid claim.

The service started at 8am and finished at 8.15pm which was a miracle in itself because at one o'clock Barbara Ann was running 40 minutes late! There were many people in the congregation from the local businesses, from our own members, members of the local churches: St Margaret's, Lowson, Dunnichen, Letham and Kirkden, Carnoustie Panbride,, Kirriemuir Old Parish, St Andrew's Kirriemuir and also representatives from Dundee and members of the church that Barbara Ann did her probation period in; Abbotsford Church in Clydebank and a member of the Iona Community. The service could not have worked without the four organists for the day: Bruce Simpson, Elizabeth McLeod, Margaret Anderson and Jean Smith. The money raised came to £3888 plus gift aid recovered amounts to £4500. Barbara Ann has now received many cards of congratulations and well done from a variety of people and was thanked by them for such an innovative idea and that her 'staff' were very friendly and welcoming and the whole day had such a relaxed atmosphere about it.

### **THE BIG KIRK SHOP**

As you are aware the steering group for the improvements to the Kirk came up with this idea. As from 15<sup>th</sup> January our men in the church worked in the shop to bring it up to a good standard where the shop could be stocked and opened to the public. Our men of the Kirk worked for more than 400 hours in a three week period between them and the shop is looking **FABULOUS!**

The ladies took over and stocked the shop and set it up and a big thank you must go to Nicola Wilson who took the role over of running the shop and organising the staff rota. The first week the shop was open from Tuesday to Saturday in the mornings and then the following week it opened Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. The shop is going from strength to strength and we are always on the lookout for more stock but also more volunteers to help out in the shop. At the end of the first full week of being open all day chocolates were handed out to all customers and then on Pancake Tuesday free pancakes were given out to all customers. It is those little added touches that make all the difference.

## FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Over the next few months the faith discussion group are looking at everyday issues that affect ordinary people's lives. At the last discussion the topic was about our views as people of faith on the subject of cloning, gene adaptations, designer babies and needless to say they went off topic also but it stimulated a lot of discussion. One of the points raised was about bringing another child into the world to help an existing child and this led the people who were also in the book club to recall the book that they had read, 'My Sister's Keeper.'

## PANCAKE TUESDAY

Pancake Tuesday the day before Lent begins and we use up all the goodies in the house as we start our period of preparation and repentance the following day for six weeks. The Wee Blether had a full house as people arrived for their pancakes hand-made by our very own Anna at 7am that morning. The pancakes were lovely as were the selection of fillings: butter, jam, cream, maple syrup and chocolate spread – you could select what you wanted!



## MID-WEEK SERVICE

Once again Barbara Ann decided to do something a bit different for this service. We do not normally hold an Ash Wednesday service but this time we did. It involved burning palm branches and anointing with oil. It made the people there stop and really take in what was happening and why. Barbara Ann would also like to thank the many people who take these services when she is unavailable because of holidays and meetings.

## PRINTER TRAINING

Our new printer arrived at the end of January but because it is all singing and all dancing we needed proper training on the machine and this took place in the middle of February. Hopefully you will see the difference in the quality of the print in the Steeple Times and also on the Order of Services on a Sunday – watch out for photographs and colour pictures appearing!!!



## LENT BIBLE STUDIES WITH FACT

Once again the bible studies prove to be popular with the local churches and take place in East and Old at 7.30pm every Thursday during Lent. The studies were well attended and each person who led an evening brought a different perspective to the topic. The people who attended these evenings joined in on the discussions and came away understanding a little bit more and also questioning a bit more which is the objective of the studies.

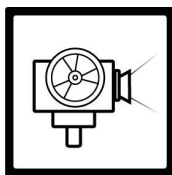


## LENT LUNCHESES WITH FACT

This year the Lent lunches took place in East and Old Church as St John's could no longer facilitate this event. Bill and Irene Duthie had the church tables planned out to a T and East and Old held the first lunch so we could get used to what went where and how best to set up and serve. The lunches went very well and at the time of going to print we do not have a total yet. The sale of Fair Trade goods was also a bonus this year to FACT and East and Old also put out their Christian Book stall for people to have a look at. East and Old have been congratulated and praised because of the attitude, helpfulness and friendliness of Bill and Irene Duthie who have been on hand every week to help out

## FILM CLUB

The church will be running two film clubs every month in the Church Hall. The second Saturday of the month will be a children's film 'U' rated from 3pm to 5pm and then on the third Sunday of the month Mary Daun will be running a film club which children would probably not want to go to. What we are saying is that the film is for adults but not an 'adult film' – how difficult is that to word!!! During the winter period the club will be from 2pm onwards with tea and cake and then in the better months maybe a Saturday evening.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

A few of the ladies of the church attended a training course on how to run and operate a D O E unit and found it very beneficial.

We are just waiting the go ahead from the council to start advertising it in the local paper and the Academy. It is open to anyone from 14 years of age to 23 years of age but what we really need is people who are trained to take people out on the hills whether it is lowland or mountaineering certificates. Can you help???



## LEPROSY MISSION GROUP

The Leprosy Mission group of Forfar met in February to hold its AGM and it was decided to take most of the money out of the account and send it to The Leprosy Mission nationally. The amount given over was £1245.



The date was also set for the annual coffee morning which will be 17<sup>th</sup> October in East and Old Church – put the date in your diary folks.

Over a week later Forfar leprosy Mission hosted a joint meeting between the Forfar and Dundee groups and over 20 people arrived from Dundee. The keynote speaker was Professor Cairns Smith from Aberdeen University and his talk was very informative and held everyone's attention. If you are free we are hoping to go through to the Steeple Church in Dundee on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April to support the Dundee group's coffee morning.

## ECO-CONGREGATION

East and Old hosted the March meeting of the Angus and Dundee Eco-congregation group. Although not very well attended each church shared what was going on in their areas, what they had accomplished and what they were hoping to do. East and Old are just about ready to apply for their second eco-congregation award but we still have a few boxes to tick yet!



## 500 MILES

This was a joint initiative between East and Old and our Guild. We held a soup and sweet lunch after the church service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March and over 60 people stayed behind to sample the delights and to watch a video about the venture on the screens. Thank you to the Guild for bringing this wonderful venture to our eyes.



## **6<sup>TH</sup> FORFAR BEAVERS AND CUBS**

This group of children and their leaders visited the church on 24<sup>th</sup> March to look around the church and find out who was who, what we did, who we worshipped, symbols of importance in the church, Christian festivals and whole lot more. The boys and girls made up prayers and everyone sang a chorus. Bob Kidd and Bill Duthie were a big hit as usual!!! Thanks to Jessie Philip and Jean Brymer for preparing and sorting out the drinks and snacks – the favourite part of the night!!!

## **STATED ANNUAL MEETING**

was held after morning worship on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The accounts had already been approved by the Kirk Session and reports were given by our treasurer Mabel Martin and our Moderator Barbara Ann. Bob Kidd gave a vote of thanks to our minister for all her hard work and innovative ideas!!! The minutes of the meeting are available if anyone would like a copy.

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## **THE DEDICATED IMPROVEMENT FUND NOW STANDS AT £68663**

### **WHAT'S COMING UP & WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR**

#### **FAITH DISCUSSION NIGHTS**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April and 25<sup>th</sup> May

#### **BIBLE STUDY NIGHTS**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> May

#### **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**of the Church of Scotland** will be held from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Barbara Ann is attending the event this year.

### **COMMUNION SERVICE ON SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 11AM AND 6.30PM.**

We hope that our members will note this date and make a special effort to attend one of these communion services.

In addition to the main communion service the Kirk Session have agreed to hold an additional communion service on the afternoon of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm after which tea and cake will be served. Just let your elder know if you would like to come along and transport will be arranged.

**ANGUS PRESBYTERY - The Big Day Out** – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in Arbroath. The cost of this all day event is £10 which includes your lunch. Throughout the day there will be workshops and discussions that you can sign up for plus lots of different resources. Put your name on the sign-up sheet in the hallway so we can organise the transport and buy the tickets.

## **WORLD MISSION**

Some of you will be aware that Barbara Ann is a member of the World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland and as well as serving on that is also on one of the sub committees – the local development committee. After the General Assembly Barbara Ann will be taking over as the convenor of that committee and is looking forward to the challenge even though chairing the meetings will be a nightmare!!!

### **INTERIM MODERATOR**

As of August or September Barbara Ann will become the inter moderator for a church in the Angus area. At this point we have not been informed as to which church it is as it has to be ratified by presbytery, however this will impact to some degree on Barbara Ann's time with us. There will a few Sundays when she will need to go to the other church and also chair their session meetings and advise nominating committees also.

## **SAYINGS...**

**You cannot hang out with negative people and expect to live a positive life.....**



## AROUND THE GROUPS

### THE GUILD

We have almost completed our programme for this session. The programme has been enjoyable and attendances have been very good.

We have just had our Coffee Morning which had a very happy atmosphere and raised the sum of £523. Many thanks to all who supported us.

The Annual Business Meeting took place on 25 March. The present committee will continue for another year. There was entertainment from Layla Brown—a singer from Arbroath.

Next session's syllabus will soon be prepared and then we will look forward to our outing to St Andrews. Members and friends will have a choice of how they spend their time—in St Andrews— a visit to the Secret Bunker—trips to the Fife fishing harbours and we then finish with high tea at the Links Clubhouse, St Andrews.

Our minister has become a member of our Guild and is looking forward to joining the other members whenever she is available but knowing Barbara Ann we will find that she will become a committee member, then a committee member of the Presbyterial Council and then probably on the Guild committee at 121 - you never know she may even become the Guild National President one day because we know how popular she is once she gets involved in something.

### EDUCATION

Did you know?...that over the past couple of years members of the Education Committee distributed over 700 blessings cards and 800 small gifts (tea, coffee, sugar in small wrapped measures as well as Easter Eggs) at the Church gate at Christmas and Easter. In the approach to Easter this year distributions are again planned on Saturdays and we will update you in the next issue as to the numbers.

The bookstall in Church is being replenished on a regular basis and if you are looking to explore or develop your interests then it is well worth a look. There are also cards which can be used for a variety of occasions.

## WORLD MISSION NEWS

The latest news from World Mission highlights Fair Trade which is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Some facts about Fairtrade: there are now 571 churches in Scotland that are Fairtrade congregations. These congregations encourage the use of Fairtrade products by their congregations and in their communities. All major UK supermarkets agreed to stock Fairtrade bananas in 2002. There are now 534 towns, cities and villages with Fairtrade status across the UK. The brand is now recognised by 78% of the population, with the mark on over 4500 products, delivering an extra £26 million in Fairtrade Premium to farmers around the world. Let's help keep up the good work done by Fairtrade!

In other news, Christian Aid is launching a new Climate Justice Campaign, "One Million ways" to encourage us to make small changes in our lives that will have a big impact on the whole world. The message from Christian Aid is: "Natural disasters and the fragility of our world frighten us all, but together we can do one million things to change our world and to build a future for everyone, standing against the greed and wastefulness that threatens our precious world."

There are lots of ideas of how you can play your part on the Christian Aid website - [www.christianaid.org.uk/onemillionways/#what-do-you-love](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/onemillionways/#what-do-you-love)

## TWINNING NEWS

Links with our twin church Zuglo church in Budapest, Hungary continue to develop. Plans are now under way for a group of approximately 20 of our adult members to visit Zuglo, from 8th - 13th October where we hope to formalise our twinning with the signing of a twinning agreement between the two churches.

Plans are also afoot for a small group of youths to visit Hungary to participate in Zuglo church's summer camp in July where they will have a chance to meet with other youths and join in fellowship there.

Our latest letter from Budapest explains that Zuglo church takes part in World Prayer week, the 3rd week in January. This means different services take place every night of the week in a church of a different denomination and are taken by a guest pastor. The closing service was held in the Catholic church and all 4 pastors take part in the service. Each church's choir also sings and this year they also did a joint piece which they hope to continue next year. What a great example of different churches working together.

We also hear that repairs to the church roof are still ongoing and that the board have approved last year's accounts and set this year's budget (so our churches are not so very different, so it seems...) Please remember to keep our friends at Zuglo church in your prayers.

## FRIENDS OF EAST & OLD

The theatre trips have been going well even though a few people forgot they were going!!! The team are now going to phone around before the trips to remind people that they have put their names down for the outings.

The curling taster session went very well although there were a few last minute call offs due to illness. Hopefully this event can be run again sometime next year.

Just as this issue is coming out Friends of East and Old will have presented the church with a cheque for £3000 which will no doubt be put to good use. Thank you to everyone who supports Friends of East and Old and the events they run.

Next on the list is Love Food/Hate Waste evening on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May where once again Susan Forbes and Elizabeth McLeod will be going head to head. They will be bringing left-over food from their fridge and cupboards and making it into a meal. On the night recipe books will also be available for a small donation. Tickets will be on sale after Easter.

We are hoping to hold a fashion show in M&Co before the summer so look out for the details.

Our annual summer walk is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August but the venue is still to be decided but put the date in your diary.

## LITTER PICK UP DATES

SATURDAY, 18 APRIL AT ACADEMY STREET, meet in B&M car park.

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL AT CARSEVIEW ROAD

SATURDAY 16 MAY AT SUTTIESIDE ROAD

SATURDAY 20 JUNE AT EASTERBANK/KINGS ROAD.

## WALKING GROUP

The following walks will take place in February and March

- 11 April Montrose circular (5miles)
- 25 April Queen's Well, Glen Esk (5 miles)
- 2 May River Tay near Caputh (5.5 miles)
- 23 May Glen Doll with **BB's**

Meet at The Myre 10am For more details contact Billy Sweetin on 01307 248228 or [bjs801@talktalk.net](mailto:bjs801@talktalk.net)

## THE £2.99 SPECIAL

If you are a senior you will understand this one; if you deal with seniors, this should help you understand them a little better, and if you are not a senior yet..... God willing, someday you will be.....

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for £2.99.

'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs..'

'Then, I'll have to charge you £3.49 because you're ordering a la carte' the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!' stated the waitress.'

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said..

'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

**DON'T MESS WITH US SENIORS!!!**

**WE'VE been around the block more than once!**



## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR LIVING

**Someone has written these beautiful words. Must read and try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life, all the time.**

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, **it takes away today's peace** .

## **CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER**

### **DEATHS**

Jan	20	Graham Adams	9 Innes Court, East Kilbride	*
	25	Sheila MacFarlane	15 Potters Park, Forfar	31
	26	Colin McLaren	21 Strang Street, Forfar	*
Feb	4	Kay McCallum	39a St James road, Forfar	*
	7	Sheila Brown	16 Isla Place, Forfar	*
	7	Stanley Lowden	Monksbarn Nursing Home, Arbroath	*
	10	David Patullo	St David's Care Home, Forfar	42
	12	Isabella Robertson	Lisden Nursing Home, Kirriemuir	*
	12	Ian Kennedy	53 East Sunnyside, Forfar	*
	13	Alexander Burnett	Roxburgh House, Dundee	*
Mar	3	Nora Bruce	Lochbank Manor, Forfar	36
	6	Ernest Prophet	38 Lordburn Place, Forfar	12
	18	Archibald Taylor	Lochbank Manor, Forfar	36
	21	Catherine Miller	21 Strathmore Court, Forfar	*

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Mrs Isobel McLaggan, Windyedge Home, Strathmore Avenue, Forfar 22

### **Baptism**

1st March, Robyn Beth Keith

### **MINISTRY OF FLOWERS**

Apr	12	Glenda Robertson	May	17	C J McEwan
	19	Lorraine Dick		24	J Gair & C J Milne
	26	Alison McLaren		31	Morag Milne
May	3	Bob Beedie	Jun	7	Margaret Anderson
	10	J & M Herron		14	Alistair McDonald

## **HAVE A COMPUTER? THEN YOU CAN HELP**

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ou 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/>

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## **PARKING AT THE CHURCH**



There are two available car spaces beside the east door of the church for members with poor mobility.

Other members can park around the front of the church.



Do you need Transport to Church -The Forfarian bus is available on the first Sunday of each month. Please telephone Liz Nicoll on 462480 or Jean Alexander on 463860.

## **Next Issue of the Steeple Times**

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