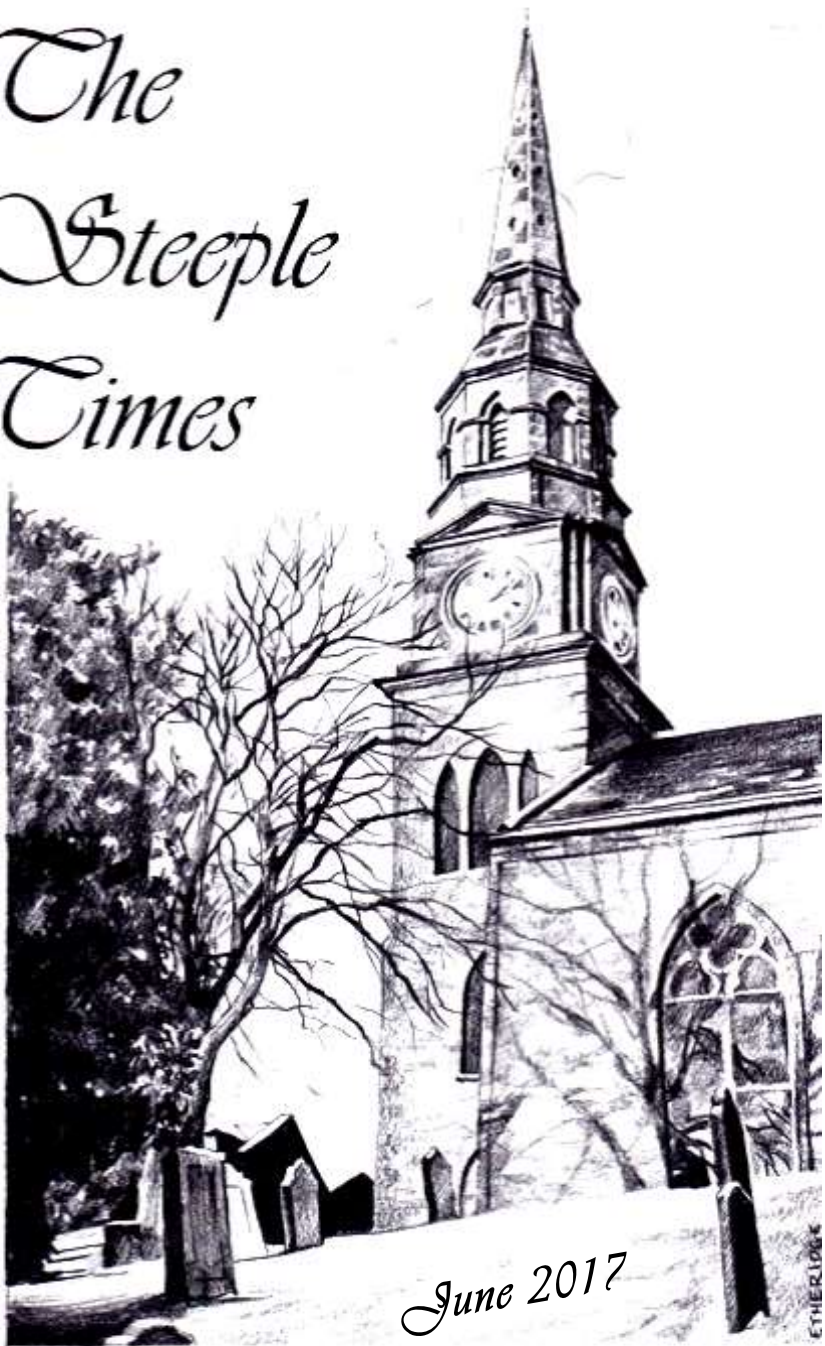


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Services of Public Worship:

Every Sunday at 11. a.m.

A short service is also held on the first Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 12.10 p.m.

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# FROM THE MANSE

## Letter from the Manse

Hello my dear friends!

Well it has been a very busy time since I last wrote to you in the April edition of the Steeple Times especially since I need to write the letter in the middle of the month before! Our newly refurbished church had just re-opened - that was a big event in the life of the church and also in my life. The next big event for Billy and I was the wedding of our son Scott to his fiancé Suzanne held 22nd April on the banks of Loch Lomond. Just like the opening of the church there was a big build up to the actual day and then the wedding itself and you will be glad to hear that I held it together during the ceremony. I arrived in my mother-of-the-groom outfit and then it was off with the coat and hat and the cassock put on, however I had forgotten to take my dog collar with me so one was quickly made out of white cardboard! As soon as the ceremony was finished the coat and hat were back on! Billy and I had a wonderful day with our family and friends and the sun shone! The happy couple left the next day for their honeymoon and Billy and I left the day after for a break to Prague which proved to be another highlight and we would recommend it if you have not been before.

The reason I am mentioning the church re-opening and the wedding is that when there is a big build up to an event and a lot of time and effort has gone into something there can be a feeling of flatness and tiredness after the big event. I know that I was very tired after the church re-opened as were many of our church members, I got the same feeling after the wedding and holiday were over. My son and daughter-in-law have returned from their three week honeymoon and are talking excitedly about the wedding and photographs while the rest of us are already passed the event. And that brings us to the church building because many people think that the big opening is passed, and that is that, however that is not the case my friends. As church members and friends of East and Old we need your prayers because there is still on-going work in the church by our own men to supplement the work of the builders and as many of you will know we have been having issues with our sound system. As I write this letter the sound engineer was out this morning and we are praying that the issue will now be resolved.

I also need your feedback regarding the loop system in the church. I invited along a number of people who wear hearing aids to sit in various sections of the church and put their hearing aid to the loop position. I used all the different microphones and the

members moved about the sanctuary, all could hear clearly and there was no problem. However I was unable to contact three people who were having problems with the loop system. Can I ask that if people are having a problem with the loop system or anything else then please speak to me.

In this edition you will hear of exciting new plans that we hope will further God's word and mission in East and Old and in the Forfar community but to do that, and more, we need the members of East and Old to take action in a number of ways. Also in this issue our treasurer has given a report but in a nut shell we bring in £7000 a month through offerings, standing orders and lets and our basic outgoings to 121 George Street and utility bills come to £7500 and that is before we spend anything on repairs and upgrades to the church, church halls, BB Hall and manse and then there is the day to day running of the church including licences for copyright permission and the leasing of the printer and our paper supplies and, and, and ....

We are raising funds to pay off a loan that we needed to complete phase one and our Steering Group have already started applying for grants for phase 2 because we want and need to finish this project sooner rather than later. In addition to finance we need the members of East and Old to offer up their time and talents. We **URGENTLY** need volunteers for a number of our projects and we need skilled people to help out in a variety of areas. In the near future you will see a talents board going up in the church building. On the board will be the various areas where we require and **NEED** people to volunteer to use their time and or skills and I pray that as members you will respond to it. You always hear me saying God's work never ends well here it is again - **GOD'S WORK NEVER ENDS!**

Can I take this opportunity to say thank you very much for the people in the church who do offer their time and talents to the running and upkeep of the church which saves us considerable money and special thanks must go to the members of East and Old who took up my challenge in the February edition of the Steeple Times to attend church more regularly because members have responded and our weekly attendances have increased slightly.

The tiredness has gone and after the summer we are ready for action once again so come and follow Jesus not only in your attendance at worship but in the work he command us to undertake.

Every blessing to you and your families

*Barbara Ann*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



We are pleased to inform you that the church has started a weekly prayer group which is held in the sanctuary. The prayer group meets on a Wednesday morning at 11am and also on a Sunday morning at 10.15am to 10.30am. Numbers are low at the moment because not that many people know it is on but prayer is vital in your life of faith so we urge you to consider coming along to either or both these meetings.

**Creating a culture on invitation** - was an event that six of our members attend at Hampden Park in March. It was an interesting conference with points being raised about why people do not come to church and why they do. The biggest point of interest was that people who do attend the church very rarely invite another person to church and it is usually because of the fear of rejection. Stepping over the threshold of a church when you are not used it can be very daunting

so have we offered to pick them up or meet them at the door? You just never know who will say yes and come along.



**The Leprosy Mission Coffee morning** was once again well attended by all the churches in Forfar and over £600 was raised for the funds and more awareness raised about this disease.

**Stated Annual Meeting** – our SAM was held after morning worship on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and for all the legalistic people out there the rules were changed last year that our SAM no longer needed to be completed by end March so we took advantage of this new rule and held the meeting in April!

**During Holy Week** our minister tried something different on the Monday to Wednesday by holding a 'Stations of the Passion'. At each of the stations which were set up in the sanctuary with low lighting there was a bible passage, a prayer and an activity. Over the three nights there were 25 people who attended and the feedback was very positive.



The service was held in the social area of the church and a meal was taken during the service. For the last 10 minutes of the service everyone moved into the sanctuary to sit or stand in the garden of Gethsemane which Marlene and Bob Sim had designed and put up. Once again people found the service moving and enjoyable.

**Good Friday Service** was well attended also and the whole service was taken in the dark with only some spotlights on and of course our illuminated cross. Once again people gave very positive feedback on this service and credit must be given to the minister for her thought provoking and inspiring services throughout Holy Week.

**Easter Morning** – what a wonderful day – Jesus is risen, he is risen indeed! The morning started for a few of our members at the

FACT Lochside Service with members of the other churches and then our own service at 11am. Floppy the donkey was a great hit and thanks to Bill Duthie and Fiona Clacher for the props.

**Communion Sunday** – as you know we moved this service back one week to accommodate the minister's family wedding and we also held three services that day – 11am, 2.30pm and 6.30pm. All the services were well attended and the tea and cake after the 2.30pm service was a big hit once again! You could have come to all three services and heard three different bible passages, sermons and communions - the minister really was working overtime! We want to give you advance notice – October has five Sunday's so remember communion is on the fourth Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October!



**Heavenly Bites** restarted on the first Thursday in May but alas due to a communication breakdown between the staff members at the school Heavenly Bites was only on once in May and then the first week in June and not

every week. The children who came along had a ball and learned a few bits and pieces and then the visitors who were fed and watered enjoyed their food also.

**Big Day Out 4** – this event, run by Presbytery, was held in our church this year and it turned out to be a big success for those attending however the whole event could have been better attended by the many, many members of the churches in Angus presbytery. The theme for this year was ‘on the margins’ and the workshops revolved around people and situations who are on the margins of society; prison chaplaincy, people with Dementia and their carers, accessible worship for people with various levels of hearing loss, the work of cross reach in dealing with mental health, a carpentry school to help the unemployed and workplace chaplaincy to name some of them. Our new look church went down a treat with very favourable comments and the biggest applaud of the day was for our social team who were led by Irene Duthie in supplying refreshments as people arrived and then an amazing lunch in the Church Hall which was well received by everyone!

### **Congregational Vote**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May our congregation took a vote on whether or not we wished to disband the Forfar Parish Grouping. On the same day Lawson Memorial, St Margaret’s and Dunnichen Letham Kirkden also voted with presbytery representatives in all churches. All the churches overwhelmingly voted for the dissolution of the Forfar Parish Grouping except St Margaret’s who voted against. These results will be discussed at the presbytery meeting in June. As you know **all the churches** work very effectively under the FACT banner including non Church of Scotland churches.



**Afternoon Tea/ Coffee morning** – as you will know many members in the church are hosting coffee mornings and lunches to raise funds for the church. A few ladies hosted an afternoon tea together in the social area on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May and invited their friends who had no connection to our church. A tour was given of the church and a very, very lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all. A total of **£336** was raised. The visitors have already asked when the next afternoon tea is!



**St Margaret's Ruby Anniversary** took place in May and East and Old church wish them every blessing in this anniversary

celebration and for the continued spreading of God's word and witness that they undertake in Forfar. East and Old took a table at the Ruby Slipper Ball on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May and ten of our members enjoyed a night of good food and dancing.

**Groovy Gryphon Trip** took place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May and the children and leaders went to St Andrews. The biggest surprise of the day was that the children were pleading with Barbara Ann to join them on the trip even though they were leaving at 11.30am straight after their time in the church. Barbara Ann gave it some thought and decided to just leave with the children. Esther Kidd was asked up front and Barbara Ann handed her folder to Esther and off she went. The trip we are told was a great success with the children playing on the beach, running into the water and screaming as the very cold water covered their lower legs, building sandcastles and moats and having lunch on the beach. They then played 9 holes of

golf on the Himalaya Golf Course with quite a bit of cheating going on! The treat of the day was going to the ice-cream shop and being allowed to pick from over 30 flavours of ice cream – we didn't find out how long that took! The children were supposed to be on the trip from 11.30am to 3pm however the parents were phoned to say they were running late – 2 hours late. Everyone had a great day.

**Farmington Ladies Football Team** were welcomed into the church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Susan Forbes is the teams Chaplain and we wanted to give thanks to God for Susan in her role as chaplain and also for the skills and time that the ladies of Farmington and the coaching staff put into the work they do. The service became an all-age service with the Groovy Gryphons staying in for the whole service and a few people were on edge when the footballs were in use – you just never know what can happen! A wee reminder folks – we are well insured!





### **Step Challenge**

our step challenge is going well! On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May Strathmore

Primary school

joined our challenge with all the school children, teachers, support staff and some parents walking from the school up to Reid Park. The primary 1-3's walked around the park twice and the p 4-7's walked up to the Balmashammer Monument. Well walked may not be the right word – ran! The weather was lovely and everyone enjoyed their time out of class so much so the school think they will do this once a year. The teachers had hidden clues around the park for the children to find and identify on their journey which related to different countries. The total was over 1,000,000 steps! Well done and thank you Strathmore Primary.

**Accord** have been very busy over the last couple of months entertaining many clubs in the Angus area. The team have a great time together and like to socialise together now and again . Café McLeod is very popular with the whole team. The tasty bites at the clubs always go down well. All donations received go to the improvement fund of the church.

**Ladies Night out** – these continue each month in the Osnaburg however we were informed that on the May date the Osnaburg would be closed for refurbishment so a decision was taken to go out for a meal at Armstrongs. What a lovely meal and great company was had. The next night will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June in the Osnaburg with our summer meal taking place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – venue to be confirmed. Remember members and none members of the church can come along to any our nights and we meet at 7.30pm and at 8.45pm the Osnaburg supply us with tea/coffee and sandwiches.

**Men's Night** out have **changed** their Thursday's from the last Thursday of the month to the first Thursday of the month. As normal they attend the Queen Street Tavern and enjoy their quiz night while there. Once again this is open to members and non-members of the church so come along the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

**Book Club** has had as per usual differing opinions on the books they are reading. The March book was Night Circus which was really liked and disliked by the group. Some gave it 9.5 out of 10 while others gave it 3 out of ten. April's book

was 'Go set a watchman' which once again divided the group. Some people enjoyed the book so much they then read 'To kill a mocking bird' however one person disliked 'To kill a mocking bird' but really enjoyed 'Go set a watchman'. The group also decided to read a classic every now and again and by the time this piece goes to print the group will be meeting to discuss 'Emma'. For those of you who like to know what we are reading next it is 'Book Thief' by Markus Zusak and in July 'The last act of love' by Cathy Rentzenbrink.

**General Assembly guest Rev**

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

**Johanna Gaberone** – the weekend the magazines come out we will be hosting the Rev Johanna from South Africa. She is in Scotland as a guest for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and as per usual our minister has been asked to host a guest – Johanna. More information about her visit will follow in the next edition.



**Presbytery Communion** will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June in our own church. The outgoing moderator of presbytery (Barbara

Ann) hosts the communion on that evening and it is a worship service – not a meeting and then a time of fellowship afterwards. We would ask that if you are free you come along and support Barbara Ann in this her final act as moderator for Angus Presbtery.

**FACT AGM is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

FACT will here from the people from SEEMA'S House who have been FACT's chosen charity this last year and a cheque will be handed over to them and they also hope to hear from the new charity for the next coming session – Inspiration Orchestra – a charity that supports handicapped people use their senses and learn to play an instrument.

*Coffee Morning*



**Fairtrade Coffee**

**Morning** – we are holding a Fairtrade

Coffee Morning on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June with some new items on the Fairtrade stall. We ask that if you are available to lend a hand, help by donating a raffle gift and most of all

turn up and support the event. Even if you are not going to manage along you can still buy a ticket at £2.

**Thanksgiving Service** – at a recent Kirk Session meeting the decision was taken not to award or hand out long service awards for elders. The reason behind this is that many people in the church do a variety of things that are unseen and they never receive any long certificate awards or recognition. However our minister felt that she would like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the elders in our church by holding a special thanksgiving service for the work they do. A number of elders have left over the years due to health issues, age and the direction the church was going in so to that end we are also inviting past elders who are still members of the church to come along and be thanked for the work they were involved in over these many past years.

**Five yearly review** – every five years Presbytery carry out a five yearly review of the church and it covers a very wide area. It looks at the church's successes and also the challenges it faces. This review can be used as a tool to define where we are now and our vision for the coming years. Our minister, session

clerk and depute session clerk have already filled in a mountain of paperwork and the date has been set for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June in the church where elders and members alike can come along and meet the presbytery representatives who will be carrying out the review. If you are free on this evening please come along at 7.15pm. The results of this review will be put to our session and church and to presbytery at a later date.

### **Hungarian Twinning Service**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June is our Hungarian Twinning service and also the Groovy Gryphon prize giving. We also hope that we will be able to present our Duke of Edinburgh youths with their awards.



**Breakfast Church** – a number of people have been asking about holding a breakfast church so our minister has decided with the session's approval to give this a try. As you know the first of the month is our early morning service with communion so we plan to hold the

breakfast church the following Sunday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9.30am also – hopefully this will be easy for people to remember. This will start on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August** so put the date in your diaries now everyone. We will be looking for a rota for people to put their names down to organise the breakfast that day and the breakfast will vary from one month to the next. Sometimes it will be bacon, others fruit and yoghurt, others croissants. Please consider helping out and there will be sign-up sheets in the reception area.

**Sunday Evening Services** will also be starting on the last Sunday of every month. This will consist of different types of services, with themes sometimes and guest preachers. The idea is to have a meal together before the service and then hold the worship service. Once again it will not be anything fancy – pasta, mince and tatties etc. The food will be served at 5.30pm with the worship service starting at 6.30pm. We will need volunteers to run these meals but once again it can be done on a rota basis. Sign-up sheet in the reception area. The date for your diary is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August and it will be a Songs of Praise service.

## **Back to church month**

**October 2017** Over the next coming months you will be receiving more and more information about Back to Church Month! The minister and the Kirk Session are needing the congregation to take a look at their commitment to East and Old Church and to do this we will be running a series of events that we hope many of you will attend which will showcase what East and Old is about. During this time we will also be looking at how our members can contribute more to the church and to God's mission through their time, talents and money. There is a lack of members in our church attendance and on our committee's from people in the 20 to 60 years of age range. Why is that? What can the church offer to you if you are in this age range? As a Kirk Session we spend time on visitations especially at communion time on as many members as we can get access to, many people distribute our magazine (which is free of charge). We need to know if you still wish to be a member of East and Old Church. Do you still want a copy of the Steeple Times? There are many ways of contributing money to the upkeep of the church – how would you like to contribute your money? There is

standing orders, weekly freewill offering, yearly or twice a year donations and some people do not contribute at all – why is that? Did you know that regular donations help the church work out its finances much better? East and Old offer so much to its members and the community of Forfar but we need our members to honour the promises they made when they became members of the church. Here is a reminder of what you promised when you became a member of the church:

Do you reject sin, confess your need of God’s forgiving grace, and pledge yourself to glorify God and to love your neighbour?

**I do**

Do you believe the Christian faith into which we are baptised?

**I do**

Believing in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and confessing Jesus Christ, as your saviour and Lord, do you promise to join regularly with your fellow Christians in worship on the Lord’s Day?

**I do**

Do you promise to be faithful in reading the bible and in prayer?

**I do**

Do you promise to give a fitting proportion of your time, talents and money for the church’s work in the world?

**I do**

Do you promise, depending on the grace of God, to profess publicly your loyalty to Jesus Christ, to serve him in your daily work and to walk in his ways all the days of your life?

**I do**

Let every word and action, everything you do, be in the name of the Lord Jesus, and give thanks through him to God the Father.

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### **Summer Holiday Club**

Once again we will be holding a summer club for children in P1-P7 in the church halls during the summer. Our dates for this year are

**Monday 31st July to Friday 4th**

**August** and the theme this year is ‘Professor Potty’s Time Traveller’s Tales’.

Please pass this information on to as many people as you know who have children.

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## DID YOU KNOW?



The paper **ENGLISH** £5 notes are now withdrawn from circulation as the polymer £5 notes are introduced.

You can continue to use the **Scottish** paper £5 note.



The new UK £1 coin has entered circulation as of March 2017, and The Royal Mint is producing 1.5 billion of the new coins.

**The legal tender status of the round £1 coin will be withdrawn on 15th October 2017.**

From this date shops will no longer accept these coins, but you will still be able to take them to your bank.

## 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**



As we reach the end of this session, all the boys are looking forward to their holidays.

This year our Summer Camp will be held at Scott Lodge in Glen Doll, on Friday and Saturday 2nd & 3rd June for the boys of Junior and Company Sections.

On Sunday 4th June, we will be joined by the Anchor Boys and all parents for lunch, some fun and games and prize giving when boys will receive their badges and certificates gained over the past year.

Hopefully the sun will shine for us on that day. A big thankyou to the elders and Barbara Ann for taking Company Section Bible Classes over the past months.



## MUSIC CAFÉ

The Music Cafe meets **every Monday , 2pm to 3.15pm**, helpers are there from **1.30pm**. We meet in the OAP Hall in Chapel Street, moving back into the Church once re-opened. 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—Update**

The Shop is steady and ticking along nicely to date from January the shop has raised £6708

Elma myself Alison Lexi Arlene and Irene arranged an Afternoon Tea in our new Social Area and raised £326.

For the shop, we are looking for shower cloths and round table clothes

Tea Knives China tea sets and cake stands as we would like to repeat this event

Can you volunteer some hours to work in our shop anything from 1 -3 hours would be welcome, we have a great team of people and you would be made most welcome.

Please contact:

**Muriel Fairley on 01307 463936 OR**

**Elma Sim on 01307 465049**

## **FORFARIAN BUS**

As you will know, our church has the use of the Forfarian on the first Sunday of each month to provide transport for many of our members. We usually also have the bus for communion dates.

Anyone requiring the bus please call Jean Alexander on 01307 463860 - Please leave a message with your name and phone number if there is no answer and Jean will always return your call.

The help of our volunteers is very much appreciated.

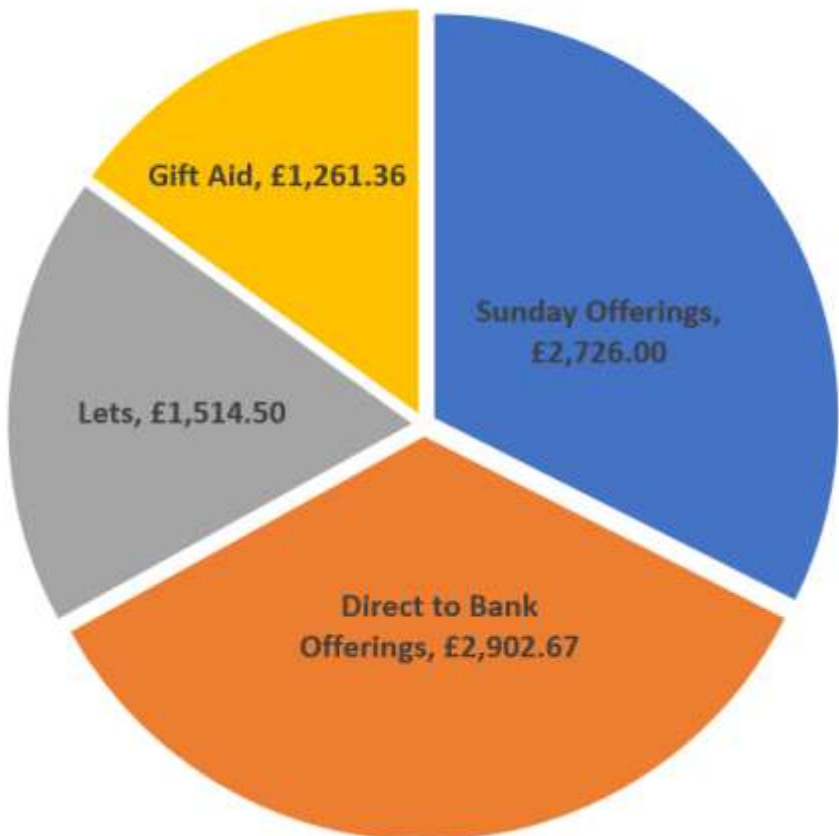
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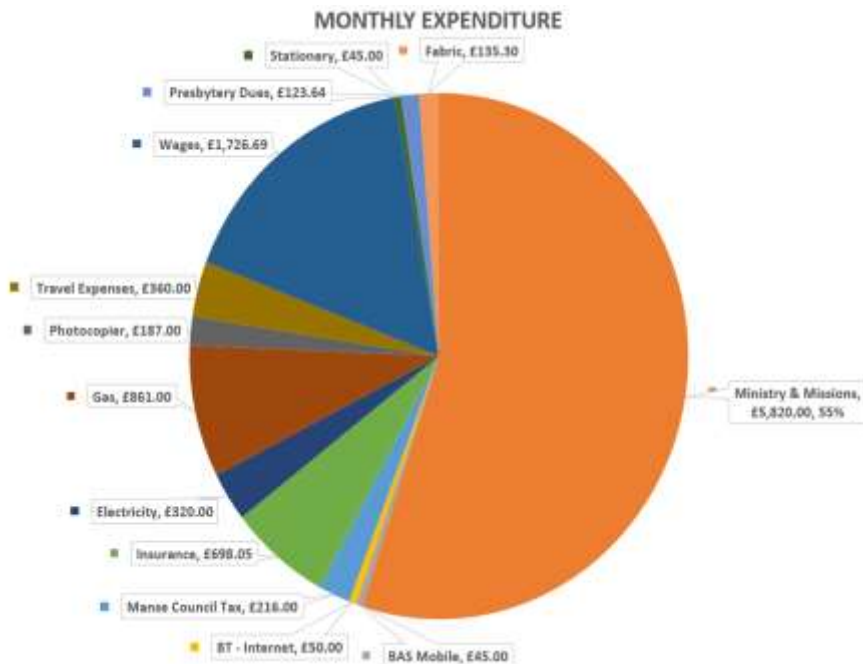
# BALANCING THE BOOKS



## MONTHLY INCOME



# BALANCING THE BOOKS



The Treasurer has provided an example of monthly income and expenditure above. Like any organisation we need to balance our books and to meet any deficit we need to raise additional funding to ensure we are not left with unpaid bills. In the example our income for the month was £8,404.53 and our expenditure £10,587.68, a deficit of £2,183.15.

During the past six months Church income has been £52,682.36 and expenditure £62,629.02, a deficit of £9,946.66.

To clear our annual deficit the various groups run events throughout the year and as you see in our Annual Accounts, we end each year on a positive footing.

Clearly any additional income would be very beneficial for the health of our finances. If you can consider reviewing your regular giving, then now might be a great time to do it.

# Our new look church!

Our new look church is completed – phase one  
The doors are open and a new era has begun  
Entering for the first time it takes your breath away  
For instead of being gloomy it now looks fresh, bright and gay

The old style pews and organ are gone  
And in their place bright walls new seating and much more space  
New ceiling, new lighting, really modern state of the art They  
really do look the part

They change colour to suit the mood, very updated and very good  
The stained glass windows take you by surprise  
As you see them all much clearer before your eyes

Last but not least is the illuminated cross on the wall  
A symbol of our faith – it says it all  
What a lovely place to worship you will agree  
A joy to come to on a Sunday.

Contributed by: Lauraine Grant

Lauraine was so impressed with our refurbished church that she put pen to paper and wrote a poem about it. Barbara Ann was delighted with it, we hope you are too.

## WALKING GROUP



Update Step Challenge— 40 Million Steps complete—only  
15 Million to go—keep up the great work everyone.

### WALKING DATES:

Saturday 10th June

Saturday 24th June

Saturday 8th July

Saturday 22nd July

## AROUND THE GROUPS

### FRIENDS OF EAST AND OLD

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April we held a fashion Show in M&Co and what a lovely night it turned out to be. Barbara Ann was the compare for the evening and we had models in all ranges of age and size.

The staff at M&Co were very helpful and a big thank you to those who help set up, donated raffle gifts and Margaret Robertson for her 'famous shorties.' Over £500 was raised on the night and big thank you to everyone for coming along.



### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June An Italian Evening

Food and quizzes are always a big hit in East and Old so to that end we are holding a theme night - an Italian night, Italian food for three courses, Italian wine and Italian music and quiz. Make sure you book your place to avoid disappointment.

### Annual walk

Our annual walk takes place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August and we will heading to Dunkeld and the Birnham Oaks. Our dinner for that night will be at Strathmore Golf Club.

### ART GROUP



The art group meets on Thursdays 1.30-4pm. New members are welcome. We do have some materials available if you are a beginner or returning to art after a long break.

The Art Group meets in The Church Hall Chapel Street Forfar.

### GUILD NEWS

We are looking forward to our Annual Trip to Deeside on 8th June, hoping the weather will be kind to us. Have a joyful, peaceful summer.

Why not come along and join us ? You'll be given a warm welcome.

*Esther & Bob*



## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### DEATHS

Apr	13	Helen Mearns	Lochbank Manor	
	21	Betty Diplexito	Windyedge Cottage, Forfar	
May	18	Agnes (Nancy) Young	Tamnavulin, Dundee Road, Forfar	
	20	David Carnegie	37A St James Road, Forfar	18
	21	Mabel Jack	Lisden Nursing Home,  Kirriemuir	

### WEDDINGS

Apr	22	Scott Sweetin to Suzanne McArthur	
May	19	Craig Patullo to Rachel Wilson	

### MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Jun	07	Bob Breedie	Jul	02	Margaret Myles
	14	Marjory & Jim Herron		09	Sheena Benvie
	21	Margaret & Doug Robertson		16	Sheila McTavish
	28	Catherine McEwen		23	Ruth Stewart
Jun	04	Mrs Morris		30	Stewart Davidson
	11	Morag Milne	Aug	06	Sheena Ewart
	18	Alistair McDonald		13	Beryl Stobie
	25	Barbara Ann Sweetin			

THE BIG KIRK SHOP



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NEED A VENUE FOR CONFERENCES MEETINGS ETC?

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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  
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## HAVE A COMPUTER? THEN YOU CAN HELP

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