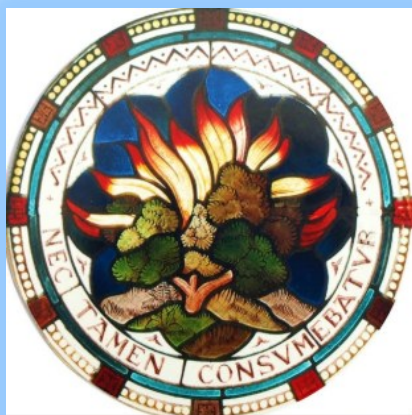


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EAST, OLD & INVERARITY  
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## **EAST, OLD and INVERARITY PARISH**



### Services of Public Worship:

✝ **EAST & OLD: Every Sunday at 11:15am**

✝ **INVERARITY: Every Sunday at 9:45am**

### Additional service:

✝ **First Sunday of the month: Breakfast Service  
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## Growing Together

Over the past months, both Inverarity and East and Old have steadily continued working together. The list I gave the Presbytery Clerk underlines this aspect...



*Points of growth, integration and co-operation*

- Fabric, Finance, Pastoral, Social, Community, Media with combined teams
- Admin and Finance addressed by a combined team
- Tear Fund Quiz night led by a combined team
- E&O members regularly attend Inverarity 'Souper Fridays' supporting local charities
- Lent Lunches at E&O, with soup from all Churches
- Job specs reviewed by a combined team
- Nominating Committee comprises a combined team
- Parish Profile developed by a combined team
- Sunday School jars of change supported by both congregations
- Legacy E&O Elders help with Inverarity Easter Breakfast
- Nice feeling in both churches on Sunday mornings
- Combined Worship Teams conducting services in locum's absence
- Combined services and events welcoming our twinned churches in Hungary and Switzerland
- Social events planned and attended by both congregations
- Easter afternoon teas put together and distributed to members of both congregations.

I hope this is the solid foundation upon which your new minster will be able to build.

*Malcolm Rooney, Locum Minister*

**Vacancy Update** - In the previous Inspire, we thought we had the go-ahead to call a minister, having prepared our Parish Profile to share with prospective ministers, as well as a webpage dedicated to the charge of East, Old & Inverarity.

Soon afterwards, we ran into various administrative difficulties as a Kirk Session, which led to our former Interim Moderator, Rev John Orr, resigning and Rev Carleen Robertson taking his place. Perth Presbytery took the unusual step of putting our call on hold for three months to allow Kirk Session to resolve some issues. In the intervening period, East, Old and Inverarity Kirk Session worked with Presbytery's Congregational Support Team, Presbytery Clerk, Rev John Ferguson and the Vacancy Advisory Committee who advise the nomination committee. I'm pleased to say that Rev Ferguson intimated that the Presbytery Business Committee reinstated permission and we were in a good position to call a minister. Therefore, as of 10th May, we received the go-ahead, finally! By the time you read this, the vacancy webpage will be up and running again. Please visit the church website: [Parish Profile - East, Old and Inverarity Parish](#) for more information. Watch this space over the summer in our search for a new minister!

**Property Report** - I hope you are enjoying this wonderful weather. What a difference in a year. My potato planting is finished almost five weeks earlier this year and so much easier on man and machine.



One real benefit with this weather is allowing work on the window repairs at Inverarity, followed by painting. These windows may well be the original ones installed when the kirk was expanded to two levels in 1845. A good clue to old windows is the glass. Today, windowpanes should be completely clear but back then, the glass had many imperfections, often giving them an opaque look. Craftsmen joiners are doing the repair work and using seasoned hardwood for longevity. Can we hope for another 180 years?

Also at Inverarity, a small section has been cleared of pews as per the agreement with Presbytery. If anyone would like a pew, please get in touch.

Although the current biggest project is at Inverarity, many items are being attended to at East and Old. As an example, I'm pleased to note that the lift is now fully operational again following a challenge to get replacement parts. Shortly the west stairwell area will be clad to match the main east entrance and also the paintwork freshened up on the staircases.

Have you noticed the new lighting in the Social Area? The faulty old lights were going to be seriously expensive to replace and the wholesaler refused to guarantee a replacement would work with the system in place. As a bonus for an Eco Congregation, the new lights use much less electricity.

The sound system in the sanctuary is being reviewed. A couple of minor tweaks so far should have helped. There is also a question whether the hearing loop system is operating as it should.

*David Pate*

## **TheBigKirkShop**

Hope you are all enjoying this lovely weather, I certainly am.

The shop has kept our volunteers busy, both with customers and donations. We have all been shown how to use the new Card Machine  
- this took a wee bit of getting used to.

Church member Doug Robertson painted our shop windows,  
which are now looking lovely - thank you Doug.

Wishing everyone a lovely summer - stay safe and a huge thank you  
for all your donations.

*Muriel and Staff*



Our group have been entertaining since the Spring; the Guild on 2 April; the Stroke Club on 8 April; Strathmore Court on 17 April; Benholm Care Home on 9 May; Disabled Club on 22 May.

**2nd Forfar Boys Brigade and Girls Association** - This session, Anchors and Juniors learnt about diverse subjects: phases of the moon, underwater creatures, road safety, and made crafts for Mothers' Day, Spring Chickens for Easter and skeletons from pasta. They always have enough energy to play games and dodgeball at the end of the evenings though. They attended the Cross on Thursday 8 May for the VE Day ceremony.



Our three senior boys took part in the Battalion 10-pin bowling competition in March with sixty-six entering. Tyler Lovegrove was joint winner, so well done to him.

We intend to have a stall at Forfar Gala in June, so please come along and support us. As always, we are urgently in need of helpers on Thursday evenings. The new session will resume in late August. Camp this year will be in September, though Company section have again been invited to accompany '11th Dundee' to their canvas camp at Inverbervie.

Alistair and Tyler have now completed their King's Badge and this, along with other badges and certificates, will be awarded at our Parent's Evening on Thursday, 5 June at 6:30pm.

Thank you for your continuing support throughout the year.





The books we have read these past three months: 'Only Time Will Tell' by Jeffrey Archer. I may have reported on that one last time! However a few of us have continued reading the books in this series about the Clifton Family, shipping and banking magnates always fighting to stay afloat, literally and financially.

'Precipice' by Robert Harris. A renowned author of historical novels and thrillers such as 'Conclave', deftly weaves fact and fiction into best sellers. This book is about Prime Minister Asquith around the time of WW1 when he was in love with a young socialite and shared sensitive matters of state with her. As they were not always discreet, their affair was no secret. An investigation by special services ensued. Good reading!

'The Wager' by David Grann. He is the author of 'Killers of the Flower Moon' that was made into a film. This story is quite different, taking place during the Spanish Armada when Spain's ships sailed to undiscovered lands and the British chased them across the Atlantic for their treasures. During these battles, British naval ship The Wager is shipwrecked off Patagonia in the South Atlantic. A struggle to survive with a mutinous crew ensues. This story is told through ship logs rescued with the men when they returned home.

The coming months' readings are: 'The Island of Sea Women' by Lisa See, about women divers on Korea's Jeju Island, 'The Bookshop Ladies' by Faith Hogan and 'Secrets of the Villa Amore' by Carol Kirkwood.

*Linda Spence*

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**T**he Community Team has reviewed the charities we work with and changed our nominated charity for collection boxes, from MND Scotland to the Angus Macmillan Cancer Care nurses at NHS Tayside.

The money from the collection boxes placed in the churches and charity shop will go directly to the nurses

based at Stracathro, who support those suffering from cancer in Angus.

Small boxes for loose change are available to pick up from both churches and you can bring your donations any time.

***Diary Date (provisional): Saturday 23 August - EOI Summer Fete***

**F**orfar Action Churches Together (FACT) - Six Lent Studies were held from March to April in the Forfar Community Church. Clergy and lay people from each church presented these, and around nine people attended each session.

During this period, Lent Lunches took place every Friday in the East & Old Church Social Area. An average of 25 – 30 people attended each week, raising a total of £1250 for Maggie's Centre, Dundee.

This cheque was presented by EOI Parish to representatives from Maggie's Centre on the afternoon of Sunday 25 May at East & Old Church, Forfar.



The World Day of Prayer was well attended.

A new rota for Care Home Services is to be drawn up by Maureen Fenton and will be circulated to all churches. A Lantern Festival is proposed at Halloween to emphasise light in the world instead of darkness - more information in the next edition of Inspire.



## EAST & OLD CHOIR

The choir continue to support the congregational praise at church each Sunday and prepare an anthem weekly. They also sang at Benholm Care Home on 28 February. We said goodbye to May Clark as she is moving house, but will welcome her back to sing with us any time. Absences mean we are sometimes short on volume, and we would welcome any new voices to join us.

**F**amily Worker Report - Easter Holiday Fun: We hosted four Family Fun Mornings with lunch in the church over the Easter holidays. They were well attended the first week, not so much the second.

Our new **Baby & Me** group started on 24 April, with 7 mums and babies. This is a very informal group, for mums to come along with their wee one for a cuppie and a blether. While their wee ones play, the mums can support one another.

I continue providing support at Strathmore and Inverarity Primary schools. This has proved to be an important link between the churches and schools. Strathmore has requested assistance from our Green Team and myself with their new polytunnel and planters.

The Lego club is as busy as ever. Thanks to the nice weather, we have had the club outdoors. Ailish (Volunteer) still bakes once a month with the children and they enjoy this activity.

I provide an additional afternoon (Thursday) assisting the Inverarity Activities Club. We are developing the wooded area behind the car park,



starting with creating a secret den area. The children are enjoying the challenge and freedom of being outdoors.

We are looking for cushions, throws and bean bags for our reading nook and a piece of tarp for our secret den.

I had the opportunity to attend the Christian Children and Youth Network on 12 March at YMCA Perth. Guest speaker Gordon Loudon, Chair of Street Pastors, talked about New School Pastors.

On 23 May - Christian Children and Youth Network, YMCA Perth, presentation on Youth Alpha Course.

## **Upcoming Events**

To celebrate Volunteer Week, 3 to 9 June, volunteers in both churches and the Kirk shop are very welcome to join Susan Forbes and I for a cuppie and tasty treats in East and Old Social Area on Friday 6 June at 2:30pm. Look out on the information board and sign up to let us know you are coming.

16 June - Murton Nature Reserve - Outing with Toddler Time and Baby & Me families.



We have four dates for **Picnics in the Park**  
(all 10:30 to 12:30, with lunch):

- Thursday 24 July, Forfar Loch
- Wednesday 30 July, Peter Pan
- Wednesday 6 August, Inverarity
- Tuesday 12 August, Forfar Loch

A gazebo is required for these events, if anyone can lend us one, I would be very grateful. Helpers are needed on all the above mornings (9am to make packed lunches — this would be very much appreciated.)

*Sheila Whitelaw, Family Worker*



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We had a good-sized audience for our most recent Folk Night on 21 May - the last before our summer break. Thirteen performers kept us all entertained singing and playing guitar, fiddle, accordion, penny whistle, melodeon - Alf Birse, John Young, Bill Carr, Kenny Orrick, Linda Clark, Kirstin, Maggie & Liz (The Twa Grannies), Bob Kidd. We also had an English couple holidaying in Johnshaven who had heard about our Folk Nites when visiting Montrose Museum and decided to join us – they sang and played English folk tunes. A great night with everyone joining in. Folk Nights will resume in September.



The planting boxes are ready for Chimes Nursery to plant up and also learn about how to grow vegetables.

Do you have a patch of ground in your garden that you can leave wild? Why not sow some wild flowers there for the pollinators.

Remember to take your crisp bags and soft plastic to the supermarket, or if you can't, leave them in the church recycling box.

**Q**uiverarity Kids Club - Our Kids Club continues to go well, mostly held outdoors at the moment. An area of the car park is coned off and the children have reclaimed the overgrown area at the back. They love climbing the trees and building dens there. The children also enjoy activities such as arts and crafts, and Lego provided and organised by Sam and Sheila. There is lots of fun and laughter.

*Helen Pate*



**& ouper Fridays** - It's now 1 whole year since we started our Souper Friday Lunches in Inverarity Hall and they have been going really well.

We raised money for all these charities:- May 2024 - Christian Aid, July - Parkinsons Scotland, August - Lochside Connections, September – Macmillan Cancer, October - Poppy Scotland, November – CHAS; January 2025 - Lochside Connections, February - Guide Dogs Blind Association, March - Forfar Day Care, April - Forfar Grief Café. A total of £1900 over the year, which is amazing.

We have a great Team with laughs along the way. Well done to all those that come along and enjoy the chat and support these Charities, always room for more.

We have had all sorts of tasty soups and here are a few to tempt you back: tomato & lentil, sweet potato & coconut, leek & potato, spicy lentil, butternut squash, cream of broccoli, spicy sweet potato & chicken broth. Suggestions or requests are welcome too.

We generally have a turnout of 30 to 40 which is great, and the noise levels are amazing too with all the chat. Our May Souper Friday donations are going to RSABl then we're having a break for June & July. These lunches will resume in August so if you haven't made it yet, we hope to see you soon.





The concert in Inverarity Church on Friday 23 May was an Organ Recital by Lionel Fotheringham, 'Toccatas Through Time' - refreshments were served in the hall afterwards.

**A**fternoon Spring Service at Inverarity - As part of reaching out to the rural EOI community, Inverarity Church replaced their usual 9:45am service on 18 May with an afternoon service, celebrating Spring and all things countryside. Joined by representatives from Forfar JAC and National Farmers Union Angus, the congregation were taken on a journey through drifts of daffodils, ploughed fields, tattie planting and newly born lambs. Having spoken to the Sunday School about the importance of pollinators to the environment, Rev. Malcolm was impressed by how they were able to identify the pictures of bees hard at work among the flowers. Although unable to attend the service, RSABI, the charity which supports farmers and those involved in agriculture, contributed to the more serious aspect of Rev. Malcolm's reflection, addressing the very real problems facing farming businesses and their families. With our newly updated Inverarity hall facilities, we are very much hoping to be able to build on this successful event and provide a local meeting place for use by rural organisations.



**I**nverarity Sunday School Report - The children have been eagerly anticipating the signs of growth in their Pollinators garden. Sadly the lack of rain over the past few weeks has meant slow progress.

We have been enjoying the Minister's talks about teams and their importance. We discussed the teams we are part of and agreed we are all part of the Lord's team.

**Sunday School Prizegiving and Picnic is on Sunday 22 June**

*Anne Wilson*



On an Outdoor Learning Day, before the Easter Holiday, pupils planted seedlings received from the Woodland Trust, all around the edge of the school grass. They did a brilliant job, using meta-skills such as collaborating, focusing and creativity. The Day included repairing a Minibeast Hotel, planting and weeding their raised beds and making wormeries.

On VE Day, Thursday 8 May, thirteen of our Inverarity pupils volunteered for the Forfar Commemoration Event at The Cross. It was a touching way to remember over 116 of our local, fallen service members — with each name read out, a young person placed a Poppy in their memory. We were blessed by sublime evening sunshine. Thank you to all who took part.

While learning about WW2, the children received a visit from Mrs Summers, who spoke about what life was like then for children in Angus and Dundee; also about the 17 evacuees that came to Inverarity!

On Friday 9 May, from 2pm, the School held a lovely 'Street Party' in the playground, to celebrate VE Day.





Parents and members of the community came along on a gloriously, sunny, blue-skied afternoon. Children had lovingly made fairy cakes with Mrs Whitelaw, our Family Worker, also jam and cheese pieces.

Councillor Ronnie Proctor had also very kindly brought along his WW2 memorabilia, set out in the Summer House to look at and try on.

Two pupils beautifully played a special VE tune on their chanter, followed by a minute's silence (at the children's request). Children and adults alike all had a fabulously fun time blethering, playing, with games set out and of course a football kicked about in the background.

Thanks to all involved!



**Q**uient Express Rooms Experience – this was something new for 13 members and friends at Leith on 16 April. David Liddle kindly transported us in the church bus to a virtual railway train buffet carriage in the Queen Charlotte Rooms for afternoon tea. The dining car was wood-lined with table decor from a past age. Delicious food was arranged on tiered plates by smartly dressed waiters who kept us topped up with drinks, tea & coffee. The windows were TV screens showing the beautiful scenery of Italy, Switzerland & France whizzing by as we crossed Europe at speed. An excitingly different way to dine with friends! This excursion to Edinburgh may be repeated.

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**P**ASTORAL Committee - Our group of 4 members had a very busy time in December making up gift bags for elderly and house-bound members. These gifts & Christmas cards were delivered in the two weeks prior to Christmas Day. We also provided a large bag of foodie gifts for the Care Homes in Forfar. We are very grateful to the Elders who volunteered to deliver these in their districts.

In April, several Elders from the Social Committee baked/cooked a lovely selection of sweet and savoury treats to fill cake boxes with individual Afternoon teas for members living alone; these were very much appreciated. Once again Elders delivered the boxes to the various districts.

A big 'thank you' to Johnny Forbes for driving the church bus to bring a few of the less mobile members to Communion.



**Church Lunches** - every Wednesday, apart from Christmas and New Year, our volunteers provide lunch comprising a choice of two soups and a selection of sandwiches followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. A donation bowl is there for contributions from those who support our venture.

We desperately need more volunteers willing to provide a pot of soup - vegetarian or non-vegetarian or sandwiches for around 10 persons. We require three volunteers each week, to be at the church by 10:30am at the latest. The rota usually covers 2-3 months.

Anyone willing to help with these very sociable lunches, please contact Jean Alexander on 07719564782/e-mail [charlesalexander@btinternet.com](mailto:charlesalexander@btinternet.com)

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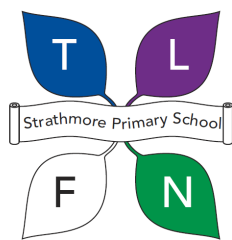
**P**ot Luck Supper - A successful "Pot Luck Supper" was held in the Social Area in Forfar on Friday 16 May. Nine tables competed in a picture quiz organised by Bob and a delicious meal prepared and served between quiz rounds by the Social Committee led by Elizabeth, with a raffle to finish. **£833 was raised for church funds** and the winning team is pictured below. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.



**& SOCIAL COMMITTEE report** - On Saturday 5 April, we held a very tasty Bacon Roll Morning with sausages included. To match the bacon connection, we also had a quiz sheet on pigs! The event raised a total of £200 for parish funds. Saturday 19 April was a busy morning, when a team of members filled 46 Afternoon Tea Boxes with Easter-themed treats. These were distributed by the Elders throughout East, Old and Inverarity Parish. On Easter Sunday, Inverarity members prepared a delicious breakfast of bacon, eggs, rolls and tea/coffee. This was very well supported, and in aid of Maggie's Centre, Dundee. Inverarity continues to have successful monthly Souper Fridays benefitting various charities. On Friday 23rd May, Lionel Steuart Fotheringham will have performed an organ recital in Inverarity Church.

**Future events:** In East & Old "Sweet Sunday" on Sunday, 22 June and a Strawberry Tea at Inverarity Hall on Thursday, 26 June.

We thank you all for your continued support at our Social events.



**trathmore Primary School** - Bob helped with Reading Week in early March with a favourite novel read to class 5.

All the youngsters, their teachers and parents came to church for their Easter Service on last day of term, April 4, with pupil bible readers, everybody singing One More Step, Welcome Everybody and lots of dancing action on the chancel with Spring Chicken on the screen.

## **TWINNING UPDATE**

**Zuglo Spring News** - They are planning their annual children's camp at the end of June which will take place in a village 100 km from Budapest. About 50 children have to be transported there by bus. Unfortunately, the previously planned Charity Dinner had to be cancelled due to lack of support, but hopefully it will go ahead at a later date, as the proceeds were meant to cover the expense of the children's transport to the camp. Elders and their spouses have been on a weekend away together to get to know each other better and make friends. This mainly social gathering was so successful that they are planning to do it again next year. Since junior pastor Aron left in September 2023 to take up another position, Janos has been working alone. He clearly needs an assistant, and it has been decided that Tamara, who has been helping with services and is currently the junior pastor at another congregation, will join them in July.

After their visit to Forfar in 2023, they have taken on board the eco-congregation theme by arranging a rubbish-collecting walk along the river in Zuglo, with gloves and bags provided by the local council. On a personal note, Mihaly's son Tamas has completed his studies at Cambridge University. Mihaly and his wife Ezster will be coming to the UK in July to attend his graduation. We send our congratulations to Tamas on this achievement.

In conclusion, Mihaly says he knows we are busy with our call for a new minister, but when the time is right for us to plan another visit to Zuglo Church, we will be made very welcome.

**Dubendorf and Schwerzenbach** - Some of the twinning committee recently met for coffee with Kate Luke, who was over to visit her mother in Brechin. Kate has taken on the task of being our main link with Dubendorf and Schwerzenbach Church, with help from Silvia and Susanne, while the Rev. Catherine is taking a back seat before her retirement.

We have been asked by Kate and her team to consider attending 'Sechseläuten' (six o'clock bell ringing), a centuries old Zurich tradition heralding the start of spring. The festival is held on the third week of April and consists of lots of parades and bands, with the Guilds of Zurich and children walking through the streets dressed in historical costumes.

While our main focus in the coming months is calling a new minister, I am sure the twinning committee will be happy to consider these outstanding invitations from our friends in Switzerland and Zuglo.

*Jim Stewart*



**Worship Team** - Monthly Early Services were held on 6 April, 4 May in the Social Area at 9:30am with a simple breakfast and will continue on 1 June, 6 July, 3 August and 7 September. Please come and support these short informal services.

Care Home Residents at Benholm and Windyedge Cottage really appreciate the Worship group members visiting with piano players Bruce and Elizabeth, bringing a religious service to their dayroom or lounge every few months. They look forward to coming from their rooms in good numbers to listen to the bible, pray, sing or tap the rhythm of favourite hymns. We hope to add St David's home on a FACT rota soon.

**VE Day Parade** - A moving parade, poppy ceremony and minute's silence organised by the British Legion were held on the evening of 8 May to celebrate VE Day 80 years ago and to honour the Forfar fallen of WW2 from the three armed forces. 116 youngsters marched down East High Street with their teachers & leaders behind a piper, each carrying a poppy to The Cross in memory of a soldier, sailor or airman killed in that conflict and named as each flower was laid. The youngsters' parents and families of the war dead attended along with veterans, cadets, standard bearers, Angus Provost, Lord Lieutenant, Councillors and a throng of townsfolk while traffic was stopped in the town centre.





**E**ast & Old Guild - Last time I wrote, we were about to welcome Rebecca Duncan from the "Archie Foundation." What an inspiring and informative talk she gave, well done to all working to make a child's stay in hospital a more pleasant experience for them and their family.

What a busy time, starting on 1st March with a 'theme day' in East & Old where the local guilds got together to discuss a topic for the coming session. Wednesday 5th was our A.G.M. and on the 19th, Malcolm Rooney talked about his life and becoming a minister. I thank everyone who helped make our Guild coffee morning Saturday 22nd so good. In April, we had our closing social. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon, special thanks to singing group Accord who entertained us so well.

Now is the time for a Summer break, but we will meet for a cuppie once a month, as we found this so helpful for keeping in touch with everyone. Our Summer outing will take place on Wednesday 18th June when we are going to Glamis Castle for afternoon tea.

May I wish you all a lovely Summer and if you would like to join us when we start the new syllabus, you will be made most welcome.

*Marion Duncan*

**I**nverarity Guild - On 9 April, Lillian at Inverarity Guild welcomed East & Old and Glamis Guilds to hear speaker Arlene Nelson. Based on her book, Arlene recalled a happy childhood despite having a white



mother and black GI father. Babies like her were often shunned by husbands returning from the war. The 2000 brown babies born in war-time Britain were considered a huge 'problem.' Arlene lives in Forfar and through a DNA project, has traced her father and half-brother in America.

Due to changes at the church, this was our last meeting in conjunction with Glamis. We have had a happy association, and Liz McLaren intimated that Glamis Guild was very appreciative of our friendship and partnership in recent years.

Events: we held an Easter Sunday Breakfast on 20 April; Angus West Guilds Together Tuesday 29 May, and **Inverarity Strawberry Cream Tea** is scheduled for Thursday 26 June 7pm.

*June Richardson*

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## Dates for your Diary

Thursday	5 June	Parents Night for Boys Brigade & Girls Association - East & Old Church	6:30pm
Friday	6 June	Volunteers Cuppa & Treats East & Old Social Area	2:30pm
Monday	16 June	Outing with Toddler Time/Baby & Me Families to Murton Nature Reserve	Time TBC
Wednesday	18 June	E & O Guild Summer Outing Glamis Castle for Afternoon Tea	Time TBC
Sunday	22 June	Sweet Sunday East & Old Church Social Area	Time TBC
Sunday	22 June	Sunday School Prizegiving - Inverarity Sunday School Picnic	
Thursday	26 June	Strawberry Cream Tea Inverarity Church Hall	7pm
Thursday Wednesday Wednesday Tuesday	24 July 30 July 6 August 12 August	<b>Picnics in the Park (with lunch)</b> Forfar Loch Peter Pan Inverarity Forfar Loch	10:30am - 12:30pm
Saturday	23 August PROVISIONALLY	EOI Summer Fete (more information to follow)	

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## DEATHS

Joan Coghill	3	February	< 18 >
Elizabeth Bain	11	" "	< 10 >
Charles Shaw	23	" "	< parish >
Eileen Myles	27	" "	< 24 >
Margo Allison	21	April	< 33 >
Jessie Kidd	29	" "	< 25 >

## BAPTISM

Ashton Graeme Wood                      4 May at East & Old



### East & Old Church ~ Ministry of Flowers

<b>1 JUN</b>	Ruth Stewart	<b>20 JUL</b>	Karen Kelly
<b>8</b>	" Alex Wilson	<b>27</b>	" Stewart Davidson
<b>15</b>	" Dr A McDonald	<b>3 AUG</b>	Esther & Bob Kidd
<b>22</b>	"	<b>10</b>	" Glenda Robertson
<b>29</b>	" BA Sweetin	<b>17</b>	"
<b>6 JUL</b>	Sheena Benvie	<b>24</b>	" J Gair & CJ Milne
<b>13</b>	" Edith Douglas	<b>31</b>	" Sheena Ewart

Please pass your donations prior to your chosen Sunday to Catriona Milne, Irene Duthie or pop it in an envelope and hand it in to Jennifer at PRIMA Gift Shop which is located next to the church gates.

**We need additional volunteers to join our Flower Team - please contact either Irene Duthie or Catriona Milne, if you are able to help with this.**

***If you would like to donate for Sunday flowers, dates are available - please add your name to the Flower Calendar in the Reception Area***

**Thank you**

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