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Autumn



Harvest is one of the most popular of religious festivals. The sight and smell of a decorated church, harvest gifts, arranged flowers, and sharing afterwards, are all part of a special day. It is all so basic, going back to a time when people first scratched a living from the soil. They, like the pioneer settlers in America, or the subsistence farmers of today, felt a deep thanksgiving for harvest. It was a matter of life or death to them.

In a sense, we have nearly all moved away from the soil. A crop failure is no longer a matter of life or death. It may bring anxiety or discomfort, but we will not starve. Yet for many people around the world, a failure of the rains can spell disaster and, if the rains fall on baked earth, there can be flooding too. None of us dare forget our dependence upon the given things of life, earth and sea, sun and rain, nor forget from whom they come.

An ancient writer put it this way: 'When the Lord your God gives you his blessing in all your harvest and in all your work; you shall keep the feast with joy.' (Deuteronomy 16:15)

While the land is warmed and watered by sun and rain, it is also an area of work. The lie of the land, the quality of the soil might be God's, but the fields, fences, fertilisers, planting and harvesting are ours. Part of our celebration is of human skill and of a job well done.

'You shall keep the feast with joy', said the old writer. We can become anxious and worried people. We are probably right to be concerned about chemical build-ups in the soil or in the crops, about pollution of rivers or the sea, about the effects of modern methods of agriculture on wild life and on the life of the community, about climate change and global warming. But the Harvest Festival is about appreciating the bounty and beauty of a good Earth, and of the skill and ability and thought of good men and women.

And there is a sense of sharing. Harvest is a mockery where greed enters in. So we give thought to others, and they include those who need to benefit from our skills and, where they occur, our surpluses.

David Taverner
Minister

A Harvest Prayer

Yet again, O God, seed-time has brought forth harvest. Teach us to revere the earth which you made fruitful. Bless those who sow the seed and reap the harvest. And as you have given us the skills to produce enough and to spare, give us also the goodness to share with those who have not; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS WITH TRACTORS

We plough the fields with tractors
With drills we sow the land;
But growth is still the wondrous gift
Of God's almighty hand.
We add our fertilisers
To help the growing grain
But for its full fruition
It needs God's sun and rain.

Chorus

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above
Then serve the Lord, O serve the Lord,
For all His Love.*

With many new machines now
We do the work each day;
We reap the fields with combines
We bale the new mown hay.
But it is God who gives us
Inventive skills and drives
Which lighten labour's drudgery
And gives us fuller lives.

Then why are people starving
When we have it so good?
And why in cities rubbish heaps
Must men still search for food?
Because we've been too selfish
To share what God has given
And so life is for millions
More like a hell than heaven.

To: St Andrew's Members From: The Treasurer

For the first time since I became Treasurer, I can correctly predict we are to finish the year in the RED. We have had a large problem with our heating supplier, who has been giving incorrect bills since 2006, because when recording the meter readings the decimal point was put in the wrong place. This has led to an unexpected bill of £5,500. Mistakes do happen and we are not given any privileges because we are the Church. I came across this story about the young man and the starfish.

One day, at early dawn, he was seen walking along the beach picking up stranded starfish and throwing them back into the receding sea. On being asked why he was doing this, he said that if he didn't, once the sun came up the stranded starfish would die. "But the beach stretches for miles, and there must be thousands of stranded starfish," remarked an onlooker. "What difference can you make?" The young man looked at the starfish in his hand, and threw it to safety into the water. "It makes a difference to this one," he replied.

Remember that young man and the starfish, and then your doubts will surely disappear. With your support the lights will continue to shine from our little church and when you come inside we may surprise you and have the heating on too!

Jock Kerr

Just think about this:

Volunteers are not paid.....
Not because they are worthless -
But because they are priceless.

And

Creativity is so delicate a flower, that praise makes it bloom;
While discouragement often nips it in the bud.

Tannadice Church Events Committee

P in the Park

Despite the appalling weather in August it stayed bright and clear for our annual outreach event "P in the Park" on Saturday 15th in Jubilee Park, Tannadice. This free event is open to all in the Parish and beyond and was exceedingly well supported by Church Members, Villagers and Friends of the congregation.

Bill Robertson of Nashville Skyline performed Country Western and Rock Classics before heading off to a concert at Kirriemuir Golf Club.

The Roast Pig provided by the Chisnall and Murrie Families was absolutely delicious; our thanks are due to them and all Congregational Board members who provided a wide choice of salads to complement the meal.

Golf Outing

The Friends of Tannadice held their annual outing to Kirriemuir on Sunday 30th August and was attended by members of both Churches plus friends of the congregations. Despite heavy rain latterly in the round the seventeen who attended enjoyed the afternoon and evening. Kirriemuir Golf Club is to be thanked for their assistance and for providing high tea after the round.

Details of the major prize-winners:

1. Gavin Innes -- 38 Points
2. Angus Bravington -- 35 Points
3. Bill Robertson -- 34 Points
4. Ian Chisnall -- 33 Points
5. Duncan Brown -- 32 Points
6. Bill Howie -- 31 Points

Any member or friend of Kirriemuir St. Andrews or Tannadice Church who has not participated in previous outings should contact John Rome on 01307 850493 to have their name added to the database of interested parties.

Coffee Mornings

These resumed on Saturday 5th September and despite numbers being down on normal the sum of £82 were raised for extension funds. Members and friends are reminded that further Coffee Mornings will be held on Saturday 3rd October and Saturday 7th November. On Saturday 5th December we will be holding a Christmas Fair in aid of Church Funds and anyone interested in having a stall should approach Nancy Davidson or John Rome for further information.

These are exceedingly social events and members are encouraged to bring relatives and friends. It should be noted children are made most welcome.

Forthcoming Events

There will be a **Beetle Drive** on **Friday 16 October 2009** in the extension of Tannadice Church. This is in aid of "the Make a wish Foundation" and full details will be available from the first Sunday in October. Anyone interested should contact Janet McFarlane or Nancy Davidson to add their name to that of those wishing to attend to avoid disappointment.

A Family Social & Dance is planned for Friday 20 November in Memus Hall from 7.00 - 11.30pm.

Initially the evening will focus on Family Fun with games and a taped disco for the Children. Thereafter Bill Robertson will provide music for dancing and there will be a bar provided by Bob Wallace of Kirriemuir Rotary with Stovies being provided by the Ladies of the Congregation.

During the evening an auction of pledges made by members of the congregation will take place together with a raffle and other fund raising activities.

Tickets costing £5 per person or £10 per Family will be available mid-October from Nancy Davidson or John Rome.

Christmas Quiz

The Annual Quiz and Supper will be held in the Extension of Tannadice Church on **Friday 18 December**. Full details will be announced in late November but it is anticipated that it will be along the successful formula of previous years.

2010

A programme of events for 2010 is to be discussed at the next Events Committee Meeting on Wednesday 21st October. The Committee would welcome suggestions to vary the type and way functions are organised and a box will be left in the vestibule to collect ideas, anonymous or otherwise. In addition anyone wishing to join the Committee would be made most welcome. Please speak to Nancy Davidson if you are interested in stewardship of this nature.

*John Rome
For the Events Committee*

ST ANDREW'S - FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Christmas Fayre is to be held in the Church Hall and Boardroom
on

Saturday 28 November - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Sunday 29 November - 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm



Donations will be required for the following stalls: Gifts, Christmas novelties, cakes, sweets, bottles, toiletries, table decorations, jewellery.

Paintings, cards and calendars will also be on sale and Santa will be in his Grotto. Teas and coffees with Christmas Pies will be served in the Boardroom.

As the Fayre is to run for two days, we shall require many helpers and lots of donations to fill the stalls. Please don't wait to be asked. Just give your name to any member of the Social Events Committee if you can spare some time during the weekend in order that the Fayre is a great success.

Social Committee members: Rev D Taverner, Mrs C Craib, Mrs K Dorward, Mrs E Duncan, Miss G O Wilson, Mr C Smith, Mr J Reid.

St Andrew's Boardroom is open for coffee/tea on Saturday mornings from 10 am to 11.30 am (fortnightly). Delicious home baking is also available, and everyone is made very welcome. If you would like to help Wendy Smeaton on one of the Saturdays, please let her know – willing helpers are always welcome.

FRENCH EVENING (OHH LA LA!!)

**Church Hall -
Saturday 6 February 2010
A delicious meal followed by
entertainment
(full details nearer the date)**

Southmuir Carpet Bowling Club has reopened for the season and meets every Monday and Wednesday afternoon in St Andrew's church hall from 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm. Old and new members are most welcome. This is a good opportunity to leave the house for a wee while, make friends, have some fun and laughs, with a cuppa to be enjoyed. Please join us.

USED STAMPS

The collection of British and foreign stamps has been sorted and handed into the World Mission Department at 121 George Street. The boxes in the St Andrew's Boardroom are now empty so please continue to save stamps and hand these into the Church or to your District Elder. The World Mission Dept benefits from the sale of the stamps and the money goes to Christian overseas work. Thank you.

Gladys Wilson

The Guild

St Andrew's Guild, one of the largest in the Presbytery, has begun its new season. We welcome old and new members to join in the fellowship and enjoy a varied programme which includes Reminiscences of Countdown & Mastermind, Canine Partners, Tales of India and a tea party for Guild Week. We meet every second Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm, usually in the Boardroom. If you have not been to a meeting, why don't you come along and join us? We're a friendly group - and the home-baking is excellent!

Church Challenge Evening

A very successful quiz night was held on Friday 18 September in St Andrew's Church Hall when 12 teams of members and friends from both our churches enjoyed a 'challenging evening'. Quiz Master, Alex Rae, kept everyone guessing, and the FAB FOUR TEAM won (Charlotte and Duncan Brown and Elizabeth and David Wilkie). Everyone left the hall in good spirits.

OBITUARIES

Philip Low, 1 The Moon, Kirriemuir.

Phil Low was one of the younger Elders at St. Andrew's Church. He volunteered to run the new Bible Class in 2004 and he, and the late Margaret Boag, did so successfully, demonstrating great care and a quiet enthusiasm.

Phil worked for Glaxo in Montrose, where his expertise lay in the field of Information Technology. He had been promoted recently to be a Director of one of their companies, which involved him in extensive travel.

He loved the outdoors, hill walking and kayaking, but he also enjoyed books, history, family holidays, and following the progress of Chelsea F.C.

Most of all, he loved his family.

Phil was particularly well-respected and well-liked by all who knew him and his most unfortunate loss in a kayaking accident is very keenly felt. We keep Brenda, Rebecca and Jeannette in our prayers.

Ronald Brooke, Lisdin, Kirriemuir.

Ronald Brooke came from Brighton originally, and worked in the Civil Service. Much of his work was confidential, involving the Armed Forces, and he travelled abroad extensively. He was based for a time in Edinburgh, Orkney and Shetland, and Kirriemuir.

When he and his late wife, Ruby, retired, they decided to come to live in Kirriemuir, which they much enjoyed, and where he took an active interest in the running of the Camera Obscura.

We remember his daughter, Pauline.

Ronald Howie, Finavon Court, Forfar.

Until three years ago, Ron Howie lived in Thrums Gardens in Kirriemuir. He was a Kirriemarian, and he went to live in Glasgow just after the War, where he worked on the trams. He met his late wife Margaret there and they returned to Kirriemuir in 1951, when he worked in J&D Wilkie's factory.

Ron was a contented man who enjoyed family life.

We remember his daughter, Theresa.

Mrs. Margaret McDonald, Storyville, Kirriemuir.

For sixty years, Margaret McDonald lived at 6 Henry Street in Kirriemuir. Her late husband, Sandy, was a Director of J&D Wilkie and was Session Clerk of St. Andrew's Church for over 21 years.

Margaret herself was a Dundonian, and proud of it. She worked at Draffens Department Store and then, during the War, as a nurse at

Whitehills Fever Hospital in Forfar. She remained in regular contact throughout her life with friends made at Draffens and at Whitehills. She loved her garden and was especially fond of growing roses. She loved children too and took a keen interest in the progress of her family.

We remember her son, Bill, and his family.

Mrs. Jenny Aitken, Aranacre, Muirhead of Logie.

Jenny Aitken had wide-ranging interests and was actively involved in a number of local organisations. She had run Brownie packs in Cortachy and Kirriemuir, and was currently involved in the Kirriemuir Show, in the Scottish Country Dance Club at St. Andrew's Church, and was also in the catering team at the Lunch Club. She worked for the Bank of Scotland for many years in Forfar and Kirriemuir and was in great demand for her bookkeeping skills, not least at home on the farm, where she was a great help to her husband, George.

Jenny loved gardening, caravanning and craftwork. She was capable and kindhearted, mixed well with people, and was very well liked. She greatly enjoyed family life, and had been looking forward to becoming a "Grannie".

We remember George, Alison and Karen in our prayers.

Although he was not a member of Oathlaw Tannadice Church, the late **Jimmy Murrie** of The Meadows Farm, was a very good friend and supporter, and great company at our social events. We remember Marianne, Hugh and Fiona.

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CARING

C is for Christian or Christ, if you like,
And being like Him, means you 'get on your bike';
Go out on foot or just jump in the car
And reach out to others wherever you are.

A is for Anxious, that's what we should be,
To look around in an effort to see
How we can help someone who has a real need,
And is hoping and praying for a good friend indeed.

R is for Riches, not the kind you can spend
But character richness, and a hand we can lend.
It means being ready to say, I am yours,
I'm ready to help you: just show me the chores.

E is for Eager to give all you can,
To work out the details of God's loving plan.
To be, not yourself, but Jesus to those
Whose welfare He seeks, whose anxieties He knows.

Articles for the next magazine to be published in December, can be emailed, posted or handed to Jean Wikie or Helen Main any time.