

Steeple News



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UK Foodbanks

13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Trussell Trust foodbanks provide a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.

In 2013-14 foodbanks fed 913,138 people nationwide. Of those helped, 330,205 were children.

Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes, underemployment and changes to benefits are some of the reasons why increasing numbers are being referred to foodbanks for emergency food.

The Trussell Trust partners with churches and communities to open new foodbanks nationwide. With over 420 foodbanks currently launched, their goal is for every town to have one.



From L to R - Sara Williamson, Anne Tulley, Cheryl Murray, June Gowans

The picture shows some of the voluntary helpers at the Montrose Foodbank

This letter came to us (via MCT) from Grace Linton who is key player for Montrose.

Angus Foodbank has now been operating in Montrose since Monday 11th August 2014, and after 5 weeks we have handed out 40 food boxes, comprising 23 single person boxes, 11 x 2 person boxes, 4 x 3 person boxes and 1 box for a family of five or more. We currently operate from Melville South church from the Provost Johnston Road entrance.

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There has been some confusion regarding where donations of food are to be left. There is a large box in Tesco, Montrose where food items can be donated, food can also be delivered straight to the Foodbank during opening hours of Monday between 1-3pm and Friday 10 till 12 noon.

Among the questions people have asked is, "what can we donate?"

Milk (UHT or powered)
Fruit juice (long life carton)
Tinned meat/fish
Sugar (500 g)

Cereals

Tinned vegetables

Tinned sponge puddings

Instant Mash Potato

Tinned tomatoes

Pasta sauces

Tinned rice pudding

Jam

Biscuits or snack bars

Tea bags/instant coffee

Tinned fruit

Angus Foodbank very much appreciate the support of the churches in Montrose and ask that you would continue to remember us and the people we are helping.

**November is our month
for continuing our
support**

HARVEST OF ENCOURAGEMENT

As our theme for Harvest Thanksgiving this year was the 'Harvest of Encouragement', the young folks of the Church thought it would be good to give a bit of *encouragement* to those struggling in 3rd world countries by *encouraging* the congregation to buy a few more **Fairtrade** goods.



They have calculated that if everyone in our Church bought just one item a month of around £3.00 in value, by next harvest we would, together, have bought around £4,000 worth of Fairtrade goods.

To make it easy to do this, the teenagers have provided **Fairtrade Catalogues** and **order forms** which can be picked up in the vestibule any Sunday. The idea is that we choose something, write it on the order form and pop the form back, with the money, in their Fairtrade decorated box (also in the vestibule) ready to be collected on the first Sunday of every month. They will then order for us and goods will be labelled and left for collection in the vestibule as soon as they arrive.

Many thanks to those who have already ordered goods – if you haven't picked up a catalogue yet, you are *encouraged* to join in anytime!

Aileen Scott

Fellowship

In several of his letters Paul gives thanks for Christians in various parts of the Middle East, sometimes complimenting them for various aspects of their faith and life. Not that he turned a blind eye to their shortcomings – indeed at times he was forthright (blunt?!). My years of ministry suggests that we are better at pointing out the flaws and failings of our congregations and of our fellow Church members than we are at appreciating their strengths and giving thanks for them.

I'd like to ask you to take a fresh look at our congregation with a view to encouraging a more positive attitude to your fellow members. I appreciate that a good number (probably many more than most people realise) aren't able to get to Church as much as previously but this is for us all. Can we take a leaf out of Paul's book and first and foremost give thanks for one another as fellow Christians, gifts from God to the congregation and pray for one another? Of course, we are not perfect either as a congregation or as



individuals but God has drawn us together to worship him and serve him as his people in this corner of his vineyard. If we were to be aware of the positive qualities and gifts that we have – and at a very basic level give thanks for one another it would be a big step towards us deepening our bonds of fellowship and being more supportive. If we were to pray more for one another then that would draw us closer together and make us more concerned both pastorally and in our outreach activities. More than one person has said recently “there is more of a sense of church family” – not everyone will have experienced that but I believe it is coming and it is certainly a goal we should have. Each of us ought to have a personal relationship with Jesus but God's plan is also to bind us together (with himself) as a fellowship of his people. Let's thank God for one another and work and pray to deepen our fellowship.

With thanks and prayer

Ian A McLean

Prayer Walk

Nov 2 Bents Road, Teviot Place
Nov 9 Union St, Place & Row
Nov 16 The Maltings, Links Ave
Nov 23 Wellington St & Place
Nov 30 Wellington Park, Jack Smith Rd
Dec 7 Dorward Road, Dorward House

Congregational Bible Passage (provisional)

Nov 2 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Nov 9 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Nov 16 Matthew 25:14-30
Nov 23 Ezekiel 34:11-16
Nov 30 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Dec 7 Mark 1:1-8



Hearing Dogs
for Deaf People



Don't throw away the stamps you get on your letters. Cut them out leaving a 1cm border and bring them to the church to put them in the tartan box at the East end of the vestibule. Ken Easton then takes them to Fordmill Nursing Home who pass them on to the Charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. They then sell the stamps on to stamp dealers to raise money for their very worthwhile cause.

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People was launched 30 years ago at Crufts. Since then, they've become a centre of excellence in training hearing dogs and have created over 1,600 life-changing partnerships.

So, especially at this time of year when you receive Christmas cards, please cut out the stamps and pop them in the box knowing that you are contributing to a wonderful Charity.

Visit hearingdogs.org.uk to read many uplifting stories about the work this charity does.



BUBBLE PRAYERS



It is easy to give encouragement to people who are close by through clapping, cheering, hugging and talking but it is not as easy to give encouragement to people who are far away. Whenever we talk to God and pray he can do so much with our one prayer, just like bubbles, with one blow we can produce lots of bubbles.

At Harvest Thanksgiving we said Bubble Prayers for different people. We said them in

our heads then blew bubbles once we had said them.

First we prayed for people close to us whether it be family or friends. Then we prayed for people in Montrose. Then we prayed for people in Britain who we thought needed prayers and finally for people all over the world.

God can do so much when we talk to him.

Emma MacDonald

Christmas Sale & Advent Gift Day

**Saturday 6th December
Church Hall 10-12**

Coffee/Tea + Christmas Pie
£2.00

STALLS:- Gifts Craft
Cake & Candy Books

Toys Santa Surprise

The Church Hall will be open
on **Friday 5th November**

2-4 and 6-8pm

when contributions to the
stalls will be gratefully
received.



Christmas Post

The Church Christmas Card
deliveries for **Montrose,
Hillside and Ferryden** only will
run from

**1st - 14th December
25p per card**

Collection boxes will be placed in
the

Church Vestibule

**Henry Hoggs- High Street
Scotmid - Borrowfield**

All proceeds will go to
Church Funds

Contact Winnie Clark 673789

*if you have time to spare to help with
this worthwhile activity.*

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

The **Flower Calendar for 2015**, listing all those willing to donate flowers for **Sunday Worship**, is currently being updated. If anyone would like their name to be included on the calendar for next year – **as there a few free dates:** please contact; *Willie Sinclair 675671*

October Diary

- Sun 26 Clocks go back
Informal Communion at end of service
- Tue 28 Church Coffee Morning - 10 -11.30am
Service at Montrose Care Home 2.30pm
- Tue 28 Guild - WEvolution, Lorna McKenzie - Keir Room 7.30pm
- Fri 31 An Evening with Graham Kendrick & Tony Campolo
St Andrew's Church, Arbroath 7.30pm - £12

November Diary

- Sat 1 Women's Section R.B.L.S Coffee Morning - 10-12am
- Sat 1 Superhero Christian Rock Group Concert - Church Hall 7.30pm
- Sun 2 Messy Jonah and the Whale in Church Hall 4pm – 5.30pm
Children to be accompanied by an adult.
Leading Worship Seminar 2.00-4.00pm Forfar St Margaret's
- Wed 5 Working with Young People Seminar 7.00 – 9.00pm Arbroath St Andrew's
- Thu 6 MCT Programme Commission. 2pm - Baptist Church
Induction of new Minister at Hillside Church 7pm
- Sat 8 Air Museum Coffee Morning - 10-12am
- Sun 9 Remembrance Sunday with Town Band 10.50am Church
Church Membership Group Swanson Rooms 4pm tbc
- Tue 11 Short service at War Memorial 10.50am
Resurrection (Russian) Choir at St Mary's & St Peter's Church 7pm
- Wed 12 Joint Kirk Session, in Old & St Andrew's, when there will be a talk by the Community
Policing on Drugs in Town.
- Thu 13 Guild – A World to Serve Ann McGee & Margaret Aikenhead 2.00pm Keir Room
- Fri 14 Media Training Session 10am – 4.00pm Arbroath St Andrew's
- Sat 15 Floral Art Coffee Morning - 10-12am
- Sun 16 Start of Guild Week Guild – Blackfriars Court Service 3.00pm
Pastoral Visiting Seminar 2.– 4.00pm Brechin Gardiner Memorial
- Wed 19 Guild – Soup Sandwich Lunch 11.30 - Main Hall
- Thu 20 Reading Group 2pm - Session Room
Montrose Churches Together. Old & St Andrew's Halls 7.30pm
- Fri 21 Deadline for December Steeple News copy
- Sat 22 Guild Coffee Morning 10.00-12pm Main Hall
- Sun 23 Communion Sunday
- Mon 24 Kirk Session Meeting - 7.15pm Keir Room
- Tue 25 Church Coffee Morning - 10-11.30am
Guild – St Andrew's Night Montrose Academy Baroque Ensemble 7.30pm Main Hall
- Sat 29 Hillside Bowling Club Coffee Morning - 10-12am
- Sun 30 Advent Sunday
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- 1-14th Church Christmas Post
- Sat 6 Church Sale and Gift Day
- Sun 7 Carnegie Court Service 3pm
Messy Christmas 4pm/ Carol Concert (and Christingle tbc) 6.30pm

AFTERNOON TEAS IN MAIN HALL

We now have two bookings from groups wishing to hold an afternoon tea/coffee.

The 4th Montrose Girl Guides need to raise funds to enable 5 specially chosen Guides to take part in an International Camp in Japan. The Guides need to raise funds to pay for the trip so will hold an afternoon tea/coffee in our hall on SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER from 2 - 4pm. There will be stalls and raffles to boost their cause.

The area British Red Cross Society are to hold a similar afternoon tea/coffee including stalls and raffles on SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER from 2 - 4pm. This event is to boost their funds for the wonderful work they engage in.

This is all good news and means that groups have the opportunity to raise funds more readily than having to work their way up our waiting list.

Hilary Murdoch

Walking Group

The Walking group enjoyed an autumn walk round by Craig and down Maryton Hill, getting views over the Basin towards the Glens, on a beautiful October day. November meeting is on Saturday 8th November

Meeting at 1 p.m. at Baltic Street Car Park. Please telephone Jean on 830250 to indicate if you are planning to walk.

Jean Stevenson

Key Registers

How many times have you lost your keys and have turned out pockets, checked through drawers, the car and various other places in the house to try and find them? At other times we find keys and we have no idea why we have them or what they are for – perhaps they have been in a pocket or a drawer for ages and we've just forgotten about them. I'm sure it happens to us all at some point.



The Fabric Task Group has been reviewing the **Key Registers** for the Church, the Halls and the Swanson Rooms and we have concluded that these need to be updated. For security purposes we may have to replace the locks in the various buildings and would request that if you currently hold any keys to these building that you let us know by the end of November.

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