

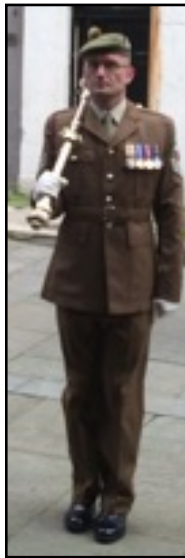
Steeple News



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The Kirkin' of the Council.

The Kirkin' of the Council is an annual event rooted in tradition dating back some 400 years and involves a gathering of Council members and officials and local community groups to ask for blessing and wisdom in all their work in the term ahead. Traditionally every five years once a new council has been formed, a Kirkin' service is held in a different place of worship. In Angus Kirkin' is held every year and this year on Sunday 13th September the chosen venue was Old & St Andrew's Church of Scotland, Montrose. It gives the Council a chance to recognise the valuable contribution of all faith groups, charitable agencies, voluntary organisations and, importantly, Public Services. For our part, as a congregation, we were able to welcome

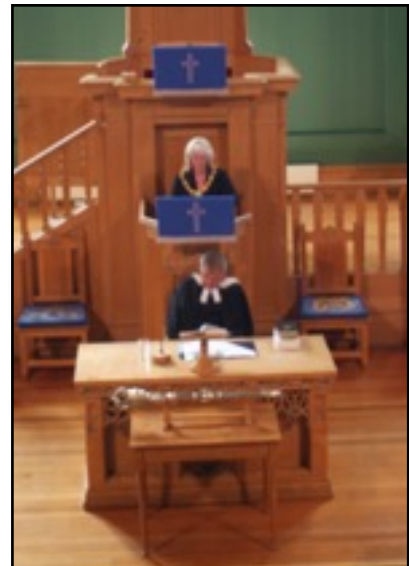


Mace Bearer

not only the Council but representatives from many aspects of community life in and around Angus in the context of worship and fellowship. As Christians, we live with a tension between our obligations towards the state and towards God. These are not mutually exclusive as Jesus himself demonstrated ("Render to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that belong to God.") though our ultimate allegiance is towards God. Within that we are to live in the community demonstrating Jesus' love and compassion towards all (and especially to the most vulnerable) and so it is fitting that we remind ourselves and others of our commitment to the community. Thanks to all who put themselves about to welcome our visitors.



Council officials and representatives from local Churches and



Helen Oswald, Provost of Angus, read one of the lessons.

The lovely mace of office may be seen in front of the Communion table.



The Kirkin' of the Council parade taken in the 70's.

l-r: Town Officer; Provost Mitchell, Charlie Wilson Snr; George Norrie; John Richardson; Jack Smith; Bill Ogg; Olive Brodie; George Beedie

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News can be emailed to steeplenews@oldandstandrews.com
or given to the editors

Hall Windows

The windows in the Keir and Kennedy Rooms are in a very poor condition and are going to be replaced as soon as the necessary permissions and funding are in place. We hope that this will take place early next year. Please DO NOT try to open the windows. They are unsafe

Flowers in the Church

The **Flower Calendar for 2016**, 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.**

Volunteers are also required to **help deliver** the flowers at the end of the Sunday Service. If you feel you could help please contact either **Willie Sinclair or Helen Campbell 673667.**

Montrose Foodbank

The Trussell Trust Montrose Foodbank has now been operating in Montrose out of Melville South Church for just over a year and would like to thank all those who have contributed over the past 12 months.

During this time we have fed a total of 571 people, 458 were adults, 113 children, these clients have come through 380 referrals. This would not have been possible without food donations received from the general public. People in Montrose have been extremely generous and for this we are very grateful.

Please keep donating non perishable foods as a change in the benefit system and various cuts are expected to affect many, leaving people worse off and requiring the services of Foodbanks.

With your help we will be able to continue giving food parcels to those in need.

Thanks again

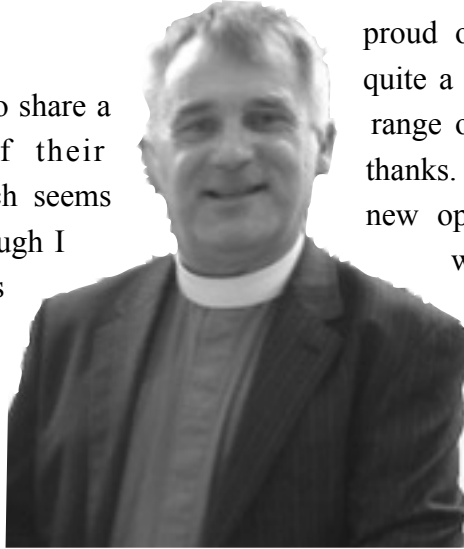
Grace Linton (Montrose Foodbank Coordinator)

Student Placement

Norman Trewren, a candidate for the Ordained Local Ministry (OLM), begins a 6 month placement at Old & St Andrew's. Please ensure that he receives a warm welcome and do speak to him when you get the chance. We look forward to him participating in the life and work of the congregation.

Job share

I know people who manage to share a job which suits each of their circumstances well and which seems to satisfy their employers though I do know that it doesn't always work out well. When I was in Primary school our class had two teachers who swapped over at lunchtime on Wednesdays. Let's say I preferred the first half of the week!



Jesus is interested in job shares – not of that variety but sharing out bits of his mission with every Christian. Before the summer I made mention of the fresh challenge to ministry under the banner “Tomorrow’s Calling” and I am pleased to say that there has been significant uptake of that from those seeking to work in the ministries of the Church. However, it goes much wider than that. Only a small percentage of any congregation will ever be employed in these ministries (though we should still look for candidates) but the mission of the Church will only really go forward if a much wider circle of volunteers take on their share of Jesus’ work. Traditionally, the Church has had a very good reputation for volunteering and Old & St Andrew’s is no exception. We can be justly

proud of the strident commitment of quite a few of our members to a wide range of activities – they are due our thanks. As we go forward there are new opportunities opening up which will require support – and in some areas existing volunteers are finding they are not so able physically creating a need for new volunteers. Perhaps we have not been as good as we might be at making the

specific needs known – we are working on it! – but there is a sense in which Jesus’ comment is still true “the fields are white, the workers few, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers”. Some of the tasks require a degree of physical fitness but there is scope for prayer and encouragement too. Some can be done sitting down and on an occasional basis while others are better done more regularly. There is a wide variety and the work would prosper from greater involvement. What is needed most of all is a heart for furthering Jesus’ work, a willingness to be a part of it and an openness to use the gifts and skills that God has given to “job share” with Jesus and the rest of his team.

I’d be interested to hear your thoughts.

Ian A McLean

Prayer Walk

Oct 4 Borrowfield Road
Oct 11 Macnab Cres, Lochside Cres, Distillery View
Newhame Road, Langley Ave, Gannochy Cres
Oct 18 Distillery View
Oct 25 Newhame Road
Nov 1 Langley Ave, Gannochy Cres

**Congregational Bible Passage
(provisional)**

Oct 4 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Oct 11 Mark 10:17-31
Oct 18 Mark 10:35-45
Oct 25 Mark 10:46-52
Nov 1 Mark 12:28-34

The first of our **Messy Church Sessions** took place on Sunday 13th September when we were delighted to welcome new families who came along as a result of the Summer Mission/Holiday Club. So much so that we had to quickly set more tables (and we had already set for 50 people).

The children and young families who come along to Messy Church really enjoy the fellowship and learning experiences that Messy Church provides. The children who began attending at the start of this outreach have grown and the babies who have been attending are now small children. It was lovely to see one small child walk in for the first time rather than being carried or pushed in his pram.

The next Messy Church is on Sunday 18th October from 4 -5.30pm in the church halls when the theme is "Messy Do's and Don'ts. (The 10 Commandments). An open invitation is extended to all but children must be accompanied by an adult.



The **Reading Group** is looking forward to some good reads over the winter months.

This month we will be reading **Victoria Hislop's 'The Sunrise'**.

The story is set in Cyprus which we hope will be an enjoyable escape from our not so sunny and distinctly chilly Scotland!

Please remember to have a look at our book exchange in the Church vestibule and if you can donate some money to our local appeal to boost funds for **Montrose Daycare Centre**.

Diary

September

Wed 30 Lochside School Harvest Service in the Church at 1030am

October

Sat 3 Guide Dogs Coffee Morning 10-12am

Wed 7 Service at Fordmill 2.30pm

Sat 10 Scot Jubilee Hall Coffee Morning 10-12am

Sat 17 Voluntary Action Angus Coffee Morning 10-12am

Fri 16 Deadline for November Steeple News copy

Sun 18 Service at Carnegie Court 3pm

Messy Do's & Don'ts in Church Hall 4pm – 5.30pm Children to be accompanied by an adult.

Thu 22 Friendship Group - Keir Room 2pm -Mr Peter Stevens – New Zealand slides

Sat 24 RNLI Coffee Morning 10-12am

Sun 25 Informal Communion after the service.

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Tue 27 Church Coffee Morning – Hall 10am-11.30am

Sat 31 British Legion Coffee Morning 10-12am

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Sun 8 Remembrance Sunday 10.50am