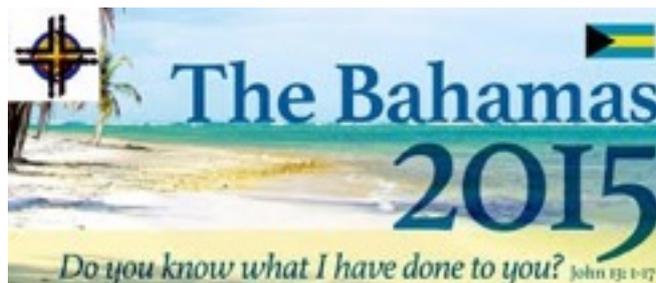


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The final service took place in the Baptist Church where children took part in a very moving but joyous, colourful ceremony. The thought provoking talk was delivered by Rev. Samantha Ferguson of St Mary's & St Peter's Church.



Thank you to everyone for their continued support for the World Day of Prayer.

Our three Bible Studies and Preparation meeting all went very well with everyone in the group taking part in good discussion. New friends were made and refreshments and fellowship enjoyed by all.

We say a fond goodbye to the Bahamas and the theme Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" And we say a welcoming hello to the host country **Cuba 2016** and the theme "**Receive Children, Receive Me**"

In 2016 Old and St Andrew's will take part in one of the main services.

Jean Cameron



The Church hall is used by many organisations every week. The over 60's Exercise Class led by Liz McCaw recently donated £500 to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and £500 to Montrose Day Care Centre. Receiving the cheque are l-r Sandy Moncur - Day Care Centre Chairman, Liz McCaw, Julie Watt, Irene Mitchell - Day Care Manager.

AFTERNOON TEA BOOKINGS

These are proving popular in the Hall on some Saturday afternoons. It's always good to see different people with new ideas and for worthy causes.

Elaine Allan and friends pulled out all the stops for Rhys and presented a wonderful tea party.

*The Montrose and District Floral Art Club hold theirs on **Saturday 18th April**.

There are two similar events both during May.

*The first is on **Saturday 2nd May** and is being organised by a young events management student who as part of her course is having a 'Bake Off' for Macmillan Cancer Care.

*The second is on **Saturday 23rd May** for Breakthrough Breast Cancer during the Montrose Music Festival.

Both events run from 2-4pm and will include plenty of interest as well as entertainment!

The ladies running these events hold their choice of charity very close to their hearts.

It will be lovely to welcome you to enjoy a 'cuppa' either on your own or with friends.



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17th April 2015**

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“BIG DAY OUT 3. 9th May 2015.

An exciting day of worship, discovery and fellowship is planned for Saturday 9th May 2015. This is the 3rd Big Day Out in Angus Presbytery. The day will begin and end in Arbroath St Andrews and there will be workshops during the day in St Andrews and a short walk away in Arbroath Old and Abbey.

The keynote speaker is Very Rev Lorna Hood, Moderator of the 2013 General Assembly. She is a wonderful speaker and her contribution will set us out on the theme of Pilgrimage. Organising the worship will be Rev Peter Gardner, of Renfield St Stephen's Church in Glasgow who has organised imaginative ways of enhancing the worship experience. There will be workshops on “Sit down next to me” – caring for the terminally ill, the Churches in Europe and what they do for Asylum Seekers, Christians in Sport, Spill the Beans, Fresh Expressions and much more.

The cost of the day is £10 which includes a sandwich lunch and tea and coffee will be available throughout the day. **Please do come along.** Tickets can be booked on line at www.bigdayout.org or by contacting Janice Tracey on janice.tracey@talktalk.net

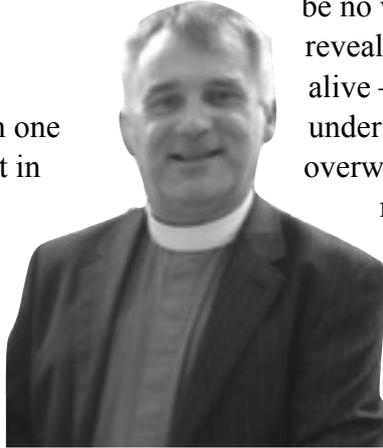
Put the date in your diary, 9th May 2015.

Willing Helper required.

The Fabric Task Group is looking for a willing helper to co-ordinate the team of volunteers who undertake the Spring and Autumn cleaning of the Church. If you think you could assist, please contact Elaine McLean on 01674 672447.

Beginning – not the end

There is no doubt that Easter is a wonderful cause for celebration. In one weekend you have the lowest point in human history when on Good Friday the Son of God suffers at hands of the very humanity he came to save AND on Easter Day we have the high point of Jesus' resurrection and the demonstration that his claim to be Saviour was true. (It was of course at the very point of his suffering and death that Jesus won the most marvellous victory though it wasn't until Easter Day that that became apparent).



be no way forward. And then Jesus revealed himself to them – very much alive – and they were quite understandably puzzled but overwhelmed, this time, by joy. As a result of that encounter with the risen Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit the early Christians went out and proclaimed and lived out the good news of salvation all over the Mediterranean. We're told that they "turned the world upside down".

And yet for all Easter's importance and despite the fact that we cannot hope to begin to explain our position as Christians without reference to what Jesus did at Easter (and why!) we really ought to see Easter as the beginning not the end. Last month I encouraged you see that our Easter faith is something to be enjoyed all year round – not just once a year at Eastertime.

We are called to live an Easter faith all year round – and we are called to live in and for Jesus. We are not to keep Jesus to ourselves but to spend ourselves for others, speaking and living for him in our community and beyond. The disciples of old would have had no difficulty answering the question "How has meeting with the risen Jesus changed your life?" What would our answer be? How does it show in what we say and do?" We can ensure that Easter is the beginning not the end if we are prepared to take "Easter" into everything we do from now on in.

I would like to take that thinking just a little bit further. After feeling the searing loss of their Lord on Good Friday, the disciples were totally bereft, devastated – there appeared to

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Ian A McLean

Prayer Walk

Apr 5 Rosehill Road & Court
Apr 12 Rosehill
Apr 19 Gindera Rd, Wishart Ave & Gdns
Apr 26 Broomfield Rd, Gdns & Cres; Rosehill Gds
May 3 Broomfield Ind Estate

Congregational Bible Passage

(provisional)
Apr 5 John 20:1-18
Apr 12 John 20:19-31
Apr 19 Luke 24:36-48
Apr 26 John 10:11-18
May 3 1 John 4:7-21

Church Charity The session is looking towards renewing the Church Charity towards which we are able to contribute at the end of each month in the Retiring Offering. Anyone with a suggestion for a new Church Charity for the next few years should contact one of the Session Clerks with a brief outline.



Easter Services

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Palm Sunday 29th March

Normal Services in all Churches apart from:-

11.00am Dramatic reading of the Passion according
to St Mark and Holy Communion -
St Mary's & St Peter's Church

Monday 30th March

7.00pm Short Reflective Service - Hillside Church

Tuesday 31st March

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Wednesday 1st April

10.30am Holy Communion -
St Mary's & St Peter's Church
7.00pm Short Reflective Service - Hillside Church
7.30pm Healing Service with Lenten Meditation -
St Mary's & St Peter's Church

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

10.00am Midweek Service - Hillside Church
7.00pm * Reflective Service with Communion -
Old & St Andrew's Church
* Holy Communion and the stripping of the
Sanctuary - St Mary's & St Peter's Church
* Maundy Thursday Meal with Communion -
Hillside Church
8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper -
St Margaret's Roman Catholic Church

Good Friday 3rd April

12noon Three hours of meditation - "The Nail"
St Mary's & St Peter's Church
2.00pm * Last Hour Service -
Old & St Andrew's Church
* Last Hour Service - Hillside Church
3.00pm The Passion of the Lord -
St Margaret's Church

7.30pm Montrose Churches Together Good Friday Service - Hillside Church

Easter Saturday 4th April

7.00pm Vigil Mass - St Ninian's Church - Brechin
8.00pm Lighting of the Paschal Candle -
St Mary's & St Peter's Church



Easter Day Sunday 5th April

8.00am Early morning Easter Service with Communion
and breakfast - Dun Church Hall
10.00am * Easter Day Service - Melville South Church
* Baptist Church short Easter Service -
Borrowfield Pond
10.30am Montrose Tabernacle for All Nations
Morning Service - Links Hotel
10.45am Easter Service - Baptist Church -
Borrowfield
11.00am * Easter Family Communion -
St Mary's & St Peter's Church
* Easter Day Communion Service
Knox's United Free Church
* Family Service with Montrose Town Band -
Old & St Andrew's Church
* Easter Service - Congregational Church
* Easter Service - Hillside Church
11.30am * Mass - St Margaret's Church
* Easter Day Service - Inchbrayock Church
6.30pm Easter Praise with Bridge Praise -
Inchbrayock Church

Come and have Breakfast

Old & St Andrew's have occasional soup and sandwich lunches which are very popular and are well supported. We tend to have these to raise money for events such as "Souper Sunday" (Church of Scotland HIV/Aids Project) and for our own Summer Mission.

During the week of Summer Mission, the Team stay behind after the activities of the morning Holiday Cub and share a lunch together, this enables friendships to be developed and provides an opportunity for fellowship. Similarly, Messy Church begins with a meal where the whole family sit down together and enjoy a snack tea before everybody gets messy.

Everyone knows that eating together as a family is very important, it is where stories of what is happening at work or school take place. In the Bible, mission and meals have a long history and Jesus spent much of his ministry eating with friends (and strangers). Without too much thought we can quickly think of Jesus visiting Martha and Mary for a meal, and also when he fed the 5,000.

Probably the most talked about meal that Jesus shared is what we know as "The Last Supper". This is not where the "story" ends though – shortly after his death and resurrection – Jesus called to his disciples "Come and have breakfast".

The Mission Task Group invite you to "Come and Have Breakfast" on Easter Sunday at 10am in the church halls. A breakfast of orange juice/tea/coffee/croissants and bacon rolls await. "Come and Have Breakfast" to celebrate and share the joy of Easter together before making your way to church to celebrate Easter.

Walking Group

The March meeting saw us walking the nature trail at St Vigeans, taking in part of the Letham Grange Estate. We meet at 12 noon on Saturday 11th April, 2015, when we plan to walk up the Den of Alyth. New members welcome to join us, and if interested please telephone Jean Stevenson on 830250. Walks are usually around 4 – 5 miles and rarely include steep climbs.

Pray it Forward Cards

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Diary

See page 4 for all MCT Easter services

April

- Thu 2 Maundy Thursday Communion 7pm
Fri 3 Good Friday – Last Hour Service 2pm
MCT Service Hillside Church 7.30pm
Sat 4 Embroiderers Guild Coffee Morning
10-12pm
Sun 5 Mission Task Group - Come & Have
Breakfast 10am - Church hall
Easter Sunday – All Age Service
with Town Band
Service led by Guild at Rowan Court 3pm
Sat 11 Iris/Ann Coffee Morning 10-12pm
Fri 17 Deadline for Steeple news copy
Sat 18 Hope Paton Coffee Morning 10-12pm
Sat 18 Floral Art Club Afternoon Tea 2-4pm
Sun 19 Service at Blackfriars Court 3pm
Sat 25 Girls Brigade Coffee Morning 10-12pm
Tue 28 Church Coffee Morning 10-11.30am

May

- Sat 2 Scottish Wildlife Coffee Morning 10-12pm
Sat 2 Macmillan Cancer Care Afternoon Tea
2-4pm
Sun 3 Communion Sunday
Summer Mission painting 6.30pm
Sat 9 Big Day Out – event for all churches in
Angus to be held in Arbroath.

Please note opportunities for Summer Mission planning and preparation. Dates will be announced in Church at shorter notice but tend to be Sunday evenings at 6.30pm.

Thank You

A word of thanks to Margaret Benton for making herself so much at home with us. During her brief placement with us she has contributed a great deal in her own quiet and unassuming way. We appreciate what you have given us. Every blessing in your next

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The next Messy Church is on Sunday 10th May from 4 – 5.30pm in the church hall and is “Messy Adventure” (the story of Paul). All are welcome but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is helpful for craft and catering purposes but don't let that put you off – please come along and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

“Yehaw” -The countdown to Wild West Week has begun!

Summer Mission 2015 was launched in the church on 22nd March when it was revealed that this year the name of the holiday club is “Wild West Week”. The Nursery Aged Holiday Club is “Wee Wildies”. Summer Mission begins on Saturday 28 June with a coffee morning and continues through to Sunday 5 July – book the dates in your diary now.

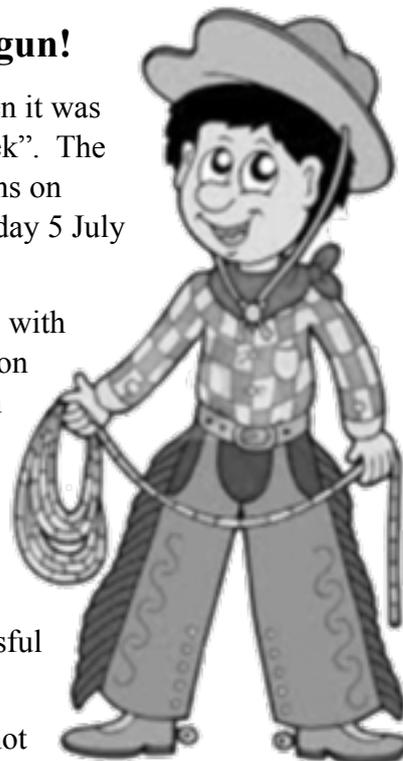
Our Summer Mission is well established and anticipated in the town with children returning year after year (some families who visit the town on holiday enquire as to when the mission is on so that their children can attend). The congregation are again being asked to support this project and Volunteer Forms are available in the vestibule with a list of ways in which you can help to make the Mission a success whether it be by donating some money or volunteering to take recycling items to the skip. Please give consideration to how you could help our ever popular Summer Mission be even more successful than in the past.

Several planning meetings have already taken place however, it is not too late to join in, more volunteers are always needed. Last year we catered for over 100 children and this is not possible without a willing band of helpers both in the halls with the children or behind the scenes where there is a long list of things that require to be done. The next planning meeting is on Sunday 19th April at 6.30pm in the Swanson Rooms and a warm welcome is extended to anyone interested in helping out.

Painting of props and scenery begins on Sunday 3rd May at 6.30pm in the church halls (Tom Long Gallery) and will continue every Sunday unless intimated otherwise. You don't have to be able to draw or paint just a willingness to come along and be involved is all you need.

A further date for the diary is Friday 29th May when a Quiz/Pudding Night will be held as a fundraiser. Tickets will be priced at £3 each and will be on sale soon.

The Summer Mission Team thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing you in the Wild West – yeehaw !



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