

Steeple News



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10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 1.....The countdown has begun to blast off for this year's Summer Mission. The action begins on Saturday 2 July right through till Sunday 10 July. The name of the Holiday Club is "Starship Discovery for primary school aged children and "Space Cadets" for Nursery Aged Children (3 years and upwards). Several planning meetings have taken place and we have now moved to the final preparations as we gear up for a busy week.

There is still time to volunteer, there really is something that everyone can do and volunteer forms are available in the church vestibule. This can be anything from donating money to collecting rubbish and taking to the skip. In the meantime, please continue to collect empty 2 litres plastic bottles.



Over the past years our Summer Mission has grown and has become firmly established in the calendar of the many children who come along year after year and we look forward to welcoming them and their families again this year. Throughout the week there is a lot going on, there is something for everyone so please do come along and join in.

Registration forms for the Holiday Club will soon be going out to the schools and Nurseries in the town and there will be an online facility to register on the church website at

www.oldandstandrews.com



Saturday 2nd July – Coffee Morning in the church hall
10am – 12 noon.

Sunday 3rd July– 11am Church Service to mark the beginning of Summer Mission.

Monday 4th July – Friday 8th July

- 10.30am – 12.30pm – Starship Discovery Holiday Club for all Primary School age children
- 10.30am – 11.30am – Space Cadets for all Nursery aged children (3 years upwards)
- 10.30am – 12.30pm – Teas and coffees for parents and visitors (toys for toddlers) in the Tom Long Gallery
- 10.30am – 12.30pm – Bookstall in Tom Long Gallery

Other Activities:

Tuesday 5th July 2-3pm – Games afternoon for all Primary school children

Wednesday 6th July 6 – 7.30pm. – Messy Creation (Messy Church Taster Evening) – All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 7th July – 2.30-4.30pm – Pancake Tea Party (All children must be accompanied by an adult)

Friday 8th July 7-9pm – Pizza and Activities for Teenage Helpers (Swanson Rooms)

Saturday 9th July 10.30am – 12.30pm – Family Fun Day with BBQ

Sunday 10th July -11am Café Church Style Family Service in the church hall followed by lunch for all. The Summer Mission thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the Starship Discovery.



Laura and Ciaran's Wedding

Thank You

A big thank you from all at the Manse for everyone's help given in connection with Laura's wedding and the warm welcome offered to all. Many people commented on the way they were made to feel welcome by the congregation. Take a bow!

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Church Summer Opening

The Church will be open from the 4th of July until the 31st of August, 2pm -4pm.

This summer's rota is currently being organised.

If anyone would like to volunteer their help in addition to those already on the list. Please contact Willie Sinclair 675671.

Diary

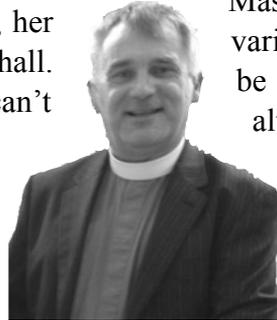
- Tue 31 May Church Coffee Morning 10am – 11.30am in Halls
Fri 3 Jun School Chaplains' Conference Brechin High School
Sat 4 Jun Enable Coffee Morning 10-12
Mon 6 Jun Pastoral TG 2pm in Session Room
Tue 7 Jun Presbytery Communion Carnoustie Church 7.30pm All welcome
Sat 11 Jun Angus Cardiac Coffee Morning 10-12
Sun 12 Jun Queen's Birthday Party after service in Halls. All welcome.
Mon 13 Jun Data Protection training 2pm in the Manse
Tue 14 Jun Montrose Churches Together AGM 7.30pm Castle Street
Thu 16 Jun Reading Group 2pm in the Session Room
Sat 18 Jun Twinning Association Coffee Morning 10-12
Mon 20 Jun Admin TG 2pm in Session Room
Sat 25 Jun Gordon Town Mission Coffee Morning 10-12
Sun 26 Jun Informal Communion at end of service
Tue 28 Jun Church Coffee Morning 10am – 1130am in Halls
Thu 30 Jun Short service at War Memorial 1050am (Battle of Somme) tbc
Fri 1 Jul Lochside School end of term in Church 10.15am
Sat 2 Jul Summer Mission Coffee Morning 10am – 12pm
Mon 4 Jul Summer Mission week begins (detailed info to follow)
Sun 10 Jul Final service followed by lunch. All welcome

Painting for Summer Mission in Tom Long Gallery Sundays at 6.30pm as announced

Meeting of Parish Grouping Steering Group to be arranged (with LCR visitors)

Lifetime of service

Along with many others we will be marking the Queen's (official) birthday this year, her 90th, with a little party in the Church hall. Even those who are not royalists at all can't despise her stamina and commitment to public service over all these years – a generation after most of her contemporaries retired. My friend and deaconess colleague replying to a comment on how much work she was doing in retirement said "You can retire from the Home Board (of the Church) but you never retire from the Lord's service". Of course, the form of service may change and it is said that you have more choice about what you do but Nan had a point. We all serve as Christians not because we are contracted so to do but because of our love and commitment to our Lord and Saviour (based on his love and commitment to us).



Sometimes we misuse (or misunderstand) the term "voluntary organisation" especially as it is applied to the Church. In one sense it is voluntary as no one is contracted as a church member but we totally fail to understand the nature of our relationship with God if we act as though we were free to opt in and opt out of love and commitment towards Jesus. Out of

gratitude for all his love and forgiveness we are called to a lifetime of loving service to our Master and Friend. There will be a wide variety of ways in which that service will be shown – and its forms will doubtless alter over the years – but we will never outgrow our need to be loved by Jesus nor our need to show that love to him.

I wonder if we might all take a leaf out of the Queen's book, in this respect, that we recover that sense of lifetime commitment to Jesus Christ and look not so much to "if and when" we serve but rather at "how or in what way" we serve. We almost certainly need to be more imaginative about the nature of our service and the variety of forms it might take. It is all too easy to limit the options and then conclude that there is nothing suitable whereas the Bible is very clear that God gives us all gifts – only much more varied and disparate than we usually appreciate. Remember too, that the call to lifetime service with and for Jesus isn't supposed to be a burden or a chore but a joyful and exhilarating experience.

Yours together in his service

Ian A McLean

Prayer Walk

Jun 5 Baltic Street
Jun 12 Hume Street
Jun 19 Panmure Place, Row and Street
Jun 26 Montrose Academy
Jul 3 Museum Street and Chapel Place

Congregational Bible Passage (provisional)

Jun 5 Luke 7:11-17
Jun 12 Luke 7:36-8:3
Jun 19 Luke 8:26-39
Jun 26 Galatians 5:22-25
Jul 3 Luke 10:1-6

Local Church Review

We have yet to receive feedback from our visitors which will come in due course. In sharing with them what Old & St Andrew's was involved in people were probably surprised at just how much we did. We give thanks for all that is being done and we pray on for wisdom to address the challenges for the future.

CAN YOU HELP US?



A long purple seersucker tablecloth has gone missing from the church hall. If you were the kind person who took it home to wash it but somehow forgot to return it we would be most grateful if you could bring it back. Please leave it in the kitchen. Thank you.

Messy Church closed for the summer break with a Messy Picnic on Saturday 21st May. It was a blustery day but that didn't stop the children from having a great time.



Messy Church returns on Sunday 11 September with "Messy Superhero's". All children will be asked to come dressed as their

favourite super hero (adults can too if they wish!).

Indoor Street Party Sunday 12th June

As everyone knows, the Queen recently turned 90 and to mark the event Old & St Andrew's are like many other organisations, having an "Indoor Street Party" immediately following the church service on Sunday 12th June.

As it's indoors, there is no need to worry about the weather and the hall will be suitably festooned with union jack bunting and balloons.



Alien Drive / Pudding Night

Young and the not so young enjoying the puddings on offer on Friday night. About 40 people came along to help raise some money for the Summer Mission. £128 was raised in a most enjoyable way, plenty of chat, good way of mixing everyone about and not too taxing on the brain.

Walking Group

We enjoyed a walk round Crombie Park and then on to the Monikie Park. Both country parks were looking glorious with the fresh green foliage on the trees and various wild flowers and birds, and the Angus Countryside was at its best for the journey over.

Next meeting is on Saturday June, 11th – Meet at 1 p.m. at Baltic Street Car park as usual. Tel. Jean on 01674 830250.

Christian Aid

The members support the Christian Aid campaign with their donations, and the change from house-to-house collections to placing envelopes on the pews in the churches has been beneficial. But it was disappointing to see how few attended the concert of Gospel Music, provided by the choir of the Redeemed Church of God, from Aberdeen, supported by the Montrose Tabernacle and Neil Milne, held during Christian Aid week. This is the second year I have attended this myself – and what a happy evening of lovely singing – and such joy from the choir. Take a note not to miss this next year, if it is organised again. "You missed yourselves!"

Jean S. Stevenson