

Steeple News



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Royal Street Party

On Sunday June 12th the church celebrated the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth by holding an Indoor Street Party in the hall. A dedicated team of helpers from the Mission Task Group set up the hall bedecked in

The assembled company then helped themselves to a delicious buffet of quiche, sausage rolls, a variety of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and, of course, the delicious 90th birthday cake with tea or coffee.

While the meal was going on there was a rolling Powerpoint presentation shown on the



bunting, balloons and bright tables. Over 60 people came along after church for lunch. Following the singing of the National Anthem, Mrs Jean Thomson ceremoniously cut the Celebratory cake made by Pat Sykes.



screen of highlights of Queen Elizabeth's life from childhood to the present day. This triggered off many memories at the tables and reminiscences were shared with those around them.

Church Summer Opening

During the months of July and August the church will again be open Monday - Friday 2-4pm. This has been a very successful endeavour over the years with visitors from all over the world and locally coming to enjoy being shown round the church. If you have some spare time why not pop into the church for some fellowship and maybe a cup of tea or coffee

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Offerings/Gift Aid

If you are paying Income Tax and would like us to claim 25 pence in the Pound back from the Government, please contact either Margaret on 675631 or Ann on 675184 or contact us on any Sunday.

We can then talk you through the procedure for giving by Green Envelopes, White Envelopes or Standing Order.

Margaret Aikenhead, Ann McGee.

Diary

Thu 30 Jun Short service at War Memorial 1050am (Battle of Somme)

July

- Fri 1 Lochside School end of term in Church 1015am
Sat 2 Summer Mission Coffee Morning 10am – 12pm
Mon 4 Church summer opening begins – weekdays 2pm – 4pm
Holiday Club week begins 1030 in the Halls
Starship Discovery Week - See leaflet with further details
Sat 9 Holiday Club BBQ and games – No Church Coffee Morning
Sun 10 Summer Mission Service 11am in Hall (children meet at 1030)
Followed by lunch
Sat 16 Links Park Community Trust Coffee Morning 10am-12
Thu 21 Reading Group 2pm session Room
Fri 22 Guild Strawberry Tea
Sat 23 British legion Coffee Morning 10am-12
Tue 26 Church Coffee Morning 10am – 11.30am
Sat 30 Parish Grouping coffee morning for Youth Work Project
Sun 31 Informal Communion after service

August

- Sat 6 Alzheimer's Angus Coffee Morning 10am-12
Sat 13 Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10am-12
Sun 14 Mission TG Swanson Rooms 7pm
Thu 18 Reading Group 2pm Session Room
Sat 20 Montrose SEALS Coffee Morning 10am-12
Tue 23 Fabric TG Session Room 7pm
Sat 27 Church Showcase Event 2pm in Halls (details to follow)
Susan Carnegie Centre Coffee Morning 10am-12
Mon 29 Kirk Session Keir Room 7.15pm
Tue 30 Church Coffee Morning 10am – 1130am

September

- Sat 3 Montrose Town Band Coffee Morning 10am-12
Sun 4 Communion Sunday
Mon 5 Pastoral TG 2pm Session Room

Excitement

Even the most reserved of us sometimes have cause to get excited. The reasons will differ as will the ways we will express it but it is part of the human experience and it can come as a welcome relief to the stresses of everyday life. It might be the celebration of a birthday or anniversary, a wedding, a birth, a graduation. Recently, there were festivities for the Queen's 90th birthday and for those who enjoy sport there will be plenty to get excited about over the summer.

There will be plenty of "oohh's and aahh's at Wimbledon, Royal Troon, the Olympics in Rio and other sporting events and millions will express their enthusiasm and share in the excitement. Add to that the many other individual events and you have a huge involvement in some kind of excitement.

Strangely enough, Christians will figure among these millions for we too are human beings who can get excited too! I know that it's not what we are renowned for especially because we don't tend to be as open about our faith these days – but we can get just as excited about these things as the next person. And it wouldn't do any harm to let people know that. We can celebrate and



enjoy life events like anyone else. We can cheer on our team or sporting celebrity and get caught up in the excitement too – and we shouldn't be ashamed of that or our faith. They can go hand in hand.

But we have extra cause for excitement – the added benefit of knowing that God is with us and the power of his Spirit is a force for good in our lives and communities. Jesus is with us. Maybe we are too staid or reticent. Even if we aren't extraverts or exuberant. Even if we shun being demonstrative there has to be some place for excitement about our Christian faith. Why is it OK to get excited about sports but almost anathema to show any excitement or enthusiasm about our faith? We will have the opportunity to welcome dozens of kids for the holiday club (and some of their families too). They will have plenty of fun and laughter – and there will be great excitement - including excitement about Jesus. But without replicating things can the rest of us not find ways of getting excited about our faith that suit our nature and character? Haven't we got something really big to get excited about?

Ian A McLean

Prayer Walk

Jul 3 Museum St and Chapel Place
Jul 10 Russell Street & Alfred Street
Jul 17 Palmerston Street, Railway Place
Jul 24 Melville Gdns, Gibson Place
Jul 31 Erskine Place & Street
Aug 7 Caledonia Pl, St and Court
Aug 14 Provost Reid's Road
Aug 21 Ferry Road
Aug 28 The Harbour, Glaxo & RNLI
Sep 4 Barrack Road

Congregational Bible Passage (provisional)

Jul 3 Luke 10:1-6
Jul 10 Colossians 1:9-14
Jul 17 Luke 10:38-42
Jul 24 Luke 11:1-13
Jul 31 Colossians 3:12-17
Aug 7 Luke 12:32-40
Aug 14 Isaiah 5:1-7
Aug 21 Psalm 103:1-8
Aug 28 Luke 14:1,7-14
Sep 4 Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

We are nearly ready for BLAST OFF !
Mission Week, Monday 4th - Friday 8th July
Register online at www.oldandstandrews.com
The painting team are hard at work preparing props to delight the children



Marie Curie Afternoon Tea

At their recent afternoon tea Marie Curie raised £450 for funds. Southesk Strings led by Gordon Penman entertained the company. The picture shows some of the helpers enjoying the occasion.