

Steeple News



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CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

CHRISTMAS FAIR & GIFT DAY Saturday 3rd December

Church Hall 10-12 Coffee/Tea + Christmas pie £2.00

STALLS:- Gifts, Craft, Cake & Candy, Books, Toys

The Church Hall will be open on

Friday 2nd December, 2-4 and 6-8pm

when contributions to the stalls will be gratefully received.

Gift envelopes and Christmas Cards may be brought to the Sale

CHRISTMAS POST

The Church Christmas Card deliveries for **Montrose, Hillside and Ferryden** only will run from
2nd - 16th 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 Peggy Henderson Tel. 674511 if you would like to
help with this worthwhile activity



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**The Deadline for the December Steeple News
is 18th November 2016**

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

Diary

October

Mon 31 Mission Task Group in Swanson Rooms at 7pm

November

Sat 5 Air Museum Coffee Morning 10-12

Thu 10 Montrose Area Parish Grouping OSA Session Room
7.30pm

Fri 11 Short service at War Memorial 1050am

Sat 12 Floral Art Coffee Morning 10-12

Sun 13 Remembrance Sunday service begins 10.50 prompt.

Mon 14 Kirk Session Keir Room 7.15pm

Tue 16 Guild - Soup & Sandwich Lunch 11.30-1pm

Sat 19 Guild Coffee Morning 10-12

Sun 20 Communion Sunday 11am

Service in Carnegie Court led by Minister 2pm

Messy Church – Messy Music in Church Hall

4pm – 5.30pm Children to be accompanied by an adult.

Tue 22 Pastoral Team Meeting 2pm Session Room

Tue 22 Montrose Churches Together Castle Street 7.30pm

Thu 24 Friendship Group - Mrs Chris Longmuir, Author

Sat 26 Hillside Bowling Club Coffee Morning 10-12

Tue 29 Church Coffee Morning 10 – 11.30am in the hall

December

Sat 3 Christmas Fair & Gift Day 10am

Sun 4 Christmas Carol Concert in Church 6.30pm

There will be a service at Fordmill during November. Care
Home unable to confirm date at present. If interested, please
ask Minister for date.

Walking Group – A beautiful walk last month , enjoying the early autumn
colours by the riverside between Edzell and Gannochy Bridge. Then the
usual refreshments in Edzell. Next month the walk will be on Saturday 5th
November, meeting as usual at 1 p.m. in the Baltic Street Car park. Please
come along – telephone Jean on 830250 if you are to be there, so that
transport can be organised.

Alpha Film Series

Should you wish to be kept informed about the new Alpha Film Series
please let the minister know either by speaking to him or by emailing
on minister@oldandstandrews.com

Darkness shall cover the earth

For some weeks now people have been commenting on the fact that it has been getting dark earlier. And now that the clocks have gone back sunset is creeping earlier – before 4.30pm at the beginning of November to just after 3.30pm by the end of the month. While I like summer I am fortunate to be someone who can cope with darkness and shorter days though I am well aware that many find the winter months difficult – and some exceedingly so. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) can be very debilitating. Even without that many people find things tougher in the dark short days of winter – less motivated, more lethargic, irritable and just not as “with it” as normal. Some have said that this is quite natural – not quite Yogi Bear hibernating for the winter – but a slowing down of rhythm to deal with the season. Yet, as we know society's expectations are high – and work and school don't make a lot of allowances – indeed for school children it's often a time when much is expected – and even our church programme is particularly busy.



were at their lowest ebb, the prophets announced a message of hope – arise shine your light is coming. They pointed to an advent – a coming – both of a Saviour and of the Spirit of God. I am not suggesting that winter blues (or worse) simply disappear at the mention of Jesus but I would like to remind us all that in a world where there appears to be a thick mist that clouds things spiritually for many people God is still there for us and is working out his purposes for good. We have his assurance that “his light will come”. “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” All year round, not only at this time of year, Christians are encouraged to rise and shine (in a spiritual sense) and embrace the “light” – the coming of Christ, the Saviour. We don't have to wait until Christmas, we don't have to wait until God's glory is clear and obvious – we can and should be party to preparing for that now when things are still rather misty and gloomy in a spiritual sense. But we need to be ready, on the front foot, leaning into God's positive and glorious future. Arise shine – for your light is coming!

Ian A McLean

Arise shine

Yet the Christian message is that in the midst of spiritual darkness, when Israel's fortunes

South & Ferryden Church

The Rev Geoff Redmayne is the new Minister of Montrose: South & Ferryden. He leaves the congregation of Fenwick, Ayrshire where he has ministered for the past 16 years. Prior to ordination Geoff worked with Wyeth. He is married with two grown up sons. Like our own minister he has an interest in rugby and is an advocate for sports chaplaincy. We welcome him and his wife Sharon to Montrose and look forward to working with him in the Parish Grouping and Montrose Churches Together.

Prayer Walk

Nov 6 Whinfield Way
Nov 13 The Armed Services
Nov 20 Faulds Road, Faulds Crescent
Nov 27 Paton's Lane, Christie's Lane
Dec 3 India Street and Lane

Congregational Bible Passage (provisional)

Nov 6 1 Cor 15:3,4,12-22
Nov 13 John 15:5-17
Nov 20 Colossians 1:11-20
Nov 27 Isaiah 2:1-5
Dec 3 Isaiah 11:1-10

From the Reading Group

Hope you have noticed our new collection cans in the vestibule on top of our Book Exchange bookshelves recently. Our chosen charity this session is the Scottish Air Ambulance Service.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our charitable efforts in the past and hope you have enjoyed a good read into the bargain. And to those who just put money into our collection cans - thank you too.



Messy Church

Dates and Themes for November and December

Messy Church is held from 4-5.30pm in the church halls. All are welcome however children must be accompanied by an adult.

Find us on Facebook: Montrose Old and St Andrew's Messy Church

Sunday 20 November - Messy Music

Making and playing musical instruments to praise God



Sunday 11 December
Messy Christmas Party!!!
A fun afternoon for all the family.



A busy scene from the **RNLI** coffee morning on Saturday 22nd October