

# Steeple News



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## Dino Quest

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Final preparations are underway for this year's Summer Mission. The week begins with the much looked forward to coffee morning (look out for the Fair Trade Hamper).

The main focus of the Mission Week is the Holiday Club which this year has a dinosaur theme – Dino Quest for all children who attend primary school and Dinky Dinosaurs for nursery aged children (3+)

We are spending the week with our very own dinosaur – Emmasaurus who is sure to be popular with old and young alike however she knows nothing about Jesus so we need the help of all the children to join our Quest and help her find out more about him. Registration forms are available online at [www.oldandstandrews.com](http://www.oldandstandrews.com) but you can also register at the church hall at 10.30am on any morning during the Mission.

The week is action packed with loads of games, songs, drama, crafts, puppets and bible stories which include the Prodigal Son and Zacchaeus.

Although the main focus of the week is the children's holiday club, there really is something for everyone. Relatives and friends are also welcome to come along for a cuppa and have the chance to view the proceedings in Dino Quest from the gallery, where

there are also toddler toys for children who are too young to attend the holiday club. During the week there are many opportunities for all the family to join in including a Pancake Tea Party and a Family Fun Day with BBQ.



### Details of Events are:

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Coffee morning in the church hall  
10am – 12 noon.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Church Service to mark the beginning of Summer Mission.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

- 10.30am 12.30pm – Dino Quest Holiday Club for all Primary School Aged Children.
- 10.30am – 11.30am – Dinky Dinosaurs 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 4<sup>th</sup> July** 2 – 3pm – Games Afternoon for all Primary School Children.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** 7 – 8.30pm Dino Drive (Dinosaur version of Beetle Drive)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** 2.30 – 4.30pm – Pancake Tea Party (all children must be accompanied by an adult)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** 7 – 9pm – Pizza and Activities for Teenage Helpers (Swanson Rooms)

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - 10.30am 12.30pm – Family Fun Day with BBQ

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – 11am Café Church Style Family Service in the church hall followed by lunch for all.

The Summer Mission Team thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there.

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## The Deadline for the September Steeple News is 18th August 2017

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or given to the editors.

**Christian Aid.** All who purchased a ticket and attended the concert from Southesk Strings was well rewarded. It was a good concert with lovely music and the Southesk Strings entertained with a mixture of Scottish items – not all march, reels and jigs! Maggie Findlay, as ever, was in good voice and was the icing on the cake. Thanks to all who supported this event. More details of what we raised from the concert and the Christian Aid Week will follow.

#### Scottish Bible Society Fundraiser

Greig would like to thank all members of the congregation who so generously donated towards his fundraising swim for the Bread and Bread Project in Jordan. A sum of over £300 was raised. Thanks again. Greig Matthew.

### Diary

Fri 30 Lochside School end of term in Church 1015am

#### July

- Sat 1 Summer Mission Coffee Morning 10am – 12pm  
Mon 3 Church summer opening begins – weekdays 2pm – 4pm  
Holiday Club week begins 1030 in the Halls  
Dino Quest - See leaflet with further details  
Sat 8 Holiday Club BBQ and games – No Church Coffee Morning  
Sun 9 Summer Mission Service 11am in Hall (children meet at 1030) Followed by lunch  
Sat 15 Gordon Town Mission Coffee Morning  
Fri 21 Guild Strawberry Tea 2pm – 4pm  
Sat 22 Montrose Branch British Legion Coffee Morning 10-12  
Tue 25 Church Coffee Morning 10am – 11.30am  
Sat 29 Parish Grouping coffee morning for Youth Work Project 10-12  
Sun 30 Informal Communion after service

#### August

- Thu 3 Stewardship Planning Group 7.30pm  
Sat 5 Alzheimer's Angus Coffee Morning 10-12  
Mon 7 Admin TG 2pm  
Sat 12 Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10-12  
Sat 19 Montrose S.E.A.L.S. Coffee Morning 10-12  
Thu 24 Visitors Information 7.30pm  
Sat 26 Susan Carnegie Centre Coffee Morning 10-12  
Sun 27 Visitors Dedication  
Mon 28 Kirk Session Keir Room 7.15pm  
Tue 29 Church Coffee Morning 10am – 1130am  
Wed 30 Finance TG 7.30pm

#### September

Sun 3 Communion Sunday

Please plan to attend one of the gatherings 14, 15 or 16 September if at all possible.

### In the midst of uncertainty

I write in the aftermath of the terrible fire in the tower block in London. It isn't yet clear how many people died but it will be many and many more are critically ill. We can only imagine the terror faced by the residents – something that will be with the survivors for the rest of their lives. It happened on the day when the Borough Market reopened after the terrorist attack the previous week and so soon after the Manchester attack. News too from abroad of mudslides in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, of humanitarian disaster in South Sudan and of course tragedy coming home unexpectedly to people known to us far nearer home. And the only political and economic certainty is uncertainty.

As Christians, we need to learn from our Lord that what counts is that we are ready to stand with people in their suffering, loss and bewilderment. Yes, we can and should pray – that ought to be a given. What may surprise us is that often people with little or no obvious faith welcome our prayers. Many people will be pleased that we pray for them. But, where did Jesus pray? For the most part he was right there in the middle of people's suffering and need. He was "there" and that's where we need to be too. Not to impose, certainly not to



dictate and not to pontificate but to show care and compassion, to walk the road, the tough and sore road with people and to reassure them they are not alone – not humanly speaking and not in a spiritually either.

God sent his Son into the world because he loved us. We were thinking recently of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church – a major reason for the Spirit coming was so that we would know the continuing presence of Jesus in our midst. Jesus is still Immanuel – God with us.

We live in uncertain times and things happen that pull the carpet from under us, knocks any sense of normality out of us. What do we do? We rally to support one another (and it is gratifying to see that happening in Manchester and London particularly) and Christians are up for that. We've to "be there" for people too. But beyond that we need sensitively yet boldly to remind ourselves and others that God really is with us, always, in every circumstance. I will never leave you nor forsake you. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Grace and peace

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**Walking Group** We have had so many beautiful sunny days, it was disappointing to be faced with thick mist on the day of our last walk. Thinking it might be better inland, we headed for Brechin – only to find it worse, but we diverted up to Tarant and across to the Gannochy – and how well we were rewarded. Something about the mistiness seemed to bring out the freshness of the green beech leaves and the under carpet of young blueberry bushes, and we enjoyed a beautiful walk. As always, anyone is welcome to join us on these walks, which are usually on the second Saturday of each month. Telephone Jean on 830250 for details of the next walk.

<b>Prayer Walk</b>	<b>Congregational Bible Passage (provisional)</b>
Jul 2 Station, New store	Jul 2 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Jul 9 Murray Street and Lane	Jul 9 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Jul 16 Victoria St, St John's Pl & Cottages	Jul 16 2 Corinthians 8:1 – 15
Jul 23 Lower Hall Street	Jul 23 Romans 8:26-39
Jul 30 Blackfriars Court	Jul 30 Matthew 14:13-21
Aug 6 Strathmore Place	Aug 6 Matthew 14:22-33
Aug 13 York Place and Terrace	Aug 13 Matthew 15:21-28
Aug 20 Blackfriars St, St Margaret's School	Aug 20 Matthew 16:13-20
Aug 27 Redfield Road & Crescent	Aug 27 1 John 4:7 – 16
Sep 3 Rutland Crescent	Sep 3 Matthew 18:15-20



## Giving for Growth - *Growing Together*

The Aspire campaign is a major event in the calendar of Old & St Andrews Church in 2017 and preparations are well underway.

We are currently "recruiting" visitors who will deliver your personal invitation to one of the Gatherings – see below for dates.

At each Gathering, you will have the opportunity to find out more about what goes on every week in Old and St Andrews Church as well as information about the wider work of the Church of Scotland, both here in Scotland and abroad.

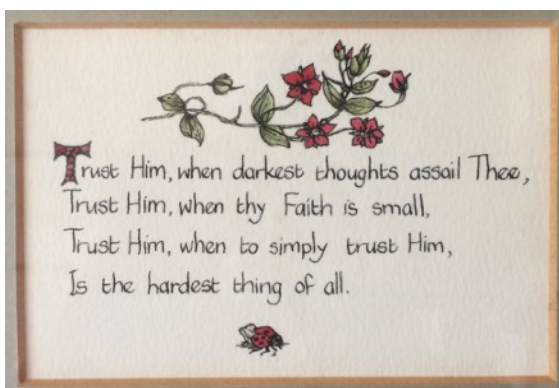
Your visitor will deliver your personal invitation to attend one of these Gatherings of the Church family. Look out for your invitation being delivered soon after 28<sup>th</sup> August.

**7.30pm Thursday**  
**14 September**

**2.00pm Friday**  
**15 September**

**10.00am Saturday**  
**16 September**

Further information will be displayed on posters on the Church and Hall noticeboards and in Steeple News



## Our Thoughts and Prayers

Since the last Steeple News was published we have seen some dreadful events in our country - atrocities in Manchester and London together with the horrific blaze at Grenfell Tower. This has naturally resulted in a mixture of emotions - grief, horror, despair, terror, anger and sympathy.

This little verse hangs in our dining room and, I think, it says it all to everyone whatever faith they have.