

Steeple News



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The next Messy Church is on Sunday 23rd September from 4 – 5.30pm in the church halls. The theme is Messy Business (Lend with Care). All welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at Oldandstandrews.com



Walking Group

The Group continues, albeit with few members, but how we all enjoyed a walk from Tarfside in August. We went up the shoulder of the Rowan Hill, turning back to go up the hill and over into the next valley, where we were rewarded by beautiful view of heather-clad hills. It was an ideal day, with warm sunshine and a slight breeze. Returning to Tarfside, we “fell in” with a group of ladies from the U3A in Arbroath, who were staying for a weekend at St Drostan's Lodge and they invited us in for a cup of tea, which was very welcome at the end of our walk. A pleasant run home in the sunshine finished off a good day out.

The next walk is on 8th September and anyone wishing to join us should tel. Jean on 830250.

Chatty Knitters

Chatty Knitters meet once a month in the Session Room. Here you see these talented ladies with some of the wonderful garments they have made over the year which will either be sold or be donated to worthy causes.

If you would like to join them please contact Margaret Aikenhead Tel 675631 for more information and encouragement.



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**The Deadline for the October Steeple News is
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News can be emailed to steeplenews@oldandstandrews.com
or given to the editors.

Diary

Church open for Summer weekdays 2pm – 4pm to end of August

- Tue 30 Aug Church Coffee Morning 10am – 11.30am
Sat 1 Sep Montrose Town Band Coffee Morning 10-12
Sun 2 Sep Communion Sunday
Mon 3 Sep Mission TG 7pm
Tue 4 Sep Chatty Knitters - Session Room 10am
Sat 8 Sep Church Charity Coffee Morning 10-12
Mon 10 Sep Kirk Session Keir Room 7.15pm
Thu 13 Sep Guild Dedication
Fri 14 Sep Music at Ferryden 7.30pm
Sat 15 Sep Lochside Playgroup Coffee Morning 10-12
Thu 20 Sep Reading Group - 2pm Session Room
Sat 22 Sep Friends of William Lamb Coffee Morning 10-12
Sun 23 Sep Messy Church – Messy Business (Lend with care) 4pm-5.30pm

All welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

- Tue 25 Sep Church Coffee Morning 10am – 11.30am
Thu 27 Sep Friendship Group - Keir Room 2pm
Sat 29 Sep Guide Dogs Coffee Morning 10-12
Sun 30 Sep Harvest Thanksgiving 11am

Advance Notice

Friday 19th October - Messy Church Social Evening - Body Shop Party in British Legion from 7 - 9pm

From Rev Ian Gray

Some say global warming and the affects it has on our planet has gone way beyond anything we can now manage....while others say it's all "Fake News". Whatever our thoughts, should we not be more considerate custodians of this wonderful God given gift..... "For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies", the Hymn writer tells us... "Christ our God to you we raise, this our sacrifice of praise".



I was recently re-introduced to the late Carl Sagan by way of his book.... "Pale Blue Dot". Sagan was an Astronomer and space scientist whom I first encountered through his wonderful television series "Cosmos" in the late 70's. And as we do these days, I Googled his name and discovered an amazing video on You Tube entitled "Pale Blue Dot".

And as I watched that three minute movie I experienced one of those Epiphany moments, when I suddenly realised the awesomeness of the God we all serve, while at the same time realising just how small and vulnerable our planet is in the vastness of the universe, and yet humankind seeks only its own ends through wars, our inhumanity towards each other, our refusal to recognise our contribution to global warning etc. etc.

The Pale Blue Dot was inspired by an image taken, at Sagan's suggestion, by the space probe Voyager 1 on February 14, 1990. As the spacecraft was about to enter the fringes of our solar system, engineers turned it around for one last look at its home planet. Voyager 1 was around 4 billion miles away from Earth when it captured the image of our tiny world,

caught in the centre of the Sun's reflected light from the space craft. The Earth appears as a tiny blue point of light set within a rainbow of colour.

And these are Sagan's words that accompanies the video.....

"Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of,

every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there--on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds.

Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position are challenged by this point of pale

light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark.

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The Earth is the only world to harbour life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand.

It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known".

These words coupled with the video had a profound effect on my way of thinking about our world. That tiny dot surrounded by the vast darkness of space, and it's the same little dot that God created and loved enough to send his son for its sake. And all he asks of us it that we take care of it and love those with whom we share our Pale Blue Dot.

An old native American proverb sums this all up..... "We do not inherit the land from our ancestors.....we borrow it from our children".

It's in our hands!

Ian

Prayer Walk

Sep 2 Montrose Academy
Sep 9 Russell St and Alfred St
Sep 16 Palmerston St and Railway Place
Sep 23 Melville Gdns, Gibson Place
Sep 30 Erskine Place & Street
Oct 7 Caledonia Pl, St and Court

Congregational Bible Passage (provisional)

Sep 2 Mark 7:1-8, 21-23
Sep 9 Mark 7:24-37
Sep 16 Mark 8:27-38
Sep 23 Mark 9:30-37
Sep 30 Psalm 8 (Harvest)
Oct 7 Mark 9:38-50

The Space Between , Concert Music and Poetry based on the Beatitudes

Montrose South and Ferryden Church
Church road, Ferryden, DD10 9RQ
Friday 14th September 2018, 7.30pm,
doors open at 7.00pm
Tickets £6.00 including refreshments
Tickets from Willie Sinclair

Is this an initiation test for new Chatty Knitters? Having fun untangling wool donated to the group!

