

Steeple News



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The next Messy Church is on Sunday 24th March from 4 - 5.30pm in the church halls. The theme is Messy 999. All welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at oldandstandrews.com

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WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Diamond

Mike and Winnie Clark were married in the Methodist Church on 28th January, 1959. Their reception was held in the Park Hotel where they celebrated their Diamond Wedding with family and friends. The Queen also sent a card of congratulations.



Blue Sapphire

Terry and Irene Wood were married on 26th December, 1953 in Birmingham. They celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary - Blue Sapphire - in 2018 with congratulations, cards, and flowers from family and friends.



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Diary

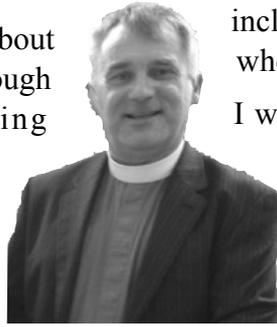
- Tue 26 Feb Church Coffee Morning 10am – 11.30am Halls
(Joint Kirk Session postponed until 2nd April)
- Fri 1 Mar World Day of Prayer Services
7.00pm at St Mary's & St Peter's
Guild conducting one in Murray Court during the day.
- Sat 2 Mar Church Spring Coffee Morning 10am – 12 noon
- Sun 3 Mar Pulpit Swap Sunday Montrose Parish Grouping
Service at Murray Court led by Minister 2pm
Summer Mission Planning Meeting 6.30pm
- Wed 6 Mar Prayer Concert Montrose South and Ferryden details to follow
- Sat 9 Mar National Trust Coffee Morning 10-12
- Thu 14 Mar Guild AGM DVD Annual Meeting 2.00pm Keir Room
- Sat 16 Mar Hillside WRI Coffee Morning 10-12
- Sun 17 Mar Summer Mission Launch
- Sat 23 Mar 2nd Montrose Scouts Coffee Morning 10-12
- Sun 24 Mar Messy Church – Messy 999 4pm – 5.30pm
All welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Mon 25 Mar Kirk Session (main business approve accounts) Keir Room 7.15pm
- Tue 26 Mar Church Coffee Morning 10am – 11.30am in the hall
- Thu 28 Mar Friendship Group - Raymond Vettesse 2pm Keir Room
- Sat 30 Mar Prayer Breakfast 9am Keir Room all welcome.
- Sat 30 Mar Montrose Magic Group Coffee Morning 10-12
- Sun 31 Mar Clocks go forward
Informal Communion after service.
- Tue 2 Apr Joint Kirk Session 7.30pm venue tbc.

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A rounded life

Even non-Church people will talk about “keeping body and soul together” though usually in connection with getting something to eat or some income to ensure that our material needs are met. Jesus was (and is) interested in our material needs and demonstrated that in his commitment to the poor and the marginalised. It is right and fitting that Christians are involved in the practical support and care of the vulnerable – flowing from our love for our Lord and our neighbour. Christian people are very much the backbone of many a charity (even if at times we don't wear our faith on our sleeve) and, with the rising demand for the services of Foodbanks, many Foodbank venues are churches, many volunteers Church people.

All that is good and we certainly shouldn't turn our backs on the clamant needs of the vulnerable, whether they live locally or in some far off land. Biblical teaching is clear – they are our neighbours and in Christ's name we are called to demonstrate his and our love for them. But Jesus wants us to live life in all its fullness – body, mind and soul. He came not only to feed the crowds with bread, but to be the bread of life for us. If we, who claim to be followers of Jesus are



not concerned about the whole of life, including people's spiritual well-being then who will be?

I wonder if we have overdone the politically correct thing. Are we too intent on keeping our light under a bushel, in case someone might be overly sensitive? Several hymns speak about our confidence in Jesus – “I'm not ashamed to own my Lord” being just one. If researchers came up with a remarkable cure for heart disease or cancer you could be sure that they wouldn't want to keep it to themselves. OK there might be some delays as they worked out development costs and marketing and gained regulatory approval but they certainly wouldn't be putting it off in case some people might have doubts or concerns about its validity. Of course, we shouldn't be “ramming religion down people's throats” but we have an obligation to share the good news of grace and forgiveness, of life in fellowship with God in Christ for all time and eternity. Keeping body and soul together includes our spiritual needs – it is more than food, clothes and shelter. Can we, as Christians, be more open about the importance of faith, prayer, getting right with God and our neighbour – in other words, let the “soul” part of keeping body and soul together see the light of day?

Can we be advocates for a rounded life, life in all its fullness, body, soul and spirit together in Christ?

Ian A McLean

Prayer Walk

Mar 3 Warrack Terrace, Adam Centre
Mar 10 White's Place, Reform Street
Mar 17 Mount Road
Mar 24 John Street
Mar 31 Carnegie Street, Carnegie Court
Apr 7 Mill Street, Mill Square, Fordmill

Congregational Bible Passage (prov)

Mar 3 Verses from John 7:32-52
Mar 10 John 13:31-38
Mar 17 Song of Songs/1 Cor 13
Mar 24 Luke 5:17-26
Mar 31 Romans 12:9-21
Apr 7 John 3:16-17

Prayer Breakfast

A Prayer Breakfast is to be held on Saturday 30th March at 9am in the Keir Room. A warm welcome and breakfast of tea/coffee croissants and Danish Pastries will be served prior to prayers being said for our church, community and any personal issues that people may have.

There will be an opportunity to write a prayer and place on the prayer tree if you prefer.

Please come along and share in prayerful fellowship.

Christmas Angels

Following on from the recent Congregation Conference when we were challenged to ask ourselves "Would it make a difference to the town if our church closed tomorrow?" The Mission Task Group have an exciting project to share.... Christmas may just have passed but to make a mark in the community and at the same time share a part of the Christmas Story we are beginning now!



We need your help - we aim to knit 100s of Christmas angels to leave in different areas of the town in December for people to take home and hang on their Christmas Tree. Each angel will have a small card attached with details of the church on it.

At the moment we need knitters but nearer the time we will need other members of the congregation to cut and attach the cards to the angels and of course volunteers will also be required to "hang" the Christmas Angels around the town on an agreed date. It is envisaged that the angels will be hung early in the morning for the town awakening to a host of heavenly angels!

Copies of the knitting pattern are available in the church vestibule. (Angels can be any colour).

Happy Knitting !

Louise Cameron completes fantastic challenge

Louise writes: Towards the end of August I was given the challenge along with my husband, Jim, and our cousin Malcolm, to cycle one of this year's stages in The Tour De France - Alpe d'Huez.



L to R - Malcolm, Louise and Jim as they cycle up the very steep and challenging Alpe d'Huez.

The route has 21 switch backs, gradient average 8.6%, climbing 3,382ft over 7.4 miles and I must admit I felt daunted by it. Before we could cycle the route we had to cycle down it first and I was not sure that I would have any brakes left by the time I reached the bottom! We managed to complete it without stopping and we decided to cycle it twice. On my second ride I managed to improve my time by 1 minute to 1 hour 29 minutes. It was an experience that we will never forget and it was great to see all different levels of cyclists taking on such an iconic challenge.