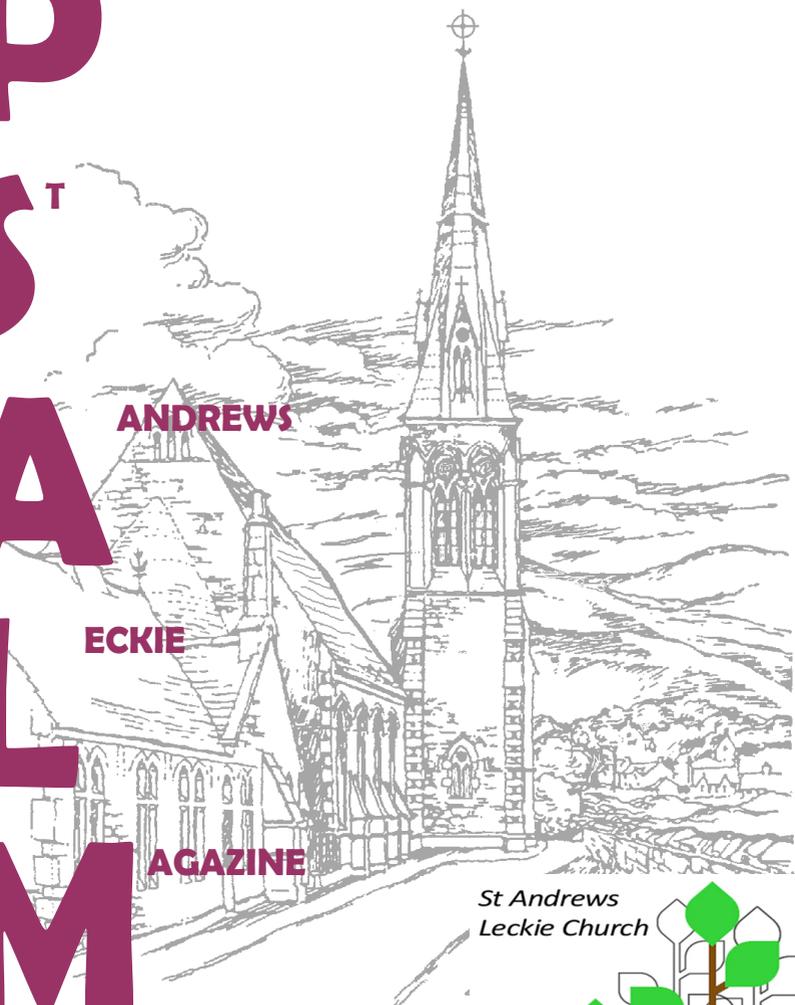


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*St Andrew's
Leckie Church*



'A Growing People'

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US IN SUNDAY WORSHIP AND TO
TAKE PART IN OUR ACTIVITIES

11am

Morning worship, crèche, Holiday Club , 7Up Group

6.30pm

No Evening Services in July (See below)

Services and Readings

July

1

Service conducted
by Rev. Miller Milloy
The Straight Paths of the Lord
Acts 12: 25-13: 12

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Service conducted by
Rev. Miller Milloy
Acts 13: 13-52

15

Where the river flows:
how faith comes to life
Acts 14:1-20

22

Where the river flows:
the hope of the world
Acts 14: 21-15: 4

29

Where the river flows:
Amazing Grace
Acts 15: 5-35

August

5

Where the river flows:
A growing people
Acts 15: 36-16:15

12

Where the river flows:
Deliverance
Acts 16: 16-40

19

Back to School Family Service

26

Where the river flows:
turning the world upside down
Acts 17: 1-15

Evenings in July

Please note that we are having a
break from our Evening
Services in July and will have
some alternative options to come
together for prayer, fellowship
and worship **beginning with a
gathering for prayer in the
Church on Sunday 1 July at
6.30pm**

You are invited to take part in
a prayer walk on **Sunday 8th July
at 6:30 pm** - leaving from the
Church - the walk will take
approximately 1 hour

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

A call to pray and act



William Temple, a former Archbishop of Canterbury wrote, “When I pray, coincidences happen, when I don’t, they don’t”. Last December, I had one of those interesting coincidences that sometimes people call “God-incidences”.

We were due to discuss proposals to significantly develop our church buildings at the Kirk Session meeting on Wednesday, 6th December. I, like many others in our church family was following the Bible in one year reading plan and commentary.

Every day there’s a reading from the New and Old Testament and a Psalm. When you get to the end of one book, you don’t know where the plan will take you next. On Wednesday, 6th December the plan instructed us to begin a new Old Testament book – the prophet Haggai. The chapters in the NIV Bible are entitled “**A Call to Build the House of the Lord**” and “**The Promised Glory of the New House**”.

A striking coincidence – here we were meeting to discuss a potential church building project and I was reading about a prophet calling His people to build a house for the Lord.

Haggai, repeatedly says “Give careful thought to your ways...” and the Kirk Session resolved that evening (wisely I believe) that although there is need to develop our buildings, that we want to make sure we have the right vision in place first for what we build. We want to have buildings that serve and do not hinder the mission that God has for us here, that help us to grow.

Back in November I wrote in Psalm how we would love to see our church become known as a distinctly Christian place of restoration where people can come and **taste and see Christian community**, by offering **various ways of drawing people together where we can come alongside and serve, a prayer space, healing prayer, pastoral care and counselling, children and youth provision** and our **meetings of worship** at the centre of it all.

And so at the December meeting of the Kirk Session, we resolved to form a group led by Julian Pace to tease out that vision with the congregation before we embark on a building project.

Why am I sharing this now?

Because six months on, we are facing expensive maintenance challenges for our current buildings and interestingly, although we

have a desire to open our doors to the community, we've had to lock the front gates and close our front steps. We are now faced with a necessity to act with regard to our buildings. It is therefore vitally important that we are guided by the Lord and that we respond in faith and obedience to His call.

So I want to encourage us all as a church to join in prayer, asking what the Lord wants to build here and how He might want to use each of us to bring about that vision.

Below, I have included the Bible in One Year commentary from Nicky and Pippa Gumbel for the 6th December, to stimulate your faith, thinking and prayers.

Malcolm

Vision and action

Haggai 1:1–2:23

A top management consultant once told me that 'no chief executive was ever fired for lack of vision'. But many are unable to put their vision into action.

Visions don't work unless you do. In this little book of Haggai, we see a wonderful balance between vision and action.

Five times, the Lord Almighty said through the prophet Haggai: 'Give careful *thought*' (1:5,7; 2:15 and twice in 2:18). Vision starts with thinking – grasping in our *minds* a picture of what could be.

Get your *priorities* sorted out. Haggai challenged God's people about their *priorities*. They were living in comfortable homes while the house of the Lord remained a ruin (1:4). Yet they were saying, 'The time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built' (v.2).

The people had decided to rebuild the temple. They had good intentions, but they had not done it because it was not their *priority*.

The prophet Haggai urged them to think carefully about their ways (v.5). Their primary concern should be to see God's name honoured (v.8), yet they left God's house as a 'ruin' (vv.4,9).

Eugene Peterson writes that there are 'times in our lives when repairing the building where we worship is an act of obedience every bit as important as praying in that place of worship.'

Some of the people were dismayed that the new temple was not as splendid as the old had been: "Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong... For I am with you... And my Spirit remains among you. The glory of this present house

will be greater than the glory of the former house... And in this place

I will grant peace” (2:3-5, 9).

These are the verses through which God spoke to Sandy Millar, and others, about HTB Onslow Square in July 1981, when the church building was about to be closed and sold to a property developer. It was the theme of our 2010 thanksgiving service celebrating the 150th anniversary of the church, and the official reopening after three years of restoration work.

Now it is a thriving centre for marriage and other family-life courses and hundreds of young people worship Jesus there every Sunday. Our prayer and hope for the future is that ‘the glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house’ (v.9).

In the book of Haggai, having seen this vision, they had to ‘Get to work, all you people! – God is speaking... *Put into action*’ (v.4, MSG). And so the work began (1:14).

As you look around at the church in your own nation give careful thought to your ways. It is not right to live in comfort while God’s house remains a ‘ruin’. God wants people in your nation to come to know him and be part of his church. Visualise how God could be even more glorified in his church today than he was in the past (2:9).

First, ‘be strong’ (v.4). Do not weaken in your resolve because of attack, criticism or discouragement. Second, ‘work’ (1:14; 2:4). It is hard work but there is nothing wrong with that. There are times when you need to work exceedingly hard. Third, ‘do not fear’ (v.5). This suggests that there *will* be things that could cause fear.

You can trust God with the finances. The Lord declares, ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine’ (v.8).

The key is that the Lord says, ‘I am with you... And my Spirit remains among you’ (1:13; 2:5). You can overcome all your fears because you know that God is with you.

Lord, help me to balance humility and confidence, love and truth, vision and action, to trust that you are with us and to work hard to see your name glorified.

PIPPA ADDS

Haggai 1:7,9

‘Give careful thought to your ways... my house... remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house.’

There is so much to do in our own home, replacing broken things, changing light bulbs, washing, cleaning, tidying etc. I’m sure God wants us to be good stewards of our homes. But the verse reminds me to be equally concerned about God’s house. So many churches are in a really bad state of affairs and not fit for the King of kings.

NEWS OF THE PARISH

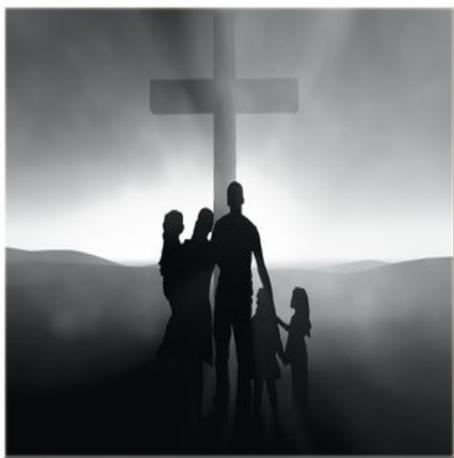
Funerals

May

2 George Stavert, 21 Connor Street, Peebles

25 Donald SHOUESMITH, 9 Edderston Ridge Gardens,
Peebles

HEALING PRAYER



Prayer for healing by teams
of trained Christians

**No Healing
Prayer in July and Au-
gust.
Starts back again on
Saturday
8 September**

For more information call
Una Morris: 01896 830794
Jacqueline Powell: 01899 830399



PASTORAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Following a suggestion by our Minister, several members of the church met to discuss the possibility of setting up a Pastoral Bereavement Service for the members of St. Andrews Leckie Parish, who had recently suffered loss of a family member or friend. As a result of these discussions, over the last twelve months, in addition to suggestions and advice from the Minister and our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Pam Yuill, a plan has now been devised to provide such a service. The aim is to provide simple spiritual support to church members who have recently suffered loss. It is not a counselling service and if it is felt that anybody is suffering distress beyond the expected boundaries of a “normal” grief reaction, they will be encouraged to use established services like their G.P. or C.R.U.S.E.(Scotland). Referrals initially will come from, or via, our Minister, Malcolm. Following discussion of the individual case, a named visitor from a team of volunteers, who have already committed to

support this service, will be allocated and they will contact the individual to arrange a visit or meeting.

At the first visit, an explanation of the service will be given, and a plan for the timing and frequency of visits/meetings will be agreed upon. Referrals and a record of visits made will be kept in a diary in the Church Office.

Confidentiality is of paramount importance and all volunteers in the team have discussed, and clearly understand, the need for this. Any discussion of these visits can only be made with other team members and with the full agreement of the individual being visited. The diary will be kept in a locked cupboard and access to the diary will be confined to Malcolm and the visiting team only.

When the period of visiting comes to an end, the church member will be advised how to contact the service in the future, should the need arise, and they will be asked if they would like a follow-up phone call after an agreed period of time e.g. anniversary of

their loss.

Finally, current members of the visiting team have agreed to meet at regular intervals to discuss

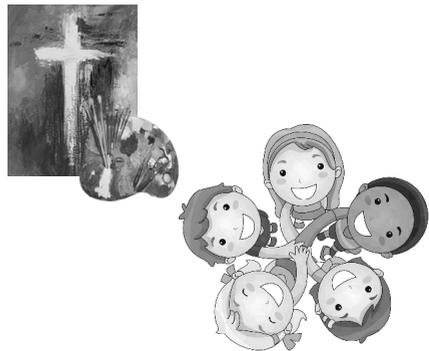
issues or problems that may have arisen from their visits and to provide appropriate supervision and support to team members.

As mentioned in the last PSALM, we have now officially started the badge scheme for our Sunday Club children. This is a similar idea to badges they can earn at organisations such as brownies / guides, or beavers/ cubs/scouts, but the badges are all connected to church and Christian faith. The idea is that they can work towards these badges by doing activities at home during the week. They can also earn badges at church on Sundays by attending Sunday club, and by volunteering for things. The main aim of these badges is to help our children grow in their faith in Jesus, by engaging in activities during the week and in all aspects of their lives. We hope the badges will be fun and motivating for them.

The children were excited to be given their badge folders, along with their books, at the prize giving service. These folders include some key badges they can get started with - such as Prayer, Our Church, Community and about relationship with Jesus. There are other badges available for the children to choose to do - such as Artist,

Bible, God's creation, Road Trip and many more, and we hope to keep developing new ones depending upon what the children would like. We are encouraging parents to adapt the badges for their own child or family and to help them engage and have fun getting to know Jesus better!

We hope to have sashes available after the summer for children to display the badges they have earned.



FROG
Fully Rely On God

Alpha returns in September 2018



Last year we had a very successful Alpha course using the new Alpha Film series which we're going to use again this year.

“Repackaged for today's audience, the Alpha Film Series is emotive, engaging and epic in scale and scope. Nicky Gumbel and two new presenters, Toby Flint and Gemma Hunt, will be walking us through the regular Alpha material in a way that everyone can relate to. The episodes will feature inspiring stories and interviews from all around the world, as well as visual illustrations and motion graphics” (<http://alphafilmseries.alpha.org>).

Who is it for?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure. No charge. If Christianity is new to you, or you have questions about your faith, or you just want to explore the meaning of life, then Alpha is for you! Perhaps you have a friend or member of your family that doesn't normally come to church but might be interested in coming along

with you to find out more. We'll make invitations available soon.

What is it?

Each of the 10 weekly sessions begins at 7.00 pm with a meal – a chance to get to know others on the course. We then watch a DVD for about half an hour, looking at different aspects of the Christian faith – including, for example: ‘Who is Jesus?’, ‘How can I have faith?’ and ‘Why and how do we pray?’ Then there's an opportunity for discussion in small groups follows, There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

When does it take place?

We're going to begin this year with a drink at **Costa Coffee** on **Thursday 13th of September at 7.00pm**, where we will have an introductory film.

Then come along to the **11-week evening Alpha course** (7.00 pm to 9pm approx), which runs from 20th September, 2018.

If you are interested, want to find out more, or would like to help with the running of the course, please contact Andrew and Julie Knox
andrew-w-knox@hotmail.com

Pastoral Care

Food and bread are often mentioned in the Bible; family meals and feasts were important. It is very significant to us at Holy Communion which we have recently celebrated - at the last supper Jesus “took bread, gave thanks and broke it - - Take and eat this is my body” (Matt 26:26)

In his article “The Dinner Table as a place of Connection, Brokenness and Blessing”, Barry D Jones, a Professor of Pastoral Ministries states that he is becoming increasingly convinced that food is one of God’s love languages, and that our “10,000 taste buds are a display of grace, an expression of his love”.

Jesus enjoyed table fellowship with friends as well as spontaneous large picnics on lake shores!

I am sure that like me you enjoy eating table meals with friends and family as well as picnics at the seaside or parks, or just a cup of tea or coffee along with a chat. Tables and eating together are one of the most important places of human connection.

We have **tea and coffee after church** as a means of connection, along with the new venture of **tea/coffee before worship on the last Sunday of each month.**



Why not come along and speak with someone you haven’t met before or you may know only by sight and haven’t yet spoken with. Come along and get to know each other better, getting to know each other is the start of caring for each other.

Love for each other is also shown in the provision of meals **Take them a meal** is available to individuals and families during times of change in their lives, and there is a separate article elsewhere in Psalm explaining how the service works. If you or someone you know would benefit from this service then let the team know through Heather in the church office.

On Sunday 30th September there will be a meal served from slow cookers after worship. Put a note in your diary and stay to share table fellowship with your church family.

Our prayers for the provision of a church visitor for both of our local hospitals has been

answered, However we need a visitor for Aaron House in Penicuik where a few of our church family now reside. Please hold this in your prayers.

As always please remember that communication is important and

“If we don’t know we can’t go”
The team can be contacted through Heather in the church office.

God Bless

Pam Yuill

I love You Lord

Oh Lord I love You so much
When I’m sad and struggling,
I feel Your presence and touch
You are in and through and around me
constantly night and day.
Before a word leaves my mouth,
You know what I’m going to say.
staying close to You is the only way
to live my life day by day
In the morning after sleep and rest,
to spend time in Your presence
is simply the best.

*“My child, I’m with you in all you do
I want to bless you and I love you too.
In my word, I say do not fear
I will never leave you; I am always near”*

Thank You Lord, I say for always being around
You set my feet on solid ground
For your love, forgiveness and tender touch
Thank You Lord, I love you so much.

Wilma Barrett

Thursday 26th April

A good number attended the afternoon meeting to hear Iain Coates talk about the Tweed

Valley Ospreys. Iain is a part-time Osprey Officer, and looks after the local cameras which allow us see live pictures of these magnificent birds so he has a wealth of knowledge, some of which he passed on to us. Iain told us about the history behind the Osprey project which aims to protect nesting ospreys and encourage them to breed in the area. The lead for the Tweed Valley osprey project is the Forestry Commission, and in partnership with Kailzie Gardens and Tweed Forum they developed the Osprey Watch Centres at Glentress and Kailzie.

The ospreys were encouraged to nest in the Tweed valley area. Platforms were built to support artificial nests, in the hope that the birds would find these attractive - these platforms later had cameras set up on them. The first images were seen in 2004 - live images of the birds as they raised their family. Some of the scenes from the nests are very interesting, showing the osprey chicks along with the interaction of the osprey couple with each other - or in some cases the lack of interaction!

The ospreys are tagged before they can fly, and we saw interesting scenes of this being

Senior Fellowship

done. Iain also told us tales of migration paths of various ospreys that are traced with small trackers fitted to some of the birds when they are tagged. All enjoyed this interesting afternoon which closed with the customary cup of tea and chat.

On **Thursday 10th May** John and Donald Swanson entertained us with a "Road Trip of Peebles". We all sat with seat belts fastened as we were "driven" around Peebles and Cardrona. We had a front seat view.

It was fascinating to see parts of Peebles that many had not seen before, all the while being given the history of that part and what had been there before. Areas such as Kittlegairy and Standalane now show little resemblance to what had been before and it certainly made us more aware of how Peebles has grown in population in a relatively short time.

A reminder of "The beast from the east" followed with a trip around Peebles in the snow.

It was indeed interesting to hear about and see the recent changes in Peebles - many more changes to come I am sure!

The afternoon of **Thursday 24th May** was bright and sunny, just like our 2 guests of the afternoon, Morag Milloy and Beryl Schaedler. Morag and Beryl came armed with jam jars, flowers, baubles and beads of all description, candles and wonderful “pearls” which absorbed water and there was therefore no water spillage whilst trying to keep the flowers fresh. There was much chatter and companionship as the group exchanged ideas and had a generally “good blether” whilst also concentrating on their “masterpiece”!

Morag and Beryl encouraged the creative skills of the group and all went home carrying their creation to display and show to family and friends.

On **Thursday 14th June** four amiable four-legged friends joined our group. Una opened the meeting by reading a bible passage and leading us in prayer. There was a happy relaxed atmosphere as Fletcher, Healy, Finn and Mara wandered around saying “hello” to everyone. They had brought their “mum” Marion Knox along. Marion, very obviously a dog lover, explained how the dogs came to be living with her and how just seeing them in their various circumstances “melted “ her heart. Marion also brought various photographs of dogs and horses that have been part of her

large happy family. The dogs encouraged much discussion and brought memories of our own family pets as we enjoyed a welcome cup of tea.

Thursday 28th June was our “end of term” trip to Kailzie Osprey and Wildwatch Centre where we enjoyed watching the wildlife on screens followed by afternoon tea thanks to Jimmy at the Canteen.

Watch out for a possible change of name for the Group after the summer



**LYNE & MANOR
ANNUAL SERVICE
AT
ST. GORDIAN'S
CROSS
SUNDAY 15 JULY
2.30pm**

As you may know, and some may have benefitted from, 'Take Them a Meal' is a service in the church that provides dinner to anyone who is in need of a little help during a period of change/crisis. For example a new baby, an unexpected admission to hospital or a sudden bereavement or illness.

Before Christmas I had an emergency operation and was unwell afterwards for a few weeks. Although Paul would have coped making the dinner for the five of us, it was such a blessing to have dinners provided for the first while. It gave him more time to concentrate on the children and do all the other necessary things that I couldn't help with.

How it works

When I am given a name, from a family member or friend, I set up a calendar of when dinners are needed on a webpage called takethemameal.com.

All our volunteers are sent the link to the webpage where they can sign up to a particular night to provide a meal and take it to the family. The webpage will give the volunteers all the details such as the name and address and any food dislikes/allergies. Most people will be cooking a meal anyway, so the volunteer just has to make a bit extra to take along to the person or family. The meals



don't have to be complicated, a simple soup, stew or pizza is always welcome. The recipient is also sent a link to the page so they know which nights and meals they can expect.

Information needed when requesting a meal

- Name, address and phone number of recipient
- An email address (if they have one)
- How many people in the family would a meal need to be provided for
- The days and times they would like a meal delivered
- Any allergies, likes and dislikes

The system is very simple and works well. Don't worry if you can only offer help at the weekend or particular times of the week.

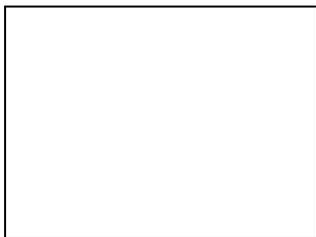
At present we have only a handful of people on the list of volunteers and we would dearly like more to volunteer and help spread the load. If you have any questions please email me or come find me in church. I can even talk you

through the process using takethemameal.com, although it is very simple.

If you feel you can show God's love to others by taking a meal to someone in their time of need in this way, then please contact the

church office. I am the lead for this area of Pastoral Care and should you wish to know more about "Takethemameal" then I will happily chat with you; again the office will put you in touch.

Maggie Henderson



Resource Hub



Discipleship is the lifelong journey of following Jesus – it's a mission of learning. We all learn in different ways, some of us like to read a book, listen to audio, watch a video on YouTube or join in an online discussion.

As a Church we would like to create a Hub where we gather learning resources so that they are easy to find and made available by topic and are accessible at all times.

We would like to pull together a small group of people to help design, create and maintain the Resource Hub.

If I'm interested what would it involve?

If you are creative and are a good listener then maybe you can help by getting the views from across the Church as to what people

would like to see in a library or resource hub. For example do they prefer books or on line resources?

If you like implementing ideas and turning these ideas into action then perhaps you could join the group for a short time to help bring all the ideas together and create the Hub.

However, if you like to polish and perfect things then you would be great person to maintain the Hub and make sure the resources stay up to date and are refreshed on a regular basis.

We would like to start this in September, so if you could help in any way, please speak to me anytime at church, give me a call or send me an e mail.

Robert Wilson

New Small Group



Within the Church there are already small groups that meet on a fortnightly basis to look at the Bible, and pray. To encourage growth in the Church, the study of the Bible is an essential way of knowing who Jesus is and that one way to do this is in small group Bible studies. So to give people the opportunity to meet together we are starting a new small group in September looking at John's gospel. The aim of the gospel is given to us in John 20: 30, 31
Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Our discussions in John will focus on this aim and each week we will study a number of verses and seek out the lessons for us and how we can apply them to our everyday lives.

The practical bits and pieces.

It is planned to meet on a fortnightly basis starting on **Wednesday 12 September @ 7.30pm**

Prayer will feature as part of the evening

There will be facilitators to lead the group

There will, of course, be tea, coffee and cake

Interested in coming along?

Please let Heather in the Church office have your details or e mail me direct Robert@standrewsleckie.co.uk

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

'To be a Christ-centred church based on prayer and the word of God which, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is a welcoming, caring fellowship committed to meaningful worship, teaching and active outreach.'

Sports Chaplaincy update

Back in October the men of the church enjoyed an evening with Mark Fleming who is the Pastoral Director for Scottish Football within Sports Chaplaincy UK. Mark gave us an overview of the role of a Sports Chaplain in a football club, together with the opportunities and challenges that presents. He also helped us to identify opportunities through sport to provide pastoral care to those we come into contact with.

As shared in PSALM previously I am the Sports Chaplain with Vale of Leithen FC a Lowland League football club based down the road at Victoria Park in Innerleithen.

When appointed as the Sports Chaplain it was made clear that the aims of the Chaplain was to serve all people in the club irrespective of position, beliefs or lifestyle, offering pastoral and spiritual support wherever appropriate.

As Chaplain, I have taken on the administrative role of making sure the club maintain their professional football licence with the SFA and ensure they are compliant with data protection and child wellbeing procedures. I also make the arrangements for matches on a weekly basis checking that match officials are available and completing the team lines.

I also attend weekly training sessions and this gives a great opportunity to get to know players and coaching staff and listen out for any issues. When you get 20 young men together there is very much a spirit of bravado and a Chaplain's listening ear may be what is needed by a player who wants to talk about an issue or problem on a one - to - one basis.

That was the season that was

At the end of the season which finished in May, although the club reached two cup semi-finals more importantly they managed to retain their position in the Lowland League which is the league just below the full time professional league in Scotland. This led to some anxious matches towards the end of the season which provided an opportunity to give support and a listening ear to those involved in the club.

Football can be a great game to play but also can be a harsh game when things are not going well and a player's self-worth and confidence can easily be challenged. This is where the Chaplain has an opportunity to present God as the one who loves us for who we are 'we are beautifully and wonderfully made.

So as the club heads in to the new season perhaps you could pray that as a chaplain

I will -

- Be a presence to make a difference and that the light of God may shine on all those involved in the club
- Serve God with excellence that I look out for the interest of others
- Build relationships and be compassionate and be all things to all people
- Be trusted as a safe port of call
- Serve Jesus - It's all about Him!

It would be great to see you at a match and help build links into the Church.

If you would like to know more about how sport can be part of the church's wider mission and

help us contact our wider communities, the Church of Scotland are holding an event called 'Equip for Sports' and full details are included in this edition of PSALM.

Equip for Sports

Date: Saturday 8th September

Time: 10:00 - 15:00

Price: £14

Venue: Bankfoot Church Centre,

Tulliebelton Road, Bankfoot

Church Centre, Perth, PH1 4BS



Join us for our first-ever Equip for Sports event, featuring **Mark Fleming**, from **Sports Chaplaincy UK**, encouraging our churches to use sport to connect with our communities. Choose from a range of workshops - you'll find something to suit, whether you're already involved in sport, or just want to get started.

Workshops:

Getting the Ball Rolling (with Robbie Morrison)

Are you up for a challenge? Help create a new sporty resource for churches by participating in a fun, lively brainstorming session to form the basis of a resource for churches.

Christians in Sport (with Kirsten Ross)

We will consider how you and others from your church can engage with the hundreds of sports clubs and communities in Scotland and share the good news of Jesus, in both actions and words.

Hands-on Sports (with Rob Rawson)

Have fun while learning how to run a variety of quick and simple games for any number of people, using traditional indoor sports such as table tennis, pool, and Unihock. Be prepared to have a go – *it's better felt than telt!*

Recognising & Developing a Sports Parish (with Neil Urquhart)

God is into sport and loves people who do sport! Encouraging Christians to be salt and light in sport and leaders to find new and imaginative sporting opportunities, teaching new life skills and helping people to get closer to Jesus through sport.

Can you increase your weekly giving by the cost of a cup of coffee?

If everyone gives an extra £2 per week, our finances will be transformed!

Let's truly honour God in return for His immeasurable love for us!

St Andrews Leckie Church
A Growing People

Christian Aid Week 2018

Activity	2018	2017	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
House to House Envelopes	6,371.10	5,930.05	5,375.70	5,511.77
Church Service	100.00	154.00	136.82	No Service
Coffee Mornings (5)	500.00	658.15	721.52	296.80
Market Stall	215.45	200.60	306.00	245.50
Quiz Night	123.50	85.54	196.10	
Plant Stall	445.10	300.65	482.95	
Book Stall	113.30	126.00	248.60	
Bag Packing (Thurs & Sat)	610.06	686.97	400.87	600.86
Knit-a-thon	118.00			
Smartie Tubes (net of costs)	404.42			
Sunday Breakfast	110.00			
Street Collection		60.24	274.58	
Keep Fit			84.00	
Scottish Country Dancing			93.86	
Healing Prayer Group		46.00		
Eddleston Church Lunch				90.00
Eddleston Smartie Tubes			9.00	86.85
Eddleston Bite & Blether			120.00	39.00
Donations				89.25
Total	9,110.93	8,248.20	8,450.00	6,960.03

Notes

	£
Opening Bank Balance	7.38
Cash Collected	<u>8,500.93</u>
Bank balance after collection	8,508.31
Cheque remitted to CA Head Office	<u>8,500.00</u>
Closing balance C/F	8.31

Summary

Cheque Remitted to Head Office	8,500.00
CAF Cheques (2)	500.00
Breakfast Cheque remitted by Leckie	110.00
Add Estimated Gift Aid:	818.00
Total value of Remittance	9,928.00

Stated Annual Meeting

Our Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) was held after the morning service on 17th June 2018. Now that we operate under a Unitary Constitution, the purpose of the SAM is to present the accounts to the members and to advise them of any significant events or issues that affect the life of our church and congregation.

The following pages were distributed amongst those who attended the meeting. A full copy of the accounts is available should anyone request a copy. The key messages from the accounts were shared as follows: We are grateful to those who have accepted and responded to the Costa Challenge, but we must never get complacent and appeal to every member to regularly review their giving.

There has been a noticeable shift away from Free Will Offering envelopes to standing orders. We have encouraged this for some time as this reduces the work and safety concerns when dealing with cash, but also maintains more consistent income, particularly over the summer months.

Around £22,000 of our income last year came from Gift Aid. This is a significant amount of money and we encourage everyone who is a tax payer to complete a Gift Aid declaration form, which allows us to claim an additional 25% from the Government.

Following the review, a couple of years ago, which resulted in us increasing our hall letting rates to match other comparable premises in the town and across the country, we have increased our income by £7,000. Although the points above are very

encouraging, we have several challenges relating to our property and fabric which must be addressed in the near future.

Fairly recently, Presbytery instructed a full inspection of all of our buildings, something that happens every 10 years. At the SAM, we were able to share the main points from the draft report that had just been received: There is an urgent need for remedial work in the Bakehall, where there is evidence of asbestos. This is not a large job and we estimate will cost around £3,000.

We have been instructed that, due to safety concerns, we must close the fronts steps with immediate effect. We know that this repair will cost around £25,000.

The report includes a list of remedial work, categorised as either 'necessary' or 'desirable'.

The estimated cost of ALL of the work, including the asbestos and the steps, is around £140,000, including VAT and fees.

We do not have enough funds to undertake all of this work.

As you would expect, we plan to meet with key representatives from Presbytery and the Church of Scotland to discuss our options and explore how we move forward. This will include investigating the many sources of grant funding and discussions with the Church of Scotland Finance team.

As a congregation, we have much to be grateful for and I would encourage all of you to continually thank God for his provision, but I also ask you to pray expectantly for God's guidance and direction at this challenging time. We don't know yet what will happen in the future, but our Lord does!

**Yvonne Elliot,
Session Clerk**

The income and expenditure for 2017 is summarised below. The last column provides the comparative figures for 2016.

Statement of Financial Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total 2016
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	£ 144,800	£ 6,963	£ 151,763	£ 132,131
Charitable activities	£ 2,367		£ 2,367	£ 6,129
Activities for generating funds	£ 16,511		£ 16,511	£ 10,415
Investments	£ 226		£ 226	£ 265
Total Income	£ 163,904	£ 6,963	£ 170,867	£ 148,940
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds				£ 578
Charitable activities	£ 137,041	£ 9,818	£ 146,859	£ 133,886
Governance costs	£ 960		£ 960	£ 1,105
Total expenditure	£ 138,001	£ 9,818	£ 147,819	£ 135,569
Net income/(expenditure)	£ 25,903	£ (2,855)	£ 23,048	£ 13,371
Transfers between funds				
Transfers in	£ 2,397		£ 2,397	£ 29,392
Transfers out	£ (2,297)	£ (100)	£ (2,397)	£ (29,392)
Net movement in funds	£ 26,003	£ (2,955)	£ 23,048	£ 13,371
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	£ 57,530	£ 12,612	£ 70,142	£ 56,771
Total funds carried forward	£ 83,533	£ 9,657	£ 93,190	£ 70,142

The following sheet provides a breakdown of the church's funds and the allocation between funds.

Balance sheet	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	£ 1	£ 1
	£ 1	£ 1
Current assets		
Debtors	£ 1,711	£ -
Cash at bank and in hand	£ 94,637	£ 74,333
	£ 96,348	£ 74,333
Liabilities		
Creditors due in one year	£ 3,159	£ 4,192
	£ 3,159	£ 4,192
Total current assets less liabilities	£ 93,189	£ 70,141
Total net assets less liabilities	£ 93,190	£ 70,142
Represented by:		
Unrestricted		
General fund	£ 20,663	£ 12,528
Designated		
Scraps & scriptures	£ 139	£ 175
Lunch club	£ 3,075	£ 1,854
Vision fund	£ 17,397	£ -
Parent & toddlers	£ 1,938	£ 2,548
Pie & chips	£ 59	£ 52
Social committee	£ 150	£ 124
Women's group	£ 486	£ 797
General reserve	£ 1,600	£ -
Legacies & special gifts	£ 13,200	£ 13,085
Session	£ 727	£ 313
Fabric (A)	£ -	£ 1,909
Fabric (B)	£ 3,092	£ 2,371
Youth worker	£ 15,084	£ 16,156
Special mission	£ 5,569	£ 5,568
Sunday club	£ 215	£ 51
Senior fellowship	£ 140	£ -
Restricted		
Christian counselling	£ 3,050	£ -
Fabric [C]	£ 4,024	£ 10,042
Outreach	£ 1,574	£ 1,574
Youth group	£ 330	£ 330
Flower	£ 678	£ 665
Funds of the church	£ 93,190	£ 70,142

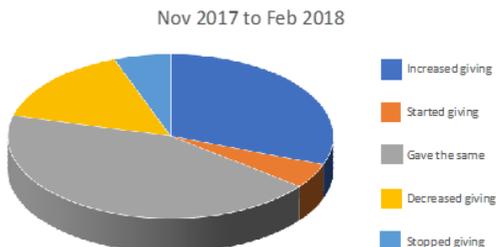
The figures provided above are only a brief summary of the accounts. Any member of the congregation wishing to see the full accounts and financial report presented to the Trustees can obtain a copy from the Church Office.

Julian Pace Treasurer

Financial Review

It has been encouraging that many people appear to have responded to the “Costa challenge”. If we compare Nov 2017 with Feb 2018.

This graph highlights the 35% who have started or increased their giving by standing order. It is also noticeable that we have continued to see a shift away from envelopes to standing orders.



Giving by standing order has numerous benefits for both the individual and church. As well as requiring considerably less work, standing orders also provide a greater consistency particularly over the summer months.

Whilst our giving in the months demonstrated by the above graph has increased, it had taken a more noticeable drop in the months preceding November. Although total giving for 2017 is higher than 2016, giving in the 1st quarter of 2018 is lower than 2017.

It is worth highlighting that a significant amount of our income (22.5k) comes from Gift Aid. If you pay tax and have not done so, may we encourage you to pick up a declaration from the vestibule or office. It has also been encouraging to see an extra 7k from hall rental.

The coming year will see a number of challenges, probably the most pressing is the resulting expenditure of the Presbytery instructed 10-year inspection, highlighted by the closure of the main steps. The report also specified additional areas of concern. The more noticeable being the bakehall and the plaster in the south west of the church.

Having a beautiful old building has many positives but it also requires considerably more money to perform even simple repairs in keeping with the building. Currently we do not have enough funds available to carry out the work suggested by the report.

For the second year running we have seen plenty of encouragement as a growing people but also several challenges expected going forward, both worthy of our prayer.

Update from John Allan, our Youth Worker



In the previous Psalm I gave an update on what's been happening in 7up and youth club this year. I'd like to give you some information here on what's happening over the summer and into the new term in August. I will be working reduced hours over the summer to allow for increased time at Chattabox in August. I will be on annual leave 9th to 21st July and also the week after Chattabox.

7up will be on over the summer holidays and we're having another P6 transition session on 8th July for those who will be in P7 from August 2018, as a way of seeing what 7up is like before joining us weekly when the school term starts. Other 7up young people should come as normal and help our new members feel welcome.

Friday night drop-in youth club is taking a break over the holidays and will restart in the new term. Keep an eye out for social media posts about a start date.

Chattabox still needs more volunteers on the team. We need adults and young people to make it all happen. If you're interested please let myself or Pamela Kennedy know. Towards the end of July I will be running a leadership session for young people helping on the team as a way of encouraging them to see themselves as leaders and to trouble-shoot any issues or

questions they might have before Chattabox begins. This will be especially useful for those

helping for the first time. See church notices and social media for confirmation of date.

Towards the end of August we're looking at organising a **whole church games evening** for everyone to enjoy. This will be an intergenerational time of fun and fellowship.

In the new school term I will be setting up a new **lunchtime group at Peebles High School**.

Please encourage any young people you have to come along and to give suggestions on what they would find helpful and beneficial.

Please like our facebook page St Andrews Leckie Church Youth, Instagram @standleckieyouth and twitter @youthworkerjohn to keep up to date. I will be starting an email newsletter so if you'd like to receive it please email me at john@standrewsleckie.co.uk

Please pray over all the above for God's Kingdom to come in all these areas and more as we raise our young people to live their life owning their faith and seeking a relationship with Jesus.



- Noah was described as a man “walking with God”
- Abraham was told to get up and walk from one end of the land to the other, for I will give it to you (Genesis 13:13-18)
- Joshua was told I will give every place where you set your foot as I promised Moses (Joshua 1:3)
- Micah declared: we will walk in the name of our God for ever and ever (Micah 4:5)

God is stirring us to take our prayers beyond the walls of our church buildings.

You are invited to take part in a prayer walk on Sunday 8th July at 6:30 pm - leaving from the Church - the walk will take approximately 1 hour

As we prayer walk, we should be aware of our surroundings: what you see, smell, hear and

touch. Also be aware of what God is saying too, as we walk around the town

We will be asking God what He is saying about a street, how does He see it?

Praying for anyone you see walking by; for the safety of all drivers, all cyclists and pedestrians.

Praying for all living on the street you are on, to come to know Jesus.

As you prayer walk we will be aware of the homes and praying for God’s blessings on what we see and feel. Even in difficult areas, we will pray positively.

We will be praying for protection from anti-social behaviour, theft and violence. For peace

Perhaps you would like to organise your own Prayer Walk after church one Sunday morning with a couple of good friends. Simply get outside and walk around your community, praying over the area. It would

be amazing to think that all areas and streets in our town were covered in prayer. We all want to reach the people around us, to love those who are struggling and we want to help the needy in our town. This should all start with prayer. In walking, you can see the faces of your community. You'll get a chance to pray over

individual houses, businesses, streets and schools. What an incredible opportunity to speak God's love and will into existence over them. As you finish, discuss - or even write down - the prayers, people, and places of most importance. You'll be ready for the next round of on-site prayer.

Weekly Prayer Schedule

Sunday

Pray for :

- our minister and his family
- the elders and ministry leaders in our church and their families
- Our government leaders and our nation

Monday

Pray for :

- the children in Sunday Club, Youth and children's groups,
- Chattabox - their leaders and helpers
- our schools, Kingsland, Priorsford, Halyrude and Peebles High School
- all children around the world

Tuesday

Pray for :

- your family and friends especially anyone with specific needs
- for a strengthening in your friendships
- for any financial needs for ourselves and the Church thanking God for his blessings

Wednesday

Pray for :

- your co workers, thanking God for your job
- our staff and all volunteers in the church

- the workers in Peebles Churches Together
- for all our Church activities, Men's Fellowship, Women's group, all Parent and Toddler groups, Worship Group, Healing Prayer leaders, Scraps and Scripture banner group and all House Groups

Thursday

Pray for :

- outreach and all Christian missionaries, our partners in Zomba
- our emergency services, fire, ambulance and police
- medical staff, all doctors, nurses and hospital staff

Friday

Pray for :

- opportunities to serve others, thanking God whenever they appear
- wisdom about specific situations and future decisions
- those who are sick, those housebound or in hospital
- for those who are struggling with doubt, ask God to give them confidence to walk in faith with Him

Saturday.

Pray for

- for the persecuted church in countries where believers are regularly targeted and often killed for their faith that they would know the hope God gives and how much he loves
- for ourselves to be prepared for Sunday's worship

Each day:

Praise God for who He is, thank Him for what He has done and ask for forgiveness for any sins in your heart. Pray that God would guide you to set goals that would glorify Him, give you the strength to achieve them and to help you seize every opportunity to learn and grow

Praying together



Peebles Churches Together

The next prayer events in the series hosted by the different churches in Peebles during 2018 takes place on **Wednesday 22nd August, 7.30-9pm** led and hosted by St. Andrews Leckie Parish 2018 is the Year of Young People. As schools go back after the holidays, the theme of this event will be Young People. Contact Carrie Duthie - carrie@standrewsleckie.co.uk

These events are open to all who have a heart for Christian unity and fellowship.

*The sun looks down on nothing
half so good as a
household laughing
together over a meal
C.S. Lewis*

Chattabox application forms have now gone out to children and so far just over half of our spaces are filled. This year's Chattabox promises to be really exciting – we're again using Scripture Union materials and the theme is Teambuilders. We'll be thinking about what it means to be on God's team through Bible stories about Joseph, Moses, Esther, Jesus' disciples, Paul and Barnabas and the church in Corinth.



As you will probably know, Chattabox runs each year through the support and hard work of a strong team of volunteers, encompassing both young leaders (from S1 at high school) and, well, more mature leaders from the churches in the town. Chattabox is a Peebles Churches Together initiative and it is brilliant to have people from across the churches working together. Having been on the team a number of times I know that the thing I have most appreciated has been the bonds made between the leaders of all ages. The team really works!

Would you prayerfully consider being part of our Chattabox leader team this year? Chattabox is running from 6th-10th August and the days are slightly shorter than previous years, running from 10am – 1pm. While full time volunteers are very much welcome your help would also be really appreciated for fewer days. We are particularly seeking over 18s to ensure that we have necessary and favourable adult:child ratios.

If you might be interested in being a team member and helping to lead then please, please get in touch! Your church will have Chattabox 2018 volunteer application forms and you are invited to complete one of these and return it to **Pamela Kennedy, St Andrew's Leckie church office, Eastgate, Peebles, EH45 8AD**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the role and what might be involved then please don't hesitate to get in touch – my number is 07812 994424 or email pamela@standrewsleckie.co.uk

What's On

Your guide to what's happening at the church over the next two months.

Opportunities for fellowship and prayer

House Groups

Small groups that meet every fortnight in someone's home, for fellowship, prayer and Bible study on the themes that have been explored through Sunday morning worship. Please contact the church office for further details.

Women's Group

New session will start in September

Prayer Time

Wednesdays 8-10am in the church. The church is open for silent prayer and then at 9.40am there is a time of joint open prayer.

Healing Prayer

Meeting in the Church Hall on Saturdays
Starts up again in September

Parents and Toddlers Groups

Wednesdays (Music Group)
10-11am
Thursdays
10-11am

Both groups start up again at the start of the new school term in August

Fridays Tiny Toes (for under 1s)

Meet throughout the year
10-11.30am.

Men's Fellowship

Contact the Church Office
for more information.

Senior Fellowship

Meet in the Church Hall

Thursdays

Starts back again in September

Activities for families and young people. There is a full programme for children and teenagers.

Contact John Allan
john@standrewsleckie.co.uk

**Further information from the church office
(01721 723121)/office@standrewsleckie.co.uk**

Rosters

Door and collection duties

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

July

Jacqueline Powell
Mari Tulloch
Carrie Duthie
Beryl Schaedler

Welcomer

Una Morris

Sunday Duty Officer: John Elliot

August

David Brackenridge
Anne Carruthers
Julian Pace
David Rowe

Welcomer

Patsy Gemmell

Sunday Duty Officer: Annette Lumsden

Drivers' rota

July

1	David Brackenridge	David Brown	Mairi Tulloch
8	Elizabeth Bintliff	Iain Coates	John Napier
15	Colin Mackay	David McKean	Nancy Forsyth
22	Douglas Coltman	Alan Herd	Greta Cameron
29	Walter Forsyth	Nancy Forsyth	Margaret Stalker

August

5	David Brackenridge	David Brown	Mairi Tulloch
12	Elizabeth Bintliff	Iain Coates	John Napier
19	Colin Mackay	David McKean	Nancy Forsyth
26	Douglas Coltman	Alan Herd	Greta Cameron



Flowers

01 Joy Gardner Donor/Arranger
Rena Patterson Distributor

08 Elizabeth Henderson Donor/Arranger
Grace Buchan Distributor

15 Nancy McKenna Donor
Sheila Potter Arranger
Catherine Walkinshaw Distributor

22 Flower Fund Donor
Morag Milloy Arranger
Sheila Potter Distributor

29 Flower Fund Donor
Ann Dodds Arranger
Alice Eunson Distributor





Flowers

05	Rob Luke	Donor
	Nancy Forsyth	Arranger
	Wilma Barrett	Distributor
12	Harriet Cullen & Jean Thomson	Donors/Arrangers
	Kathleen Alexander	Distributor
19	Elizabeth Mackay	Donor/Arranger
	Rosemary Napier	Distributor
26	Flower Fund	Donor
	Rita Balfour	Arranger
	Nancy Forsyth	Distributor



The deadline for items intended for
Psalm 414 is **Sunday August 12**
(July/August issue)

All items for inclusion should be submitted to the
church office by that date.

PSALM 117 vs 1-2

Praise the Lord, al nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us;
and the faithfulness of the Lord ensures for ever.

Praise the Lord!

(Revised Standard Edition)

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