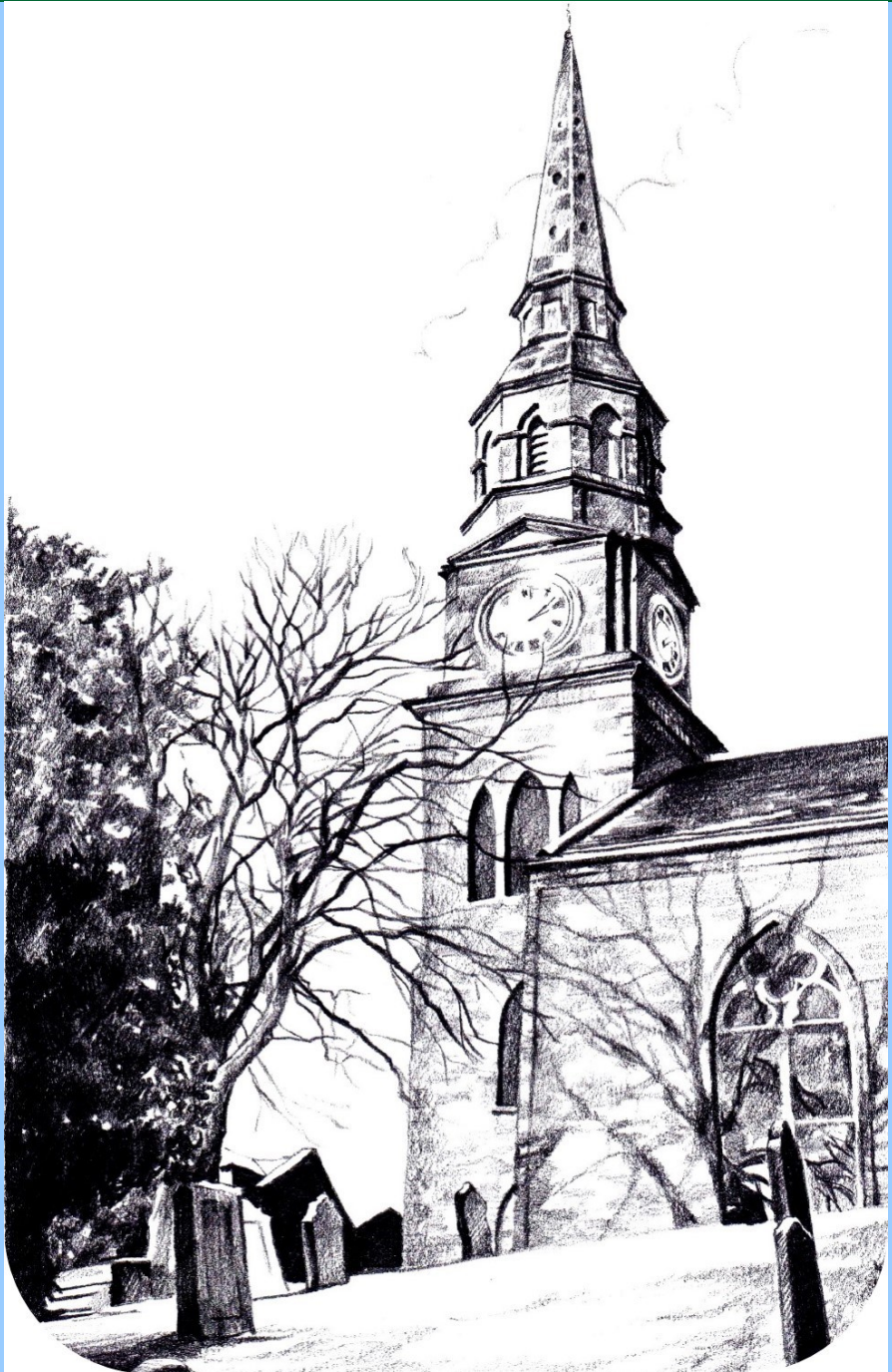


# The Steeple Times

Autumn  
2023





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# LETTER FROM THE MANSE

*My dear friends*

*When thinking about writing this letter for the Steeple Times I try to make it relevant as to what is happening in the church and/or community and even nationally or internationally. Just after this edition of the Steeple Times comes out Inverarity Church will have joined with East and Old Church with a new parish name of East, Old and Inverarity Parish however, we will still keep our own names as individual churches. Inverarity Church members will be asked if they wish to incorporate their membership into East and Old or stay with Glamis Church when the disjunction goes through. The elders will be incorporated into the Kirk Session and Inverarity Funds will be added to our funds. Now that all sounds relatively easy and nice and neat! However, there is always a but! Our treasurer will need to change the name of the bank accounts, weekly offering envelopes need altered for next year, sort out the gas, electric and now we have a septic tank to look after at Inverarity. As well as owning our current building and manse we will now own another church building, church hall and a house that Inverarity rent out. Some members of Inverarity Church live in Forfar so district cover will need to be amended and you may receive a new elder who worships at Inverarity Church and not East and Old.*

*Sadly, Inverarity Church building is under threat of closure from the Church of Scotland, and we have until December 2023 to put together a business plan with ideas that would make it*

worthwhile to keep the church building open. Inverarity Church Hall will remain open for worship no matter what. The Church building needs quite a bit of work to bring it up to what the Church of Scotland class as 'fit for purpose' in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. To that end, Angus Spence from East and Old Church, David Pate, Diane Acheson and Fiona Gourlay from Inverarity Church are meeting and forming the business plan. However, here is another BUT! It is not all about the cost of bringing the building up to scratch – it is about the missional work and how we can utilise the buildings more effectively for us and the community. This is proving to be rather difficult at this stage. Do you have any ideas that we can look at as to how we could utilise the buildings for and would you be able to help out in any way if a new venture was to start.

And that brings us to East and Old and organisations and events – **WE NEED YOU!**

As people are getting older, some have died and some people are reluctant to venture out – all our organisations and clubs are struggling for help. I can hear some people say they don't offer because that person normally does that, and that person helps there, but these people also need help and a bit of a rest! Many hands make light work! Matthew 9:37-38 – Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.<sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." We are the workers in God's creation and the harvest is getting bigger and bigger in our world today. In East and Old we help people with mental illness, loneliness, hunger, heat poverty, activities for children and families, socialising, friendship, companionship and so much more but we could also be doing so much more. God's

*mission never ends – it grows and keeps growing. If you have never been involved in some of the activities we do, then you will not have seen the pure joy and delight it brings to some people and to us the workers also. And there is a lot of JOY in East and Old and hopefully in Inverarity too.*

*Helping out does not always mean physical activities for there are many other ways in which you can help out. Please speak to me at any time! Every blessing to you all.*

*Your friend and minister*

***Barbara Ann***

*PS – another change will be to re-name the Steeple Times! Here are a few suggestions and we would be happy to hear from you with other ideas up until the end of September.*

*The new Kirk Session will make the final decision.*

*OUTLOOK*

*NEW HORIZON*

*OUTREACH*

*NEW CONNECTIONS*

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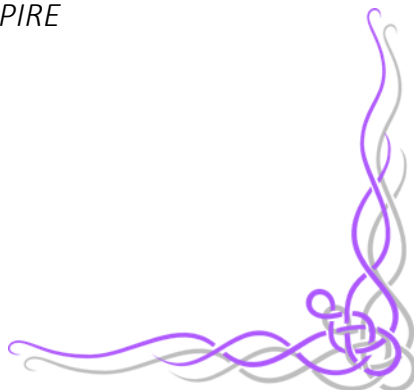
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*THE VOICE*

*OLD AND NEW*

*TOGETHER*

*INSPIRE*



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

**O**ur minister – we are sure you will know that the workload of our minister has increased significantly lately with two worship services every Sunday, the legal work and paperwork with Inverarity Church joining us and then the preparation of missional ideas to try and keep the Inverarity Church Building open. Barbara Ann is interim Moderator of Monifieth Parish Church, which is going into a union with Monikie, Newbigging, Murroes and Tealing mid-September and if that is not busy enough, the hard work starts when they form a vacancy committee for the new Monifieth South Angus Parish. During the month of September, Barbara Ann is also covering for pastoral care and funerals for 3 weeks at Monikie, Newbigging, Murroes and Tealing and for 2 weeks at Coupar Angus Church. Barbara Ann has said that sadly the first thing to go when a minister is this busy, is visiting and wants to offer an apology if you have been missed out of a visit recently. In the last few months we have been unable to get someone to take on the role of Property Convener so that has fallen to Barbara Ann also. If you think you can help out, or any family member or friend can help out in this area, please speak to them and Barbara Ann. The minister was working approximately 50-60 hours a week but that has now increased to 60-70 hours per week!



Doug Robertson and Jim Stewart have been eager beavers painting the hallway as you come in the brown session house doors, the fire alarm system has been maintained, boilers serviced, gutters cleared, the new unit in the social area is just about to be stained and a cupboard built upstairs in the activity space. The next project for external workers is sheeting the entrance hallway at the east doors where you come in on a Sunday morning. Nothing in the church is small or comes cheap so just think of many, many thousands of pounds! Try in excess of £15,000! In the church we have been using contract cleaners for a year now



however the work was not being done properly and the decision was made to terminate the contract. Just about the same time Barbara Ann met Nataliia who is a Ukrainian visitor staying with one of our members and she was looking for a job. Nataliia has started working for us as a cleaner on a temporary contract until the Kirk Session make a decision about what is to happen in the future.



**F**inance – everyone will have noticed the cost of energy, the cost of shopping and holidays going up and up and up and the church is no different!

We are so very grateful for all the donations that our members and friends of the church give on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis but, if possible, we are asking you to look at what you give. When was the last time you increased your offering? Have you been giving the same amount for years? Some people in the church put in less a week then they spend on a cup of coffee outside! Others give very generously indeed! If what you donate at this present time is everything you can afford, then thank you very much. However, if you know you could “up your offering”, we would be very grateful indeed. Sadly, more and more of our members are no longer with us and being honest with you, some of those members have been our big givers in the past. This means that our annual amount that comes in through offerings in a variety of ways no longer covers our bills and we are relying on our reserve money and fundraising. Please give this matter prayerful consideration.

**G**eneral Assembly – our minister was asked to host Dianna Wright from the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America who is an ecumenical leader within her church. Dianna was treated to some great Scottish food, an entertainment evening at the manse with members of Accord and preached in our church on the Sunday. We are so blessed that our minister and her husband open up their home to visiting guests as we gain so much from it as a church and a community.

**S**trathmore Primary School – many of you will be aware that the P7's of the school, worked alongside members of the church to supply a lunch every Wednesday lunchtime – Heavenly Bites! The children had a great time preparing, cooking, and serving the food as well as sampling it. They then cleared the tables and did the dishes in the dishwasher – that was popular! This was part of their enterprise module at school and they received £230 profit from the donations.



At the end of every term East and Old award a shield and a small donation to every primary year for the best child at RME – Religious and Moral Education. Our minister attended the prize giving ceremony and was asked to hand out the RME awards and prizes.

Congratulations to:

P1 – Nikki	P5 – Robyn
P2 – Jasmine	P6 – Connor
P3 – Edyn	P7 – Amy
P4 – Loreiei	



**T**his is our weekly Wednesday lunch club held from 12 noon in the social area. You receive a plate or plates of home-made soup, sandwiches, biscuits, tea and coffee all for a donation in the bowl. It is a relaxed atmosphere, and we cater for most allergies and intolerances and what people enjoy the most other than the food is the chance to chat or to be left alone! Why not come along and try it! There is a 'however though', we really need more volunteers on the rota either to make a pot of soup or make some sandwiches – is that you? We need you!



**T**he ladies have changed from going out for a drink and then tea and sandwiches at 8:45pm to going out for a meal once a month to different venues. In May it was the Airlie Arms, Kirriemuir – excellent! June – The Red House – super, July – The Ardler Tavern – super dooper and at the time of going to print, in August the ladies are off to The Drovers Inn and then in September – Roos Leap! Anyone can come along but we need to know numbers in advance to prebook the table.





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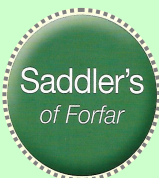
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## 2nd Forfar Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association.

On the weekend of June 2nd - 4th we had a camp at the Jock Neish Centre at Tannadice. Saturday was very busy; we climbed to the Airlie Monument, played in the river, battled with Nerf guns, threw tomahawks and ended up toasting marshmallows over the campfire. On Sunday, Anchors and all the families were invited for a BBQ. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Our new session began on 24th August and we hope to see lots of new boys and girls coming along to join us.

Anchors	(P1 - P3, aged 5 >)	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Juniors	(P4 - P6)	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Company	(P7 >)	7:30pm – 9:00pm

Any queries, please contact Betty Lovegrove on 01307 466467

**S**trawberry Sensation Afternoon – it was strawberries all around on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July in East and Old, well except for the quiche and



wee sausages and the scones! There was homemade strawberry Eton Mess, strawberry mousse, meringues with a strawberry on top, strawberry jam for the scones, strawberry empire biscuits, strawberry shortcake biscuits

and strawberry sponge and then all the dairy free and gluten free food as well! Thank you to everyone who came along on the day and to the members of Inverarity church who supported this event well.

**A total of £600 was raised!**

**S**cottish Coffee Morning – this took place on Saturday 26th August just as the magazine went to print so more information will be in the next edition but with the theme being Scottish fayre through and through, with a healthy dose of tattie scones, Tunnocks goodies and much, much more.



**I**nverarity & Kinnettles Sunday School - In June we held our prize-giving. Thirteen children received books including Andrew who got his Bible. In the afternoon we held our annual picnic at the RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association) Bottymyre. We played games, had our food then went for a walk to see Jeannie the foal. The Sunday school has a rolling programme to raise money to help with the cost of raising the foal. A great day was had by all.

Over the summer we have been working on replacing the display in the hall. Under the title of *God's Wonderful World*, we are showing the life cycle of the butterfly using pasta.

*Anne Wilson*

**C**romlix House – 24 members of the church travelled to just outside Dunblane for afternoon tea at Cromlix House. The church has been toying with this idea for a few years but never got around to organising it. Everyone had a lovely time, the company was great and the food was very nice indeed. The staff were very helpful, and our group were allowed to wander around the hotel and gardens after their tea. Cromlix House has its own chapel in the gardens and there was a grand piano in the lounge area which called out to Elizabeth McLeod – “come play me,” and she did – it was lovely! We are hoping to go back again maybe this time for a meal, but will need to start saving now!



**T**he Church Art Group restarted on 17th August and will continue through Autumn & Winter on **Thursday afternoons in the Social Area from 1:30-3:30pm.**



There are currently 12 artists, but space and equipment are available for more to join us for a quiet, relaxing two-hour session each week, with the chance of a cuppa during the afternoon. Advice will be given to beginners and regular painters in various mediums, so come along and give it a try - you'll be warmly welcomed. At time of going to press, our recent work was due to be displayed/for sale at the **Art Exhibition in the Church from Saturday 26th August through to Friday 1st September.** Some of our paintings and drawings will be included in the 2024 Annual Art Group Calendar for sale locally.

**ROTA**

**B**ible Reading rota – we are always looking for people to put their name down on the reading rota. It is kept in the social area on the windowsill – so if you could please put your name forward.

**We Need**



**YOU**

**S**unday Refreshment rota is kept beside the tea rota and we are struggling to fill it. Please consider putting your name down – we need two people each week and it is not a lot of work. You arrive a bit earlier and leave a bit later and everyone pitches in to help. Thank you to the very few men who have their name down and thank you to our regulars for helping out and to Esther for keeping it going week by week.



## **CHURCH CHOIR**



We are looking for new members of our Church Choir and would be delighted if you would like to join us. You'll be given a warm welcome. If you enjoy singing and taking part in worship each Sunday at 11:15am then come along and give it a try at our hour-long rehearsal every Thursday in the sanctuary at 2:30pm. We prepare an introit for the start of the service, then help the congregation in their singing of the hymns and perform an anthem of our own during the Sunday worship.

*Bruce Simpson - Organist & Bob Kidd - Choirmaster*

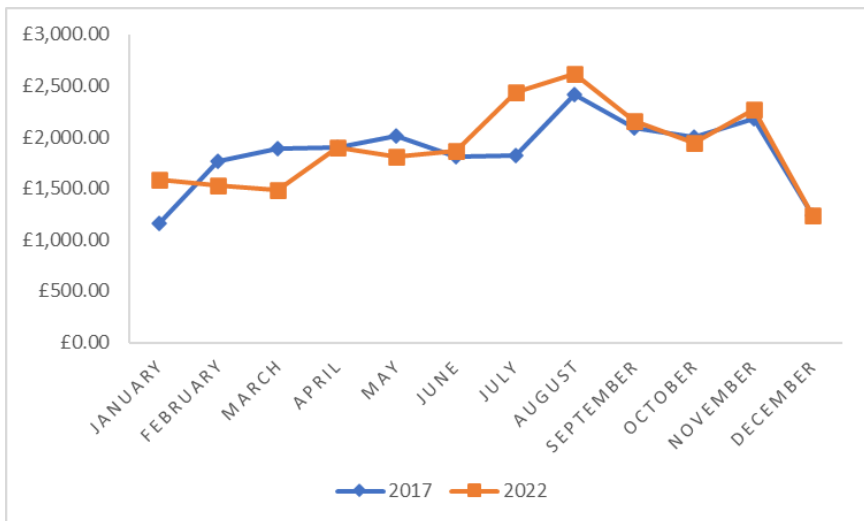
## Treasurer's Report

I had hoped to have an extract of the 2022 Final Accounts for this edition of the Steeple Times, but unfortunately a number of mitigating factors has delayed their completion which is not the norm for us here at East and Old as we are usually prompt with our accounts.

Something the Finance Team have been discussing at our recent meetings is the impact on the Church finances with the rising costs of everything and the recovery after the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, so I decided to look at our accounts from 2017 and compare them with 2022 to look for any noticeable differences.

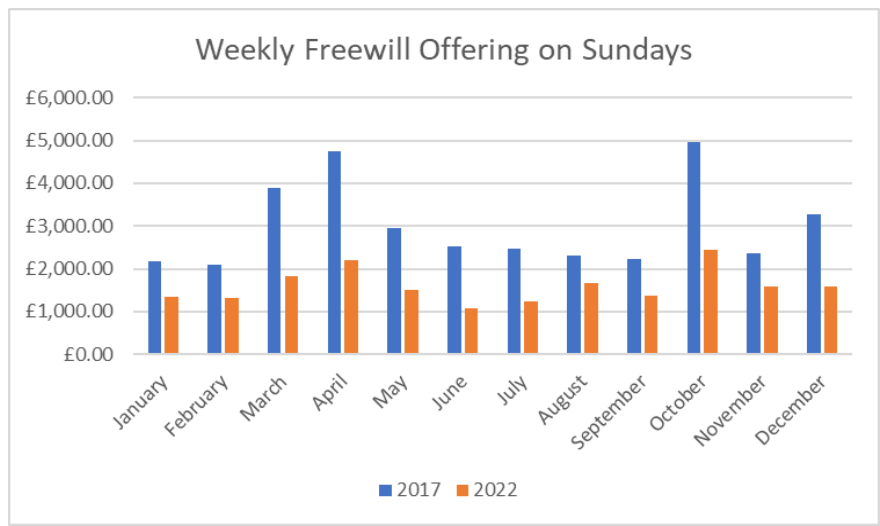
Good news came first when I was looking at the 'The Big Kirk Shop's' sales from 2017 compared to 2022. Both years were very similar with the same increases in sales at the same periods of the year. The team in the shop continue to work hard and we are so thankful for all the generous donations that we receive.

Shop Sales



Next, I looked at the comparison in Utility costs but luckily we have been on fixed-rate tariffs so the only slight increase was to our gas bill during the winter months which was expected due to the Heat Hubs running. Our Electricity contract ends next month, and the Gas contract ends in April 2024, so I predict a massive increase in both utility bills.

The biggest shock was when looking at the difference in Freewill Offerings received in Church during our Sunday Worship. As you can see from my chart, most months our offerings in 2022 are half of what they were in 2017. During Covid-19 and with the closure of the Church at that time, more members arranged to pay directly by Standing Order but unfortunately this has not made up for the shortfall we have seen in the Freewill Offerings plate during Worship Services.



We are still making a good income from our room lets within the Church and since our boost online and our leaflets advertising all our available spaces and the services we provide in 2022 we have attracted so many more organisations to use our building.

*Paula Stewart, Treasurer & Administrator*

**Aye, aye a'body, this is Tattie Bogle here.**

*Noo ah dinnie think ah kens munie o ye cos ah hear yer nearise a toonsers fae farfar. Buts maybees ye've sees me hingin aroon a dressed up in my fancy dungarees an greaserjeckit wi a richt guid bunit. Ah huf tae tell ye ah've been oot at the ferm a ma life. Ah've no ever been at ony sckale learnin like the mester's bairns so ah cannae spell lik fowk lik thon minister. Onywis ah hae to write it as ah tells it. So dinnae get howti toitie wi me cos a bet ye cannae fleg they craws an doos like ah can. An ah dinnae miss muckle that gaiyin on roon the ferm. Aye ah cud tell yous a fair puckle stories aboot the ga'ings on roon aboot.*

*Ah've been staning out a summer an ah cannae mak head nor tail o' it. Ain meenit ah'm fair sweltering and the next jist drookit.*

*Ma mester plunket me i the field awa back in April. Ah'd nay idea why. It just wis a field o black grund. Afore that ah wis jist lying proppit up ahent the stain dyke. Och it wis bra there in the shelter. See a that wind an ren in April. It had me fair shivering it wis that cald an weet. Ah shouldnae really compain after a there wisnae muckle sna at a ower the winter. In fact there wisnae even a richt guid teuchit storm in March this year. Noo ah mind ha'ing a crack wee ma pals the auld curling stains. They wis fair weary no getting oot tae the curlin pond again an left pretending to be boot scrapers at the mester's door. Ay they could come oot wi some guid stories about that curlin. Maybees ah'l tell ye sometime.*

*Ah'd best tell ye aboot ma park this year. Its jist oo'er fae the ferm an ah'm tellt tae fleg a the craws an doos awa. Noo that's no jist as easy as it soonds particlur they peskie craws but ah'm no bad at it an ah gets tae see a roond the place. So's the park's bin sawn wi peas. Ye want tae hae seen a yon fancy machinery fleein roond the park aince it a dried up. Great muckle shiney things. Ma twa pals foxy Fred an Barnie the wisecrack owl reckons they kens a'thin. Onywis Barnie tells me they work the grund an saw 6 metrs at a time. Ah dinnae ken but its an afy lot farrer than ah can stretch oot ma erms. Then Fred cums awa wi some nonsense that*



somethin ca'ad a satelite tells thon tracturs whar to go an driv a  
straucht line an no even allowd tae move oo'er an inch without getin a  
tellin af. Maybees he's richt cos ah seen the loon in the tractur no  
payin ony heed just gabbing awa at some wee box in his hand an jist no  
payin ony heed whaur he wis goin then heaven help us jist birils roon  
afore he hits the dyke. Oh but they mak a braw bed for the wee seedies.  
No no a bed lik the mester sleeps in but a level grund jist lik smoothin  
his sheets. Onywis thon wee seedies really lik theyr bed an afore ye can  
blink an ee theyr peekin oot o the grund. Barney says theyr Petit Pois  
peas an they'll be afy tasty but pleas didnae let on tae they doos or ah'll  
jist no get ony peace.

Ay day an afy cafufle got up. The doos an spuggies an swallays  
wis gaying beserk. Then ah spied a richt fancy looking birdie jist  
graceful floatin up i the air. A forkit tail an a broony breest but no si  
big as thon buzzards. Ah hadnae seen sik a birdie afore so ah ca'ad on  
Barnie tae tell us fit it wis. Michta kent he knew. Telt me it wis a red  
kite. Aye a bonny thing but ah'u no seen't since.

Whit a fleg ah hed ay nicht. Rumblin an bangin an lichts a wy.  
Twa muckle monstors comes oot o the dark. Even had Fred runnin an  
coorin ower the dyke. They wis sookin up the growin peas an a meenit  
later spittin them oot their tailend. Then a kert draws up aside the  
monstor an a great sploosh o wee peas gets coupit oot o a bin on the tap  
o' the monstor an taks aff doon the road. Barney tells me ther awa  
tae dundee to git blanched an stuck in a cald store. Imagine gitting  
boiled an then freezed a in a puckle meenits.

Ah wis lucky. Mester cam fleein oot an grabs  
me afore thon monstor clattered me. Sos that's me  
back at the stain dyke ma job done for the noo.



*from an Inverarity Church member*

**INVERARITY GUILD** were pleased to host their Strawberry



Tea on the evening of 29th June in the Church Hall.

There was a good turnout which made for a very enjoyable and successful social event. £550.20 was raised for Guild funds. A big thank you to all who attended to support the event.

Our small Guild at Inverarity hopes to continue and looks forward to coming to know East & Old members through their own, and Inverarity meetings.

We also have had an affiliation with Glamis Guild over a number of years which we wish to retain until church matters are properly finalised. A warm welcome to anyone who cares to join us.

**EAST & OLD GUILD** - We hope you have all had a good summer despite the poor weather. We had a busy time in June with a Guild Gathering on 14<sup>th</sup> and on the 21<sup>st</sup> we went on our summer trip to Banchory followed by tea at Edzell, everyone seemed to enjoy it and it ended our meetings on a happy note.

We are so looking forward to our new session starting on September 9<sup>th</sup> with the Lowson Church Guild screening live the nation gathering in which is being held in Edinburgh, the event runs from 11:00am till 4:00pm, just bring a packed lunch if you wish to see it.

Our **Dedication Service is in the church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** where guild members will take the service. We hope to see old and new members there. We'll also have our **get-together on the Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** to receive the new syllabus and a chance to catch up with friends.

The **opening social will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October with music from the singing group 'Both sides of the Tweed'** and on the **18<sup>th</sup> of the month we hope to have someone from Forfar Men's Shed** giving us a talk on the work that they do.

We look forward to seeing our members on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 2:00pm**, and if you wish to come to any of our meetings you will be made most welcome.



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The Deer Centre was our first trip and apart from our bus breaking down lots of fun was had by everyone.



Next was Active Kids at Stanley which turned out to be a very rainy day, it didn't dampen the kids fun and they all had a great time and to finish off the day they had a session in the newly refurbished indoor-play area - we had lots of sleepy children on the bus journey home.



Our last trip was to Muddy Boots in Fife on 8<sup>th</sup> August, it was a lovely sunny day, the families enjoyed lots of different activities with the favourite being at the end of the day - a water slide session with lots of fun and laughter.



All our trips were funded by Angus Council "Food and Fun" and the buses paid by East and Old - our families have certainly had a fun time.

As some of you may be aware we are starting a Lego Club after school one afternoon a week (starting date TBC). We are still looking for more Lego and games - perhaps you may have forgotten about hidden treasures in your attics or cupboards, so if you would like to donate them we would really appreciate it.

Also, we're still looking for volunteers for the Lego Club and any of the other groups: Baby Blether and Toddler Talk, so if you have any spare time to help with this, please get in touch.

*Sheila Whitelaw*



The start time is now 7:00pm in the church sanctuary and a very warm and relaxed welcome awaits you. Several acts perform with a variety in style of music and singing.

£5.00 is payable at the door and all proceeds go to the church.

**Remember it's the third Wednesday of every month: next few dates are 20<sup>th</sup> September, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> November**

## *WHAT'S COMING UP ....*

**G**leneagles Afternoon Tea – 13 members of the church are off to Gleneagles to sample their afternoon tea – a little road trip and pampering. They will let you know how it was in the next edition.

**B**ible Study Group re-starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the church office. This is a relaxed meeting with many views being shared and going off topic often! Please come along and join us if you can and learn more about what the bible means for us today! **Upcoming meetings are: 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December.**



**Alzheimer  
Scotland**  
Action on Dementia

**A**lzheimer's Drop-in Café – this café meets on the second Thursday of every month from 2:00pm to 3:30pm.

Rosemary from Alzheimer Scotland brings along objects and sounds from yesteryears for people to look at and listen to and then have a great chat too. The carers have a time where they can chat together too giving each other support. **Upcoming dates are: 14<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December.** This is open to everyone in the community.

**O**rgan Recital at Inverarity Church will take place on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September** which is just as the Steeple Times comes out. The music will be played by Lionel Fotheringham who is the head of music at Dundee High School and so many people are looking forward to it. More details of how it all went will be in the next edition.

**T**he Community Committee is a group of elders and co-opted members who carry out mission work within our community, be it locally, nationally, or internationally. This can involve pastoral, social, educational or evangelical work, whether this be engaging with local families, fundraising for the church, advocacy and awareness raising of local or national issues, fundraising for charities, educating the congregation or local community about world issues and many more. We have lots coming up, so please keep a look out!





**A Community Family Fun Day in the church and church grounds of East and Old on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 11:00am to 3:00pm.** We look

forward to welcoming you all along to support this community event, which is sure to be a lot of fun for all ages. There will be a barbeque, bouncy castles, face painting, local bands playing, craft corner, toy and book stall, wood turning, Lego club, hook the duck, indoor and outdoor games, bottle stall, teas, coffees and much more! There really will be something for everyone. Please come along and support us and tell all your family and friends. Again, this event was scheduled just as the magazines go out for delivery, so an update will follow in the next edition.

**Visit from members of our twin church in Zuglo, Budapest** - Our Hungarian friends are coming to Forfar to visit us from **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. The theme of the visit is Eco Church and caring for God's creation. We also have the objective of having our Hungarian guests get to know as many people from our church as possible, not just the few who are hosting our visitors. We hope you will all be involved in some way. Here are some of the ways you can get involved.

**On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Spending the day in Forfar, and you can join us out at Restenneth Priory in the morning** where we shall be looking at the Angus Archives and finding out about the church's eco garden there. You can join us for lunch or after lunch for a walk around the town. In the evening we shall be heading out to Inverarity for a meal and social with our members there.

**On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> - Heading up into the Glens for a day's walking, picnicking and a visit to Peel farm and Kirriemuir.** Please join us, it will be a great chance to chat to our guests.

**On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> - Join us for our services at Inverarity and East & Old** where you will meet our Zuglo visitors, and then in the **evening for a**

ceilidh at East & Old, which includes a 2-course meal, ceilidh band and entertainment. Tickets on sale soon.

On **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** - **Day trip to Dundee to see some of the sights** and enjoy some free time. Please come and join us and show our guests around.

Please join us for any of the activities - the more the merrier! Just get in touch with Barbara Ann, Karen Liddle (07745 923679) or any of the team.



**P**re-loved is Re-loved event in Inverarity Church and Hall – on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 2:00pm**. This is a popular event where many items that have been previously owned are sold for a low cost to others. There will be tea and cake too. You will hear how this event went in the next edition.

**Y**outh Orchestra Concert at Inverarity Church – this will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September in Inverarity Church**. The young people are all musicians from the High School of Dundee, led by their musical director Lionel Fotheringham. Put the date in your diary and come along for a wonderful evening of entertainment.



**F**loral Art Display and demonstration with **afternoon tea** – the date of this event has been changed to **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2:00pm** in the church for the floral display and then **3:00pm** for afternoon tea. Tickets are **£10** and are available from the church or the Big Kirk Shop. We look forward to welcoming Gloria Mitchell from Kirriemuir as our presenter that day.



**H**arvest Sunday – Our harvest services this year will take place on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9:45am in Inverarity Church and 11:15am in East and Old.**

Please remember to bring along a bag of groceries to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



**S**acrament of Holy Communion – **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.** Services will take place **at 9:45am in Inverarity Church, 11:15am and 2:30pm in East and Old Church.** After each service there will be a retiring offering in aid of the Fabric Fund. We look forward to welcoming you at any of these services.

## **GILTZ & GLAMOUR EVENING**

**T**his event was recently cancelled due to two other big events happening in the town the same night. It has now been re-arranged for **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October in the church at 6:30pm.** Tickets will be **£25 per head** or for a table of 8 - **£200.** We are looking for sponsorship, excellent raffle prizes and normal raffle prizes, donations of wine/prosecco and for your company and money! There will be a three-course meal, an auction of goods and talents, lucky table, lucky balloon, entertainment and so much more. **This is a big fundraiser with the money going towards the stained-glass windows.** Come on ladies and gents get your glad rags on.



**C**arnoustie Singers – we are delighted that the Carnoustie Singers have agreed to come to the church to entertain us and help us raise funds for the church. So put the date in your diary for **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** and tickets will be available nearer the time. The **tickets will be £7** and will include a light supper.



**R**emembrance Sunday – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November - 9:00am at Kinnettles cenotaph, 9:30am service in Inverarity Church and 10:45am in East and Old Church with a service at The Cross at 12:30pm. All are welcome to attend these very special services as we remember those who served this country and gave the ultimate sacrifice.

**F**ilm Nights – as you know our minister comments a lot about films in her talks and sermons and is sometimes astonished that not many people in the church have seen some of these really big films! Is there a film you would like to see? We can only hold the film evening in the darker nights as the church is too bright, so watch out for the coming details of the films and of course the fish supper before it. Scheduled dates are: - **Friday's 20<sup>th</sup> October, 24<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> January!** Due to all the bookings in the church the best nights for the film shows are Fridays – watch this space.



**O**ther Events – we will be holding lots of other events during the next few months which we do not have dates for yet, so look out for the information on our Facebook page and the Church Web page.



## Ministry of Flowers



3	SEP	May Clark	22	OCT	
10	"	Karen Kelly	29	"	Isabel Farquharson
17	"	Jean Alexander	5	NOV	J Gair / CJ Milne
24	"	Sheena Benvie	12	"	Irene Duthie
1	OCT	Bob Beedie	19	"	Marion & Alf Birse
8	"	Margaret Myles	26	"	Mr/s J Herron
15	"	Liz Nicoll	3	DEC	Lorraine Dick

Flower Group — Sundays 10th through to 31st December inclusive

*Please pass your donations **prior** to your chosen Sunday to Catriona Milne, Irene Duthie or pop it in an envelope and hand it in to Jennifer at PRIMA Gift Shop which is located next to the church gates. **Thank you***

# CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

## DEATHS

26	May	(James) Jim Myles
11	June	Emily Duncan
14	"	Lenin Craig
15	"	Dorothy Forsyth
19	"	Christine Shepherd
25	"	Gill Wilson
2	July	Christine Fletcher
4	"	Jessie Simpson
5	"	Gordon Cant
6	"	(William) Duithie Douglas
10	"	Gordon Saddler
22	"	Neill Wilson
8	August	Albert (Abb) Scott



In addition to members and parish funerals our minister has conducted 2 funerals for St Margaret's Church: James (Peem) Carnegie, Petronella Cable and 3 funerals for Monifieth Church: Margaret Cochrane, Alistair Fraser, Jean Smith

## BAPTISMS

11	June	Violet Wendy Dorothy Ross
16	July	Alfie Kyle Shepherd
27	August	Willow Amber Gardner & Daisy Ann Gardner

## WEDDINGS

18	June	Freya Crompton to Domenic Cariglia
1	July	Holly Anderson to Marty Esposito
15	"	Emma McRitchie to Gavin Burns

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