

New Kirk News

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Welcome to the first edition of the St Andrew's New Kirk magazine.

We are getting to know each other in New Kirk,so I am grateful to our Session Clerks and organist for sharing a bit about themselves in this first edition.

I am also grateful to all those who submitted items. There is a lot going on In St Andrews New Kirk!

If you have any ideas about what you would like to see in the magazine going forward then drop me a line. The magazine email address is stanewkirkmagazine@gmail.com

I have called this first edition 'New Kirk News'. Not very imaginative I know! If you have an idea for a title for our church magazine then let's hear it. It's your magazine so don't be shy !

Sit back and enjoy!

Diane Levey

Editor

Dear Friends,

In his account of the Resurrection, Luke tells us that the disciples dismissed the testimony of the women who had been to the empty tomb as an “idle tale.” In fact, the word Luke uses – *leros* – is the root of our word *delirious*. In other words, when the women tell what they have seen, the disciples think they are out of their minds.

It was Benjamin Franklin who wrote that two things are certain in this world: death and taxes. Well, for the women returning from the empty tomb, death is no longer such a certainty. No wonder the disciples had their doubts!

Later, Jesus appears among them and invites them to touch him, to rid them of those doubts, and it’s then that Luke tells us something very surprising – ‘While in their joy,’ he writes, ‘they were disbelieving and still wondering...’

So even after everything they’ve experienced, the disciples still struggle to believe; and honestly, I find that reassuring— that they can be both joyful and disbelieving at the same time.

Doubt is not the opposite of faith. Doubt is, in reality, a very necessary ingredient of faith. That’s certainly been true for me all through my life right up to the present day. Faith, by definition, is trust in spite of a lack of evidence. Faith isn’t knowledge. Faith is more tension-filled than that — it’s living as if something is true even when you have no proof that it is.

Faith is not about argument or certainty; it is about hope, and so for me it's okay to doubt, because if we're being honest, in light of all the death and trauma and disappointment and tragedy that colours our world, if we don't have at least some difficulty believing the promise that God not only raised Jesus from the dead, but also promises new life, second chances, forgiveness, and grace to all, then we've probably not been paying enough attention.

But if it is true that God raised Jesus from the dead...if it is true that God promises to renew the whole of creation...if it is true that nothing — nothing we have done or that has been done to us — can separate us from the love of God...if it is true that God will not turn his back on any of us, but reaches out to us in grace, and mercy, and forgiveness...if any of this — let alone all of it — is true, how might we then live our lives differently? How might this faith — this trusting, courageous, hopeful faith — change the way we look at our lives together: our relationships, our work, our resources, and our future?

Now that we have celebrated Easter, we continue to live in the light of that good news. The risen Christ meets us not only in the extraordinary moments of faith, but also in the ordinary life of the church and the communities we share together.

Like so many across the Church of Scotland, St Andrews New Kirk faces its challenges. Yet we do so with hope and

with a vision for what God may yet do among us. With the election of a Nominating Committee, we have begun the search for the second minister who will join the Team Ministry, and we trust that the right person will be called to share in this work and in this hopeful future.

And perhaps this is what Easter faith looks like for us now: continuing to trust, continuing to hope, and continuing to walk together, even when we do not yet see the whole picture clearly. Like those first disciples, we may sometimes find ourselves both joyful and wondering at the same time. Yet the good news of Easter is that the risen Christ meets us exactly there — in our questions, in our hopes, and our life together — and calls us forward.

And so, in these days after Easter, may we continue to live as people shaped by that hope: trusting that God is still at work among us, still renewing lives, and still leading us into a future filled with grace.

‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.’ (Romans 15:13)

Every blessing to you all.

Your Friend and Pastor.

Graeme

Who's who?



I am Mary Popple, one of the two Session Clerks of our new charge. I grew up in St Andrews having worshipped in Martyrs as a child, left to go to university and came back to St Andrews in 2007, joining St Leonard's at that time. While living as an ex-pat in New Zealand, on one of our trips home, my daughter Helen was baptised by my father in St Leonard's in 1987. I have belonged and worshipped in many churches around the world through my life and I am so excited to be part of the very beginning of the life of St Andrews New Kirk. What a privilege but also a responsibility it is to be here in this place now. For those who don't know me, I sing in the church choir, and I am part of the team that provides the Trade Justice stall fortnightly.



Hello, I'm Lorna Hutcheon, joint Session Clerk with Mary. My family moved to St Andrews from Glasgow in 1973 and, after moving around a bit, I've been back in the St Andrews area since 2000. My training and employment have largely been in Youth Work, Community Development and Education and this is probably reflected in the kinds of things I'm involved with in church! Norrie and I live in Cellardyke though often can be found at Elie beach with our lively cockapoo, Benji!



Margaret Broad is our organist. She has been the organist of St Leonard's since 2018 having played in a number of churches in various denominations across the country as the family moved around the country with her husband

Vic's work.

Margaret began playing the organ at the age of 15 as she loved the variety of sounds and dynamic range of the instrument; being able to play a whisper or feel the building shake!

She studied organ and piano at the RSAMD, now the RCS. At the age of fifty she embarked on a post graduate degree in music therapy and subsequently worked as a music therapist for 13 years. She currently leads a singing group in St Andrews for Haydays.

Margaret enjoys working alongside Graeme and our dedicated choir and feels excited for the future of worship in St Andrews New Kirk.

And on that note(no pun intended!), the New Kirk choir are looking for members whether you are an experienced singer or simply enjoy lifting your voice in song , you will be made most welcome! Why not come along and give it a try? Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at 7 30pm in the St Mark's building.

St Andrews Holiday Club 2026

Excitement is mounting as the interdenominational team (aka IMPACT) begin planning this year's 'Summer Holiday club'. Our plan is to use the SU material 'A Tale of Two Kings' which considers the story of David as an imperfect King- who despite his failings is still used by God, but whose story ultimately points to the perfect king, King Jesus.

Over the years we have explored different Bible passages with the children through various themes. Last year our theme was 'Everest, and we were led by our Co-hosts "Marco" and "Polo" – 2 inexperienced climbers with a great ambition to summit Everest. In preparation they encounter Beth Grylls, a seasoned climber, who also shares with them about the best guide/helper/friend they could ever have, Jesus.

Throughout the week the children heard the difference that Jesus had made in Beth Grylls' Life, and the difference he could make in theirs. We also heard testimonies from different group leaders, who shared the ways in which Jesus has helped them in their lives. We began the week with 110 children and by the end of the week 123 children were registered.

We were supported by 7 churches, had 25 adult volunteers from different denominations and 15 teen volunteers. Each morning, during our prep meeting of bible and prayer time, the team were blessed by enjoying wonderful baking from the members of St Mark's- sincere thanks to all those who supported us in this way.

To see pictures from last year's holiday club and Glow party, you can see our St Andrews Churches Holiday club Facebook page. This year, our club is being held between the 11th-14th August, and there are lots of ways to be involved-from being a team leader, to helping prep medieval props, supplying baking and of course through prayer. If you are interesting in finding out more about how you can support the club, please feel free to contact: Julie Torrance or speak to Lorna Hutcheon for more details.

Woolly Hats

At the end of January 164 woolly hats were posted to the Mission to Seafarers. Thank you to the people of the former St Marks who knitted, donated wool or donated money to contribute to this worthwhile cause. It is hoped that the knitters of the New Kirk will get involved in the future.

Our "woolly hat man", Rev Tim Tunley, has not been well recently. Please remember him in your prayers.

Isobel Telfer

Christian Aid

Paul says in Galatians 2.10: All they asked was that we should keep the poor in mind, which was the very thing I made it my business to do.

“When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food,” says Fridah Moraa, who faces a gruelling daily struggle to feed her family in the face of urban poverty.

Fridah lives in a corrugated, metal shelter in the sprawling, yet densely packed informal settlement of Dagoretti, Nairobi, Kenya with her 13-year-old twins Eliud and Abiud, her daughter, and four-year old grandson Quillan. There is no running water and only shared toilet facilities. It is a busy, noisy environment with a hectic rhythm that's dictated by the pace of residents, who are forced to live precariously day to day.

With secure jobs hard to find, and most people earning less than a dollar a day, buying food to feed your children is a constant struggle. With rent, water, school and medicine to pay for too, some days there is not enough money for a meal. Here, aching hunger compounds relentless stress.

Thankfully, seeds of change are being planted in the heart of Dagoretti. Our trusted partner, Beacon of Hope is supporting parents to find security, and nurture hope through urban farming.

But, with the support of our church, parents like Fridah can learn how to cultivate crops, build a small business, and nurture hope.

Since 1957, Christian Aid Week has inspired churches like ours to give, act and pray each May in support of global neighbours who are living in poverty. This powerful act of witness has funded countless projects that have supported communities across the world to transform their own lives and futures.

This May, it runs from 10-16 May. Our coffee morning will take place around August / September .

Christian Aid needs to call on our continued kindness and generosity, so that families who are gripped by poverty today can build a brighter tomorrow - families like Fridah's.

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This May, can our church fundraise to support families like Fridah's to overcome poverty?

I often passed Dagoretti on my way from Alliance High School, Kikuyu to Nairobi. The school, the first Secondary in Kenya, was founded in 1926 by the alliance of Protestant Missions, with Dr. Arthur, a Scot, one of the instigators. The first headmaster was George Grieve from Markinch. Every month the boys competed for the Markinch Cup! Dagoretti has grown as Fridah makes clear.

I am so grateful to those who faithfully, every year, take up responsibility for their allotted districts, often without being asked.

Christian Aid Week this year brings hope. Volunteers are asked to either deliver-and-collect envelopes or deliver-only. Deliver and collect has proved to be the more successful method of assuring donations. Volunteers who wish to deliver only are requested to take on 2-3 streets

George Black

Readers' Rota

If you would like to read at a service, you are invited to add your name to the Readers' Rota which will be available in all buildings in April and May.

More information can be had from Mary Jarvie .

Mary Jarvie

Memory Cafe

The memory cafe meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Hope Park Hall upstairs in the St Mark's building. People with memory difficulties are invited to come along to with their companion.

Ketron Morrison set up this group a number of years ago. Now Tara Glenn organises and leads each meeting; a bubbly young person, much loved by all who attend.

Meetings begin at 2pm. Visitors are entertained in a variety through music, storytelling, games and painting. There is always tea or coffee and delicious home baking before heading home. Volunteers share the activities and help to serve and tidy up. They also spend time stimulating valuable conversation. Come along and see what is on offer and join in if you would like to.

Ian Jarvie

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year this service took place in St Andrew's New Kirk in the St Leonard's building. The service was written by Christian women of Nigeria and Justina, a post graduate student, shared her testimony.

I am Justina Oluwajuwonlo, A Nigerian, Yoruba and a Christian. I was brought up in a Christian home and with a strong biblical foundation rooted in the love of Christ and the gospel of the kingdom of God and this is my testimony on the theme, "Come, I will give thee rest." This to me is not a call to comfort alone but an invitation spoken into weariness, an invitation Nigeria deeply understands.

Christianity in Nigeria has grown remarkably over the past century to become one of the largest Christian populations in the world. However, the Church in Nigeria faces prosecution and persecution, predominantly in the northern parts of the country, where Christians have endured violence, displacement, and fear. Churches have been attacked, communities have been uprooted, families separated and put into despair (remembering Leah Sharibu who has been separated from her family), and faith has been tested not in comfort but in crisis. In these contexts, "Come, I will give thee rest" is not metaphorical. It is hope! A hope an average Nigerian prays for daily.

But persecution is not the only challenge. There is also internal strain. The prosperity message has sometimes

overshadowed the call to sacrificial discipleship. The church is now more focused on prosperity and motivational message rather than the gospel of love and the kingdom of heaven. Denominational rivalry has weakened collective witness to the gospel of Christ; we are now more divided when we ought to be united preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God to come and spreading the love of God. However, this not a Nigeria alone problem. Across the world, Christianity stands at a crossroad.

Recent global events of wars, economic instability, and pandemics have exposed a universal exhaustion. Nations are tired, young people are anxious, communities are polarized. In this fatigue we all feel, these words remain: “Come, I will give thee rest.” This rest does not mean withdrawal from responsibility; it is not laziness; it is restoration of purpose. It is the restoration of right relationship with God and with our neighbour. The invitation stands not just to individuals in despair, but to the Church itself. It is a call to come away from our pride, away from the division amongst us, away from our shallow faith and receive rest.

Finally, may we be a people who not only seek rest for ourselves, but become instruments of rest in this restless world we live in.

Marie Robinson

St Andrews Churches Eco Network



St Andrews Churches Eco Network (STACEN), in conjunction with Rev. Simon Hessett, the Fife Pilgrim Way Pastor, have arranged a walk

along part of the Fife Pilgrim Way on Tuesday, 19th. May. (In case you wonder why we have chosen to walk midweek and not at a weekend, it is because the walk is being organised by Simon and that date in May suits him.)

Fife Pilgrim Way is generally considered to begin in Culross although most medieval pilgrims probably walked from North Queensferry, having crossed the Forth by ferry. From Culross it is 64 miles to St Andrews but the last third, from Kennoway to St Andrews, is arguably the most scenic and provides extensive views of East Fife. STACEN has organised two previous walks along parts of the Pilgrim Way which between them have covered the route between Ceres and St Andrews, so it is planned to walk from Bonnybank (near Kennoway) to Ceres via Clatto Hill, Clatto Reservoir and Struthers, from where it is an easy 2 mile walk to Ceres along the Waterless Road.

The proposed walk is 8 miles in length and includes some fairly steep sections, especially between Bonnybank and Clatto Hill. It follows well-marked paths and forest tracks, and sturdy trainers or walking boots are recommended. For a more detailed description of the route see:

<https://www.rucsacs.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/FPW-KennowayCeres.pdf>

Travel arrangements: it is suggested that participants meet in Ceres before catching a Number 46 bus to Bonnybank and then walking back.

If you are interested in joining the walk, are considering joining, or if you have any questions about the route or transport, please contact either Lorna Hutcheon or Peter Robinson.

Peter Robinson

Fair Trade in Our World

Watching the News, our world seems to be heading in a very uncertain and grim direction. When talking with friends in Northern Malawi, it is like tragedy upon tragedy is unfolding around them. Fuel prices have risen on average 36% since the

US/Israeli war with Iran started, when they had already risen steeply in January.

Increasingly there are fuel shortages, and widespread electricity cuts. There is severe flooding in the south of Malawi and some also in the north. The banana crop relied on by some in the Karonga community has been wiped out by disease.

This is one of the poorest countries in the world, is landlocked and finds it very difficult to reverse the trend of

rising debt. The country has a very fragile economy and is not equipped to deal with yet another conflict across the globe.

Despite all of this, the people in Karonga are amazingly resilient. But they need support. Support through buying rice helps the individual farmer and the rice farmer community. It also helps by bringing foreign currency into the country which is crucial right now. However, so that True Origin can order more rice and continue to

do projects with the farmers, we may be seeking donations later in the spring/summer to help fund another container of rice from this summer's harvest.

Watch this space. But it is not all doom and gloom.

We have just introduced some delicious new cashew nut products from Sunshine Nuts in Mozambique. Sunshine Nuts is run by a couple of Americans Christians who gave up wealth in the US start this outfit which provides support through agricultural development to the cashew farmers of Matola, Mozambique. Try these nuts and nut butters and support this community in a previously war-torn country.

You, the people who make up St Andrews New Kirk, are supporting our Trade Justice stall brilliantly. Please continue to do so. Thank you.

Mary Popple

A word of gratitude

On 11 May 2025, I attended my first service at St Leonard's, where I was introduced to both Rev. Beebee and the Church of Scotland. Having left the only faith I had ever known just a few months earlier, I was searching—quietly and earnestly—for a community and a faith that would truly speak to my heart. That Sunday, for the first time, I heard a sermon that centred on Christ and Scripture in a way that felt alive and deeply relevant, even two millennia later. As I left St Leonard's that morning, my heart was full, and I knew I wanted to return.

Over the months that followed, that feeling only deepened. My heart grew lighter, my faith stronger, and I began to feel that I had truly found a spiritual home. In September, I asked to be baptized, and on 12 October, my prayers were answered when I became a member of the Church of Scotland and publicly professed my faith.

Since then, I've been deeply touched by the warmth and kindness with which I've been welcomed into this community. Meeting so many wonderful people and sharing in the life of the church has been an immense blessing. Thank you—from the bottom of my heart—for welcoming me so openly, for embodying such kindness and friendship, and for helping me continue to grow in faith and love.

Sincerely,

Erin Sindle

Souper Friday

Souper Friday has just completed its fourth very successful year of outreach to the community. A pool of 25 willing volunteers has provided a warming bowl of soup and some home baking - from broth to parsnip and ginger, from custard creams to truffles - Souper Friday has run from early October until the end of March.

Over the 23 weeks of SF4, we reckon we have served between 400 and 500 customers; these have consisted of members of our own and other local churches, members of the local community, people who have arrived in town by bus and spotted our colourful, welcoming bunting and, of course, the students. This year we have been delighted to see the same students coming back week after week, eventually coming as occasional volunteers and always as "chatters"! We look forward to welcoming them all back on the 2nd of October for Souper Friday 5 - their kind generosity has enabled us to donate to MacMillan, Breast Cancer and Poppy Scotland in the early weeks. Our church and our two chosen charities for the year - the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Prostate Scotland - will all benefit to the tune of £500 each. Further details in our next newsletter about how to join our merry band of soup makers and bakers, kitchen staff and servers. It's a great way of getting to know other members of our congregation and a whole array of other people from a' the airts!

Flora Falls

Encounter

Now in our third decade, the legacy St Mark's Encounter group goes from strength to strength. The young mums of the early 90s are all now retired, grannies, great-grannies and, in some cases, all three! Time flies! We generally meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm and enjoy a very varied programme: speakers, theatre visits, pre-Christmas craft night, post-Christmas meal, a spring walk and a keenly contested putting match on the Himalayas. We are currently looking forward to the annual charity quiz which is being held on April 17th in aid of Families First St Andrews. Forthcoming dates: 14th May – local walk and 11th June – putting. Meetings are listed in the Order of Service and in the newsletter. Further details from Flora Falls or Muriel Gray.

Scrabble:

Bored? Try “board” instead – a Scrabble board that is! Our next Scrabble get together will be on Friday 24th April at 7.00pm in the Martyrs Room in the St Mark's building. Whether you're a novice or an expert, a warm welcome, a Scrabble board, good banter and a cup of tea await. Further details from Michael Dewhurst.

North East Fife Community Hub, Summer Fayre

Recently the North East Fife Community Hub has for Saturday 20th June 10-3 when there will be stalls, games and displays.

Hopefully the weather will be good enough to be outdoors, but this is Scotland so it may have to be inside. Come along and share the fun and support this major fund raiser.

Stalls will be available to rent at £10 each, you keep money made but hopefully would be willing to donate something for the prize draw or a hub sales table.

Moira Kerr (07411223246) can provide more information.



St Andrews New Kirk Messy Church started off the year with a game's afternoon – Jenga, Ker Plunk and Rat in the Stack proving particularly popular along with 10 pin bowling and indoor putting! Then, in February, we thought about Fairness and the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. When asked whether they thought it was right that the workers who only worked an hour were paid the same as those who had worked since early

morning, one three year old child insightfully replied “Yes, because they have to eat too!”

Our March Messy really was a messy affair- lots of chocolatey faces as we made (and liberally sampled!) crispie cakes, muddy hands as we made Easter gardens and full tummies as we tucked into pasta then meringues, fruit salad and ice-cream! The children enjoyed racing round the Sanctuary as they followed an Easter trail describing the events leading up to Jesus’ death and celebrated the surprise of Resurrection as they discovered chocolate eggs at the end!

Planning for April and May is still under way but please “Save the Date” of 28th June when we have hired the large Party Tent at Craigtoun for a New Kirk church picnic with games, goodies and fun together.

Messy meets on the last Sunday of every month except July (and December, when we have our annual nativity in church). Feel free to pop in anytime and, if you’d like to more about helping please speak to Lorna Hutcheon. As ever, huge thanks to the dedicated team who faithfully deliver the activities and meal month by month.

Church Family

St Andrews New Kirk came into being on 1st January 2026 with a membership of 779. This was made up of 401 from the former Cameron & St Leonard's and 378 from the former St Mark's.

As a congregation, we are very pleased to have recently welcomed into our church family Professor John and Dr Lesley Connell, who join us from Boarhills, Dunino & St Andrews : Holy Trinity. The Kirk Session is also very pleased to welcome into our church family Andy and Irene Ray. Originally from England, they fell in love with St Andrews over a number of visits and have since moved here permanently. We hope that both couples are now enjoying worship and fellowship here with us in St Andrews New Kirk.

Sadly since the beginning of the year, we have also recorded the deaths of four of our members; Ann Campbell, Elizabeth Thirkell, Margaret McCreadie and Lilly Musk. Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to each of their families and friends at this sad and difficult time.

Guild Report

St Leonard's and St Mark's Guilds have enjoyed getting to know one another over our past session. We have had joint meetings through the winter, alternating venues so we are also getting to know the ropes at the two church halls.

We have had a wide-ranging series of talks on topics ranging from our local Eco Hub and Preservation Trust to people trafficking in India. Jointly with Holy Trinity Guild we heard about two of the Guild projects, Bibles for Bairns (Scottish Bible Society) and Operation Hope (Release International) which works in Egypt. St Leonard's hosted this year's World Day of Prayer ecumenical service written by Christian women of Nigeria, and we were delighted to have the help in this of Justina, currently a postgraduate student here.

Two successful coffee mornings each raised over £1000 – many thanks to all who generously supported us.

We hope to formally become one Guild at our forthcoming AGM. Our meetings will begin next October – do come along and join us at St Andrews New Kirk Guild!

Daffodil Tea

St Andrew's New Kirk Daffodil Tea will take place in the hall in the St Marks building hall on 10th of May from 2pm - 3.30pm. Delicious afternoon tea will be served and light entertainment provided. This event is always popular and brings people together.

We will provide a few carry-out boxes for people who may be housebound. If you would like to order one for someone please phone Moira and provide the delivery address.

Places will be limited so if you would like to book a seat, please contact Moira Kerr .



Weekly collections of non-perishable food items for Storehouse continue in all 3 of our buildings. Many thanks to everyone for their continued donations.

We received this message at Easter.

A message from Lucy Clarke, Compassion Pastor at Storehouse Foodbank...

We are so appreciative of the support we've received from both St. Mark's and Cameron & St. Leonard's churches over the years. We wish the congregation and minister of St. Andrews New Kirk well for the future, following your recent union.

It is a huge encouragement and comfort for us to have your support. I'm also delighted to report that our stocks are actually looking fairly healthy, largely due to donations received over the harvest festival and Christmas period - thank you for your part to play in this!

In 2025 we served roughly 200 different households and gave out 3486 bags of food over 1645 individual visits across the year. In 2025 we also piloted a few different community and skill building events, such as a cooking class and open

mic night. In 2026, alongside our core mission of providing emergency food provision, we also hope to grow in the ways we equip and empower our clients to invest in their own wellbeing and engage with further practical support. We do this by connecting clients with other support services in the local area and working to overcome isolation by providing spaces for clients to meet, talk and connect.

A final note from us, if you'd like to receive regular updates from Storehouse including a fortnightly in-need list, you can sign up to our mailing list by going to our website: www.storehousestandrews.com

Thanks again for all you do to support us. With gratitude, the Storehouse Team.

Annual plant sale and coffee morning

We will be running a plant sale and coffee morning again, in aid of the work of our Mission Partner in Zambia, Ida Waddell, you may remember Keith has now retired. This year it will be on **Saturday 13th June from 10 -12. Plants only from 9am**. There will be tea, coffee and home baking, for a suggested donation of £3. There will be stalls - Cake & Candy, Books CDs & DVDs etc, Hampers of Goodies, Quiz sheet. Offers of help gratefully received, please speak to Muriel Gray.

Donations of plants (from our gardens), baking, books etc gratefully received from 8 am Saturday 13th or on Friday 14th evening 5- 6pm. Please bring your friends.

This will be our main fundraiser of the year for Mwandi Mission and Ida's work.

If you can't make it on the 13th to the sale, donations will be gratefully received by Muriel Gray or as always, you can donate online to our church charities account, these details remain the same, please mark it **ZAMBIA**

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Please Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Open Church

The St Mark's building of St Andrews New Kirk will be open to the public on Tuesdays in July and August from 11am-3pm. Lots of volunteers needed for 2- hour slots. Please help with this if you can, it can be very enjoyable meeting visitors from all over the world. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church from 7th June.

Muriel Gray

Harvest Charities

During June, we will be asking for suggestions for the 3 charities we will support at Harvest time, 1 local, 1 national and 1 international. There will be slips available to fill in, and a box for completed entries, from Sunday 7th until Sunday 21st June.

Muriel Gray

Facebook users

As part of our coming together as one congregation we are moving all our Facebook activity onto one page. If you were previously only on the St Mark's Facebook page please ensure you have switched to follow St Andrews New Kirk on this page <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsNewKirk/>.

If you need help to do this, please ask one of us.

From mid-May we shall no longer be posting on the former St Mark's page and a few weeks later we shall close that page.

With our thanks for your help.

Lorna Hutcheon and Maureen Jack

From the Finance Action Team

The Finance Action Team have been busy planning and implementing the financial systems for St Andrews New Kirk. Our new bank account is up and running with the Royal Bank of Scotland (Sort Code 83-15-21, account number 00276564).

All current standing orders for both churches will still be collected as before however doners are encouraged to amend their standing orders to the new account as and when they can. The new bank account may come up with 'operational' or 'community', both of which are acceptable. New standing order forms (only required if you do not do online banking, as you can action for yourself if

you do) are available in all our church buildings and you can either take them to the bank yourself or give them to Ian Jarvie, Joan Peter or Moira Peebles who will action for you.

Please remember you need to cancel your old standing order yourself as we cannot do this for you.

Please note that a standing order is the preferred way of donating, especially if you have completed a gift aid form, as it supports the church on a regular basis, enabling us to budget effectively, while saving you having to remember to donate in other ways.

If you are a gift aid doner, many thanks to you to all of you who have completed a new gift aid mandate as that ensures

we have your current details. If you have not already completed a yellow gift aid form (available in all buildings) then your old form will still allow us to claim 25% on your donation from the government unless you have advised us otherwise although a new completed form is very important for submitting our claim.

Please remember to advise us if your circumstances have changed, such as a new address, or if we can no longer claim gift aid on your behalf.

Changing over standing orders is also an opportunity to review your regular giving to the church as our costs continue to grow so any additional donations are most welcome, however it is appreciated that some people are increasingly struggling with the rise in the cost of living. If you are unable to attend church, please contact the church offices if you need a standing order or gift aid form.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Finance Team



Back in 2000, local clergy and church members in North East Fife dreamt of reaching children and young people with the Good News of the Bible...and so 'K2' was born. Even then, the connection between children and traditional church Sunday School was waning and a new strategy was needed. The gap has now widened, and K2 continues to make the connection through work in schools, residential activities and activity days. Together with a team of trained volunteers K2's worker, Chris Cameron can deliver exciting, engaging educational programmes in local schools at Christmas and most recently at Easter.

K2 operates in conjunction with Scripture Union Scotland who assist with training and supporting the K2 worker in practical ways. A number of workers have been employed over the past 25 years, but each one has, in their unique way, opened up opportunities to fulfil the aims of K2.

Chris Cameron began working for K2 in August 2025 after experience of church-based children and youth work in Newport Parish Church and he has been focusing since then on the Primary Schools in the Madras College cluster - about 12 schools in all

In these initial months the work has grown. Over 200 children (around 15% of children within the designated schools) have interacted with the Bible through the presentations made by Chris and his team of volunteers. In addition, SU groups which are informal voluntary groups

taking place at lunchtime, have doubled in numbers from 2-4. In St Andrews, Canongate Primary School has an SU group on a Thursday at lunchtime for P4-7 and Lawhead Primary School group meets on a Friday at lunchtime. For each group, we play games, do some crafts and have interactive storytelling, If you have a young person who attends these schools and would like to go, please get in touch with the school to sign up! These groups are led by Chris with volunteers from local church assisting. In all, K2 now has active links with 6 of the 12 Primary schools in the cluster.

Please pray for us as we move into a busy term 4 with curriculum events happening in Canongate Primary School and Kingsbarns Primary School. Please pray that we can continue to build up our volunteer base, through local church presentations, our new website (coming soon), and through word of mouth!

If you want to find out more about K2, or volunteer with us, please contact Chris: chriscameron.k2@gmail.com

Blessings ,Chris & K2 Management Grou