

ST ANDREWS NEW KIRK

News Outwith the Pews – 11.06.26

Dear all,





Please see below for this week's round up of all the latest news, events and reminders:



Sunday Service:




- 10.30am Morning Worship at St Mark's



Bible readings:


- Romans 5. 1 - 8 'Peace With God Through Faith'
- Matthew 9. 35 - 10. 8 'Jesus Sends Out The Twelve'

    **Office Hours:** Tuesday 09.00 - 12.00, Thursday 09.00 - 12.00 and Friday 09.00 - 12.00. Some of these may be worked remotely so please email or ring first before popping into the office to ensure you don't have a wasted journey.


  **!!Stated Annual Meeting:** The Stated Annual Meeting of St Andrews New Kirk will take place this **Sunday 14 June** after morning worship. Below are the papers for the meeting- agenda, the Minutes from Cameron & St Leonard's SAM of May 2025, and of St Mark's, June 2025, as well as the Annual Accounts for each former congregation, and the budget for 2026. There will be a limited number of paper copies available in St Mark's on Sunday. Everyone is welcome to the meeting.

   **Christian Aid Week:** Many thanks to all who helped, whether those who delivered and collected envelopes and raised £6416.95 or those who delivered only to get people to give online, by phone or by cheque, as well as those who helped with the count. They have helped to change the lives of urban farmers in Nairobi.

!!   **Hub Summer Fair:** This is an appeal for cake and candy for the Hub Summer Fair on Saturday 20 June from 10am until 3pm at the Hub. Baking, cakes, jars of jam and any items which could be put in a raffle or tombola would be greatly appreciated. Please come on the day to support this fun event. Contact Moira Kerr for more details. Thank you!

 **Easyfundraising for our church:** This has now been updated, and so if you would like to help raise money for our church when you shop online, please change the charity you support to St Andrews New Kirk. You should see our new Wave logo to help you find it.

If you have never tried this method of raising funds, do feel free to have a look at it yourself, or there will be more information provided at church soon. Watch this space!

 **Update and Many Thanks from Storehouse:** We would like to give you an update of what your support has enabled us to do over the past 12 months. Here are some of the highlights:

- In 2025 we served roughly 200 different households and gave out 3486 bags of food over 1645 individual visits across the year.
- We have seen an increase in engagement with the additional support and community events we provide for clients. For example, we have conducted 3 successful basic benefit checks to help our clients maximise their income over the past 12 months. We've also been able to invite clients onto further community events, such as open mic nights and cooking classes, which have proved to be very popular.

In 2026, alongside our core mission of providing emergency food provision, we hope to continue to develop the ways we equip and empower our clients to invest in their own wellbeing and engage with further practical support, as well as working to overcome isolation by providing spaces for clients to meet, talk and connect.

We will be running our annual Games and Giveaway in August. This is a free event focussed on community building with a BBQ and outdoor party including games, face painting, live music, and lots of good food. At the same time, the Foodbank will be open for a giveaway where people can come without need for a referral. Please do let folks in your community know about the event, where you feel appropriate. Please also see the attached poster for further details.



GAMES & GIVEAWAY

Sunday 16th August
11am - 1pm
St Davids Centre

BOARD GAMES & SUMMER GAMES

- BBQ FOOD
- LIVE MUSIC
- FACE PAINTING

PLAY EAT CONNECT

Open access to the foodbank (no referral needed)

 Kingdom Vineyard

 Storehouse
St. Andrews Foodbank


🌿 🌸 🌻 **Plant Sale & Coffee Morning:** This will be on **Saturday 13 June** from 10.00am-12.00pm in the St. Mark's building. Plants only from 9.00am, and all funds raised will be for the work of our Mission Partner, Ida Waddell, in Zambia. There will be stalls for Cake & Candy, Plants, Books & CDs, and a Hamper. A £3 suggested donation at the door. Donations of plants, baking etc (please list ingredients) taken from 8.00am on day of sale or on Friday evening at 5.00pm-6.00pm. This is our main fundraiser of the year for our Mission Partner. We hope you will come along. If you prefer to make a donation, then please see or phone Muriel Gray (01334 47553) or donate online to the church charity account & mark it with reference -'ZAMBIA'. Account name: **St Andrews New Kirk Church**, Sort Code: **80-09-55**, Account number: **00209488**


🏠 🚚 **Big Bedding Sort Out:** The Holy Trinity church kindly offered their space for a big bedding sort out from **22-27 June**, preparing student donations to the Transition University of St Andrews Reuse Project - the sustainability program that invites students and the local community to join the sharing economy, reduce waste, and support reuse. The aim is to make up pre-loved bedding packs for next semester, and getting 200 duvets ready for Castle Furniture in Cupar. We would welcome any help! Feel free to stop by any day between 9:30 and 2:30! You can lend a hand, have a chat, or simply enjoy some free refreshments. We'd love to see you! On Saturday, 27 June, Holy Trinity Church will host a clothing event on the square and inside the church from 10am to 4pm. Any help would be much appreciated too. If you have any questions, please email : Georgiana at georgiana@mazilu.net or Sonja at sp315@st-andrews.ac.uk


🌸 🌿 🎪 **All the fun of the Fayre:** On **Saturday 20 June** the North East Fife Community Hub at Albany Park is holding a Summer Fayre from 10am through to 3pm. There will be stalls for local businesses as well as the hub itself. These will include crafts, baking, books, jewellery, food and drinks, BBQ, paintings, and plants. A choir will sing, ukuleles will play; there'll be a cookery demonstration, dog display and much more. Hopefully a fire engine and ambulance will attend. Please come and share the fun of this major fundraising event and opportunity to showcase the newly refurbished hub.

🍪 🍵 🥤 **Messy Church Pot Luck Picnic!** We look forward to seeing all members and friends of the congregation at the Party tent at Craigtoun Park (behind the cafe) on **Sunday 28th June** at 2.30pm. All are welcome - we look forward to an afternoon of fellowship, games, music and getting to know one another. Tea and coffee and soft drinks will be provided. If you would like to please bring some finger food and/or baking. We hope the sun will shine on us but the tent also affords shelter from the Scottish summer! Please see poster for more details.




 **Tea and Coffee Rota - St Mark's:** The July - September **TEA & COFFEE ROTA**, for Sundays when worship takes place in the St Mark's building, is on a table at the back of the St Mark's sanctuary. Please add your name if you can help. It's a time of fellowship that a large number of the congregation attend and enjoy. Help can be provided to put out tables and chairs. If you are able to help with this, please add your name to the sheet or speak to Marjory Park. Thank you to everyone who has taken a turn in the past few months, it is very much appreciated.

 **Open Church:** The St. Mark's building will be open to the public on Tuesdays in July and August from 11am-3pm. Lots of volunteers are needed for 2 hour slots, 2 volunteers each hour. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet available at the back of the church or speak to Muriel Gray.

 **New Bank Account:** The new operational bank account for St Andrews New Kirk is now open and details of what to do regarding changing standing order payments to the new account are on the green sheet available in all 3 church buildings along with a standing order mandate if you are not able to change your standing order yourself online. Although payments will still be received and transferred from the old church accounts, at some point it would be good if old standing orders are cancelled and new ones set up. The name St Andrews New Kirk is sometimes followed by 'operational' or 'community', both of which are acceptable.

Regular reminders:

 **The Fair Trade stall** runs after the worship at St Leonard's and, on request, elsewhere! They often have new products to try as well as the staples, such as coffee and chocolate! When you buy from the stall you support farmers in fragile communities across the world. If you can't get to a St Leonard's service, please message the office and I will put you in touch with Mary who organises the stall to make alternative arrangements.

I hope you have a good weekend and week to come!

Best wishes,
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