

**Church of Scotland
Scone & St Martins Parish**



Church News

August/September 2022

Parish Register

Deaths

20 May 2022	James McDonald, formerly Scone
9 June 2022	Mary (May) Smith, Scone
14 June 2022	Peter Guy, Wolfhill
17 June 2022	Allan Rennie, Scone
18 June 2022	Ann Robb, Scone
26 June 2022	Beryl McArthur, Scone
27 June 2022	Fiona Rennie, Scone
5 July 2022	Andrew Shand, Balbeggie
16 July 2022	Marlene Morrison, Scone

Weddings

4 June 2022	Thomas Stewart to Catherine Mackay
25 June 2022	Duncan Sanderson to Linsey Newall

Church News

Material for the next edition should be forwarded to the church office (tel 553900; email sconeandstmartinschurch@gmail.com) or to the editor Moira Daly (moiradalyscone54@gmail.com) by 22 September 2022. Please send in any items you think will be of interest to the congregation.

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If you know of anyone who requires a visit from the minister or an elder, please hand in the details at church on Sunday or to the church office.

Dear Friends,

I am hoping and praying that you are all surviving this heat. It is quite amazing. Tonight I could be tempted to string up a hammock between two sturdy trees in the manse garden but fear not I shall resist the temptation. By the time you read this I shall have been visiting the remnant of the Midgie Clan in the North West. It seems that even they are being affected by the heat.

Well in addition to heat in the air, there is much promise. I hope you will support the Day of Fun planned for the 13th August. Then on the 21st we have a Joint Picnic Service with Cargill Burrelton. Watch the web for the actual time of this. The Sunday Club will be getting underway again at the beginning of September and the Youth and Education Group is planning to get a Youth Hub underway. Ian Mackinnon and his committee are planning to get the Adult Hub on a Wednesday up and running again in the early autumn. These are a few of the happenings I know about but please check all the detail as you read about it in other sections of this magazine. Do also consult the Web for detail. Google: Scone and St Martins Parish Church. Also, consult Facebook.

I am hoping that you all have a lovely time of summer refreshment and relaxation. My prayers are with all who have lost loved ones in recent months. At the beginning of August I will catch up with you but be assured that you are in my prayers. Upon you all, I wish God's comfort and love.

Love and blessing be on each and all this summer time and may our prayers and thoughtful actions towards all God's children abound. I leave you, meantime with these words of an old summer hymn written by Samuel Longfellow, brother of the Poet:

The summer days are come again; once more the glad earth yields
her golden wealth of ripening grain and breath of clover fields
and deepening shade of summer woods and glow of summer air
and winging thoughts and happy moods of love and joy and prayer.

The summer days are come again; the birds are on the wing;
God's praises, in their loving strain, unconsciously they sing.
We know who giveth all the good that doth our cup o'erbrim;
for summer joy in field and wood, we lift our song to Him.

The hymn is sung to that lovely tune, Forest Green. Associated with the ballad, "The Ploughboy's Dream" it was adapted into a hymn tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

With every blessing, Maudeen

Acting Session Clerk's Report

It has been a lovely summer so far, although it is pouring with rain as I write this!!! There was an excellent celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in the park in early June, blessed with excellent weather and the church had a gazebo with goodies to give away and information on the church.

There will be an opportunity to have some more fun on Saturday 13th August at the Fun Day held at Burnside. Unfortunately, this clashes with our family holiday, so I will not be there to reign over the duck race. However, Hamish and Bob have come to the rescue and there will be a duck race. Hamish has already organised a water bowser to come, just in case the rainfall between now and 13th August is insufficient to ensure a reasonable depth of water for the race!

On 21st August, we are having a joint service with Cargill/Burrelton Parish Church and it is in the form of a picnic service at 11.00 am at Burrelton. It would be a very nice gesture to our neighbouring parish if there was a large turnout that day, so do come along, bring your picnic, pray for a nice day and enjoy yourselves.

We will have important business to attend to at the end of August when the Kirk Session meets to submit to the Planning and Development Committee its response to the suggested changes within Perth Presbytery. This is a very important step for the future of the church locally, within the Presbytery and nationally. The reduction in the number of ministers means that there will be mergers, church closures, hub ministries, mission churches across the whole of Scotland and big changes with the set up for new larger Presbyteries. How this will all work is something that no one can be sure of; what we can be sure of is that change is coming and coming very soon.

Mike Moir, Acting Session Clerk

Thank You

The Finance Committee would like to thank the Congregation for their continued financial support through the open plate, Freewill Offering Envelopes and Standing Orders. These sources of income have grown substantially over last year and reflects the increase in members attending church post the pandemic. Thanking you all once again.

Douglas Calderwood
Finance Convener

Pastoral Care

I have a message pinned on my notice board which says, “bloom where you are sown”. A good reminder to accept things as they are and make the best of it. Very pertinent for me in my hobby of painting wildflowers and grasses that I collect around Scone when walking with Star. (She has now had her first birthday and is doing fine, if sometimes a bit cheeky in her fancy pink grown up collar which shows up very well against her black curls.) Very often these weeds go over before I have time to paint them, but I enjoy their variety and colour. The hot sun has made even the humble docken special as I notice some leaves with striking pink/purple and orange/red and spotted colouring. Natures wonders.

Foodbank Collection – this has been well supported by folk at church and boxes will be left out for donations this month. Many thanks to Mike, Sheila, Moira and Marian for taking the goods to Perth.

RDM and Catmoor Homes – after the long break it was good to meet up and share Sunday worship in both homes. In older age communication can be difficult but hymns and prayers are very often remembered and can be shared. Thanks to Rubina Urquhart and Margaret Breckenridge for playing at services.

It was good that Beryl McArthur’s son was able to be with her (from Sweden) in her last days. Her late husband, Robert, was an active elder in Scone Old. Our love and sympathy go, at this time of sadness, to Mary Menzies as she goes on to celebrate her 104th birthday this month.

Fellowship Lunch – see separate notice. NB if you are not a regular luncher but would like to join the bus outing on 1 September 2022 phone me (551560) and book your seat NOW! All are welcome to lunch as well.

Hot Dog Family Movie – This, we hoped, at £1 entry would be affordable and attractive for many village families. In the event only 9 children came, all with Grandparents in charge. Small numbers but all enjoyed the Scooby Doo trailer and Shrek Movie. Hot dogs/rolls and ice lollies went down well and we made £8 profit. Thanks to Mike Moir, projectionist and Helen Moir for organising new curtains which helped with the blackout cinema atmosphere. Something new and a happy learning experience which we will repeat.

Church Flowers – Many flower gifts have gone out after Sunday services acknowledging times of loss and illness and many (big) birthdays through the congregation and community. If you wish to donate towards the flower fund please contact Margaret Buchan or myself.

All good wishes of peace and comfort to anyone unwell in recent days. Congratulations to significant birthday folk and may we all share God's many blessings.

Margaret McMillan (Tel 551560)
Pastoral Care Committee

Fellowship Lunch

Fellowship lunch continues to be held on the 1st THURSDAY of each month in Burnside Hall at 12.30 pm. EXCEPT for 1 September 2022 which will be at 12 noon as we plan to have the annual (except for 2020 and 2021) bus outing leaving the car park at 1.15 pm.

The bus will have a hoist for easy access and will go a country run with a stop for tea/coffee and a little retail therapy. Return to Scone will be at approximately 5.00 pm. A drop off near your home or a lift will be organised.

As lunch numbers continue to be low there will be **spare seats on the bus**. If you would like to join us for the run please phone Margaret on 551560 with your name and telephone number. Seats are limited and will go on a first contact basis. Regular lunch goers do not have to book seats.

Limited transport is now available for fellowship lunch. Phone Margaret on 551560 or Helen on 551549.

Sheila Simpson is retiring from the staff group and we will all miss her smile and helpful ways. Good wishes to her and Mike and for all who now feel they cannot manage lunch days. We hope to continue to collect loose change/donations for Mary's Meals which Sheila and Mike set up and organised.

Margaret McMillan
Pastoral Care Committee

PRAYER CHAIN

A Telephone Prayer Chain is available to support in prayer any person/s in the church or community, or their family or friends whether living here or elsewhere, particularly if urgent prayer is required for matters such as illness, operations or other problems. Phone requests to Lilian at 01738 553651 or, if she is unavailable, to Helen at 01821640560 or Frances at 01738 552681. Or, instead of phoning, you can write your request on a prayer request slip, sign it or leave it unsigned as you wish, and place it in the Church Prayer box on a Sunday morning.



We are waiting for information from Blythwood about this year's appeal. Here is a message from their website. We will update you as soon as we have more information. Thank you for your continued support.

Shoe Box Appeal – Your kindness and generosity make such a difference at Christmas, receiving a shoebox brings so much joy. We will soon be looking ahead to our Shoe Box Appeal 2022, helping vulnerable communities across Eastern Europe. We trust we will be able to deliver boxes to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

Filled shoeboxes will be gratefully received at all sort stations throughout the country. More information, including a checklist and posters, will appear on our website later in the year.

Shoe Box Appeal 2021 Update - We were overwhelmed with the amazing response to our appeal this winter. Thank you so much. 82,952 shoeboxes and bags were donated and sent off to Eastern Europe.

Marian Forgan and Moira Daly



Knit and Chat

Knit and Chat meetings will be held on Wednesdays 7 September and 5 October at 10.30 am at Balformo Road Church Hall.

Further meetings will be held on the first Wednesdays of the month.

Tea and coffee – all welcome. For further enquiries please contact Sheila Simpson on 01738 551773 or Ann Gellatly on 01738 552370.

☺ SUNDAY CLUB ☺

Music, singing & dancing Art & Crafts Storytelling Games & lots more..

Snacks provided – Come and join us, meet friends & make new friends!!!!

Creche: ages 0-3 Club: ages 4+ - all welcome!

Scone & St Martins Parish Church

Every Sunday commencing 4th September 2022 from 10.45 am to 11.30 am at Scone Old Church Hall, Burnside then Scone New Church Hall, Balforno Road in October and alternate Church Halls monthly thereafter

Contact Helen Moir – 01738 551549 (helenmoir@icloud.com) to register and obtain parental consent forms



Children's Prayer –

Please fill my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That every day I'll show to all
Your being and your ways

Anne Lamond



Cuba

The Cuba Bible Bible Society are the sole suppliers of Bibles within that country.

Following on from the highly successful One Million Bible project, many new opportunities have arisen, both to provide Bibles and for people to engage with the Bible. There are still many believers in Cuba waiting for their own copy of God's Word and more than 60 denominations in Cuba have approached the Cuba Bible Commission asking them to help eradicate Bible poverty as they work towards the delivery of the next million Bibles distributed.

Please pray that staff and volunteers will be kept safe as they travel and share the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the island of Cuba.

Jim Currie

Social and Fund Raising

By the time your read this we will be well on the way to our Fun Day on 13 August at Burnside Halls and Carpark. In the halls there is Tea/Coffee in the large hall along with our Prize Draw and in the small hall will be the Cake and Candy Stall and Book Stall. (lots of baking required please).



In the car park there will be games for the children, Ice Cream/Lemonade stall and Burgers and Hot Dogs.



There is also a Duck race in the Scone Burn.

Our next Fund Raising events are:



Friday 16 September 2022

Bingo Tea in the Burnside Hall -
Eyes down 7.30 pm

Bingo prizes, prize draw gifts and
baking required please.

Saturday 15 October 2022

Coffee Morning in Balforno Road
Hall from 10 am to 12 noon.

Baking and prizes for prize draw
required please.



On a Saturday afternoon in mid-
November there will be a Scottish
Dance afternoon in Balforno Hall
from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Date and further details will be in
October/November magazine.

Please make every effort to support these events as this is the first year of Fund Raising after 2 years of Covid. Thank you for your continued support.

Anne Lamond, Convener, 01738 552262



GUILD

“The best laid schemes” – Martin Fair’s plans to address the Perth and Kinross Guilds Together Summer Meeting at Kinross on 23 June were thwarted by Covid. His place was ably filled by Karen Gillon from Guild HQ. Karen gave a thought provoking talk on the theme “Living Stones” based on the passage 1 Peter Chapter 2 verses 4-9. Afterwards everyone placed a stone at the foot of a small cross. It was a beautiful evening and Kinross Guild provided delicious refreshments and so everyone went home feeling richly blessed. Several members had another outing the previous Tuesday when they attended the Union of Catholic Mothers Barbecue on 21 June. This also proved to be a most enjoyable evening.

The syllabus for next session is almost complete and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 13 September at 2.30 pm in Balformo Road Halls. The speaker will be Karen Gillon who will give a talk on the Guild Theme “Small Seeds – Big Trees”. The evening meeting in September will be held on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30 pm in Burnside Halls when the speaker will be Duncan Shelton - “Home for Good” (Guild project). Anyone is welcome to attend any meetings and it would be nice to see some new faces at Guild meetings.

To quote another famous poet “Summer’s lease hath all too short a date” and so we hope you are able to enjoy a few more, not too hot! fine days.

Dates for your diary - Perth and Kinross Guilds:

Summer Get together –

Thursday 11 August at 7.00 pm at Auchterarder Parish Church

Autumn Gathering –

Monday 19 September at 7.30 pm at St Matthew’s Church

Margaret Buchan, Guild Secretary





URGENT- EAST AFRICA HUNGER CRISIS

Help protect your neighbours in East Africa

Give now, save lives

Millions of people across East Africa are threatened by famine and their lives are at risk. They desperately need your support.

After the worst drought in 40 years, men, women and children across East Africa are facing the threat of famine and dying of hunger. The severe weather is being made worse by the climate crisis, with unprecedented droughts and floods. For the first time there have been four back to back rainy seasons. Covid 19 has also increased the demand for safe water and hygiene, and worsened the lives of struggling pastoralist farmers.

Akodo Hatoro Engang in Ethiopia explained how the climate crisis has forced him from his land. He now lives in a camp with his family, and talks longingly of where he used to farm. Without land he cannot feed his children. 'If I am able, I eat once a day' Adoko says. The children are surviving on small meals too. 'The amount of food we consume on two days now must serve us four'. He adds, 'We are hungry'.

Any gift you send could give Akodo and his children the immediate help they need in this crisis.

To donate please go to 'caid.org.uk/hungercrisis'. Thank you.

Peggy Lamond for Scone and St Martins Christian Aid committee
(01738 553582)

The Hub Community Café

Many have been asking when is the Community Café going to reopen. The good news is that we hope to start up again on 28 September and will open every Wednesday thereafter in Balforno Road Halls from 10.00am – 12 noon.

For five years prior to Covid the Café has been very successful. We serve fresh filter coffee with deliciously tempting but portion-controlled home baking.

Our helpers and bakers work on a rota basis and the more helpers and bakers we have – the less frequent are our duties. We desperately need more helpers and bakers. If you would like to help please contact any of us from the Hub team:

Ian MacKinnon	551975	Val Grossart	551348
Ann Gellatly	552370	Morag Riddell	551514

We finished our session at the end of May when we held an awards' night. The guest of honour was Alice Collie who presented the awards including the chess trophy which had been donated in memory of her late husband. Alice kindly presented a book about chess to Harris O'Loughlin who was the first winner of the trophy. The major awards were:

Best Boy	David Rose
McMillan Trophy	Ben Wylie
Best Recruit	Ryan Halawi
Scripture Trophy	David Rose
Alex Collie Trophy	Harris O'Loughlin

Since the last blog the company has won both of the drill competitions and the two Scripture search medals. Overall it was a great session as the boys won all of the available Battalion trophies - a clean sweep. No mean feat as the various events were keenly contested. Our strength was the fact that we had seven senior boys, but unfortunately all of them have now come to the end of their time in the company. Having said that David Rose attended the KGV1 course at Carronvale (BB HQ) at the beginning of July and is now qualified as an officer, a position which he will take up in the company.

We had a tent at the Jubilee event in the park at the beginning of June and our marquee was utilised on the day. The marquee is available for hire and has been out for an event in aid of the Glasgow Children's Hospice and at the time of writing is up in a Scout Centre near Dundee for the single parent holiday event.

We will be starting back in about four weeks. It will be a different year as the bulk of the boys will be in the younger age group. We have had a dominance of senior boys over the last few years.

Iain Lamond

Prayer Notes

Message of Comfort and Forgiveness – Isaiah, chapter 40, begins with an instruction from God to his angels to bring a message to his people. He tells the angels to comfort the people. This comfort is rich in meaning and full of emotion. God's message is to be converted by his messengers, going gently, softly, tenderly etc. The message the angels bring is that the people's hard service has been completed and time of captivity is over. From our perspective, on the other side of the cross, we can also hear the message as a promise that the time of striving localistically and by temple rites was

to come to an end, when Jesus would appear and die once and for all to take away our sins.

Prayer – Thank you Lord Jesus that has died to take away our sins, that you took the punishment that we deserved, and that you were victorious over death. May your mighty resurrection power be at work today to help those who suffered because they love and follow you. Set them free and give them grace to endure. Amen

Jim Currie

Children's Story – Karl Barth

There once was a very wise man who was very clever. He understood many difficult problems. He had read many, many books and he wrote many books. He was always learning. People came to him from all over to ask questions and get wise answers and listen to his teaching.

This wise man was a professor. A professor is a teacher, not in a school where children and young people learn, but in a University where grown-ups learn. His name was Professor Karl Barth. He taught in an old city in Switzerland called Basel if you speak German or Basle (you say Bal) if you speak French.

One day a young man visited Professor Barth. He wanted to ask him many questions and then he could write the answers down in a book for others to read. "Professor Barth, can you sum up your teaching for me in a few words. Tell me please, in the simplest way, what you have learned. What is the greatest lesson of your life?" The Professor thought for a moment. He smiled gently. The young man sat quite still, all ears, pencil poised, waiting eagerly to learn the lesson of a great life and a learned mind and then make it known to the world.

"Yes!", said Karl Barth, "I can do just that! Here it is - Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so," These words come from a children's hymn, though they were written first for Naval Cadets in the American Navy. They sum up what the great man had learned and what he wanted to tell the world. The wonderful thing is this. You do not need to be great and famous or very wise and oh so clever, or even grown-up or indeed a naval cadet. It is always true and true for you - "Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so!" Thank you, Lord Jesus!

Anne Lamond

Scone & St Martins Parish Church Finances
Receipts and Payments for 6 months ending 30 June 2022
(excluding Guild and Clubs)

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2022	2021
RECEIPTS	£	£
Offerings	32,481	30,659
Appeals	530	0
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	8,082	7,726
Donations	4,737	625
Weddings and funerals	2,010	560
Contributions from congregational organisations	750	300
Hall Lets	7,045	0
Fundraising events	1,944	197
Other income	<u>791</u>	<u>773</u>
 Total receipts	 <u>58,370</u>	 <u>40,840</u>

Notes:

- Regular Offerings are up by around 6% on last year, largely because of the absence of church services in the first quarter of last year. The Appeal is the continuation of donations to the 2021 Christmas appeal.
- Tax recoveries include the claim for the first quarter of 2022.
- Donations include several generous donations in memory of members who passed away recently.
- The contributions from congregational organisations were £550 from the Badminton Club and £200 from The Guild.
- Fundraising included Jam Jars (£260), the Quiz (£85), Country Dance (£271) and the Michael Ellacott concert (£406) and the Coffee Morning in May (£857).
- The resumption of hall lets has also greatly helped our income for the first half-year.
- Although the increase is encouraging, we also faced some significant increases in expenditure, notably in Ministries and Mission (up by 11% at £32,873) and in salary costs (£10,093) which no longer benefit from previous furlough scheme.

Robin Walker, Treasurer

Scone Rotas

	Welcoming Party	Reader	Beadle
Aug 7	Ian Baillie, Hamish and Margaret Breckenridge	Ian Bailie	Ian MacKinnon
14	Kate Carswell, Moira Daly, Marian Forgan	Linda Beedie	Ross Merson
21	Picnic Service at Cargill/Burrelton Parish Church		
28	Claire Little, Ian MacKinnon, Margaret McMillan	Ian MacKinnon	Robin Walker
Sept 4	Christine Munro, Margaret Nicol, Robin Walker	Margaret Nicol	Mike Moir
11	Ian Baillie, Ann Gellatly, Peggy Lamond	Ian Baillie	Hamish Breckenridge
18	Kate Carswell, Moira Daly, Marian Forgan	Marian Forgan	Bob Murray
25	Hamish & Margaret Breckenridge, Anne Lamond	Anne Lamond	Ricky Martin
Oct 2	Claire Little, Ian MacKinnon, Margaret McMillan	Margaret McMillan	Douglas Calderwood

Teas

	Tea Duty	Milk and Money
Aug 7	Kate Carswell, Karen Donaldson, Christine Munro	Kate Carswell
14	Margaret Nicol, Val Grossart, Joan Gilchrist	Margaret Nicol
21	Picnic Service at Cargill/Burrelton Parish Church	
28	Doreen MacKay, Hamish & Margaret Breckenridge	Doreen MacKay
Sept 4	Margaret Ewen, Margaret McLean, Peggy Lamond	Margaret Ewen
11	Moira Daly, Marian Forgan, Kate Carswell	Moira Daly
18	Karen Donaldson, Christine Munro, Ann Gellatly	Karen Donaldson
25	Joan Gilchrist, Doreen MacKay, Margaret Nicol	Joan Gilchrist
Oct 2	Val Grossart, Viv Croal, Susan Kean	Val Grossart

Flowers

	Donating	Delivering
Aug 7	Isabel McCallum	Margaret Baillie
14	George Stewart	Helen Lowe
21	Anon	Carolyn Haddow
28	Val Wares	Kate Carswell
Sept 4	Ann Gellatly	Anne Lamond
11	Morag Craig	Rae Farrow
18	Christine Munro	Peggy Lamond
25	Jenny Watson	Margaret Breckenridge
Oct 2	Noel McKinnie	Marian Forgan

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