

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



Church News

April/May 2024

Parish Register

Deaths

24 January 2024	Gilmour MacFarlane, St Martins
17 February 2024	Lily MacPherson, Blairgowrie (formerly Scone)
18 March 2024	William (Bill) Robbins, Perth
19 March 2024	Robert (Bob/Robin) Smith, Scone
20 March 2024	Ingrid McQuade, Balbeggie
25 March 2024	Patrick Moir, Scone

New Members

Louise Hendry
Gordon McLay

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 23 May 2024. 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

Welcome to the Season of Easter and a Happy Easter to you all! I hope you are listening to the bird song, enjoying the lambs in the fields, tucking into an Easter Egg or Chocolate Rabbit, but most of all I hope you are celebrating the New Life offered in company with Jesus Christ. A number, who sadly have lost loved ones, have spoken of the comfort they receive from these words, Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life", and that's a promise that begins for you in the here and now as relationship with Christ and his teaching is entered into.

How lovely it was to have Louise Henry and Gordon McLay take their vows of Membership on Palm Sunday. And, they were among the many who joined in the Palm Sunday Procession down the aisles of the Church. Thank you to Linda Thomson, Ethna Thom, and Gillian Dalling for offering to help with the collection of the Palms from the Botanic Gardens in Dundee. When Ethna and I went through on the Friday before, I noticed two characters making their way to another car with Palm Branches. Excuse me, I called over, and back came the response, it is OK Maudeen, yours are waiting for you. The two characters turned out to be two of my former elders in Dundee. Well, I said, it is lovely you are keeping this tradition going! It is coming up for 40 years when I first started it in Dundee, and wherever I've ministered over these years Dundee Botanic Gardens has given me the Palms for my Palm Sunday Service. Am I grateful to them, and do I love them!

Some of my members in times past had gardens that cascaded down to the Botanic Gardens. They were strong supporters of the Botanic Gardens. These gardens often put on many events of interest. Can you imagine an open-air production of a Midsummer Nights Dream in the Botanic Gardens? Very special. This year, however, I've noticed on the 17th July, the Adventures of Doctor Doolittle. Would this make for a congregational outing? It starts at 6pm? And there is more for both children and adults. It's worth having a look. You'll even find a study day on "The Tempest" and given the weather conditions you might find it helpful to recruit!

Now, we are celebrating New Life in Christ throughout the Easter Season and beyond. Three Sundays in April are devoted to the Sacrament of Baptism and the second Sunday in June. Fergus Maxwell, Brodie, Elsie and Esme are all looking forward to their great day, the day of their entrance into Christ's Church. In April and June, we are in the Old Kirk, Burnside. On the last Sunday of April, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

In May we are in the New Kirk and the first Sunday is All-Together Sunday. The 12th to the 18th May is Christian Aid Week. On 19th May we have a presentation to Barbara Murray. Barbara must have served for about 40

years as an organist with nine of these being in Scone New and Scone and St Martins. We shall miss her but have assured her of a welcome back.

We are grateful to Margaret Buchan who leads us in praise Sunday by Sunday. On 26th May, you will have the Rev. Margaret Steele. I know you will be happy to welcome her back. I'm having some time at my sister's doggy sitting Brandy her cocker spaniel while Lorna is a Commissioner at the General Assembly but the Assembly finishes on Thursday 23rd May and we will have a day or two away after that. Stimulating though the Assembly may be, no doubt a wee tonic after it will not go amiss.

Well now, here's to the Year of Development. Our Session Clerk, Mike Moir, is researching an Ecological Project, and I wish to get a few new projects underway as well. Work with children and youth, I would like to work on, and would be thrilled if you or your family members expressed an interest in giving a hand. I'm not short of ideas and am open to yours as well. I'd love, also, to have a children's day, late summer, and have some fun and safe pursuits. Another happening, I would love, is to throw a party for the over 90's. We have superb members in that age range, absolutely amazing, and they deserve a party. Can you help? I won't overkill things in this magazine but let me know what you could help me with. There's plenty for everyone! Just give me a buzz at the manse. Phone 551942.

You may have heard that the Kirk Session and New Members had a getting to know you night. It was a happy affair when 16 new members attended and five sent in apologies. We'll need to plan another such venture soon.

A splendid piece of news was that our BB Chess Team won the Scottish Finals and the UK Finals. We look forward to seeing the trophies and to hearing from the boys. The congregation responded well to the bucket collection on their behalf and it would be lovely to see them in Church for a celebration! This successful team came from Iain Lamond's Section, so we congratulate him too.

The Sunday Club thrilled the Mums and all celebrating Mother's Day with lovely hand made surprises as everyone left Church that day. We are hoping for a nice sized creche soon. Esme is the first to get acclimatised to attending Church. We look forward to all the babies joining her. Feed them in Church and the organ music will contribute to keeping them happy. And, in time we would love to see a grandparent's rota for the creche. Indeed, you can recruit now. Safeguarding checks are not too bad, once you have filled in the forms. Though I have not asked her, Marian Forgan would be a good person to advise.

Now, you may have heard that Kenny McAlpine is giving up as BB Captain owing to work pressures and health. He will be missed. Kenny kindly took over when Stan MacMillan retired. I am sure we all thank Kenny for his service to the 1st Scone Boys Brigade and wish him well for future days. A new Captain will require to be appointed. As the Minister and Kirk Session, along with the Boys Brigade, have an interest in this appointment, do let us know of anyone who may be interested. Indeed, it may be you! A Company like the 1st Scone deserves interest!

Well, I am concluding this letter as I prepare to head to the simple Eastern meal that Margaret McMillan and her helpers are providing for Good Friday. I hope you are all aware of the Fellowship Meal on the first Thursday of every month in the Burnside Hall. At the cost of £4.50 a head, it is value for money, and the fellowship is great. Superb fellowship also is to be experienced every Wednesday at the Balforno Hall at the HUB which runs from 10 am until 12 noon.

Resurrection Life is here to be celebrated, Now! We give thanks! Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13 verses 34, 35)

EASTER BLESSINGS,
Maudeen

Session Clerk's Report

Since the last issue of Church News, we have had a special meeting of the Kirk Session to approve the accounts for last year, which was done and the Treasurer is to be thanked along with the Finance committee for all their hard work in ensuring that the finances of the church are in a healthy position.

The church at St Martins was, at long last, put up for sale by the General Trustees and I have to say that I was astonished at the level of interest shown in the building. We had twelve viewings of the church and eventually six offers were considered and the matter is now in the hands of the legal section of the Church of Scotland. I have to thank Tom Scott for all his work in showing people round, often at the last minute.

The Annual Stated Meeting of the church has also taken place and those who attended were given copies of the accounts for the past year. If you wish to see a copy of the accounts, please contact Robin Walker.

Mike Moir, Session Clerk

A CHALLENGE DURING THE EASTER SEASON

LET US INSPIRE OTHERS BY OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS TO COME TO CHRIST AND A LIVING FAITH.

This poem was written by GA Studdert Kennedy, a World War 1 Padre. He asked the question, in his time, as to where apathy and indifference would get us all. Many are ready to scream about the state of the world but how many of these are ready to get up from their seats to bring about a healthy change. World War 1 was supposed to be the War to End All Wars. Where have we travelled since then in local and national Church, in community and society and in world dimension? Stoddart Kennedy penned, among others, the poem, "INDIFFERENCE".

When Jesus came to Golgotha, they hanged him on a tree
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary.
They crowned him with a crown of thorns, Red were his wounds and deep
For these were crude and cruel days and human life was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham, they simply passed him by
They would not hurt a hair of him, they simply let him die.
For men had grown more tender and they would not give him pain
They only just passed down the street and left him in the rain.

Still, Jesus cried, forgive them, for they know not what they do
And still it rained the winter rain that drenched him through and through.
The crowds went home and left the streets without a soul to see
And Jesus crouched against a wall, and cried for Calvary.

Let's ensure this doesn't happen In Scone. Reach out now, in Christ's Love.

Maudeen

Presentation to Barbara Murray

There is to be a presentation for Barbara Murray to mark her retirement from the role of organist. It will take place during the church service in Scone New on Sunday May 19. It will acknowledge her contribution to the life of the church in Scone over the last 10 years, as well as recognising her service in similar musical roles for three other churches over a combined total of approximately 40 years.

Ian Baillie



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 - 18 MAY

7 DAYS TO HELP THE POOREST ON OUR WORLD ESCAPE THE INHUMANITY OF POVERTY

So many of our global neighbours are living on the edge of survival right now, we must ensure that as many as possible of us fundraise, act and pray across these seven very important days.

Poverty pushed Aline Nibogora to the brink. She was abused, homeless and hungry. Aline lives in Makamba Province, Burundi, where more than 70% of people live in poverty, 52% of children in this area are underweight, underdeveloped and vulnerable to life threatening diseases. With your support, we can help people like Aline to escape the inhumane trap of poverty and build brighter futures for their families. Aline felt the full force of extreme poverty when an early marriage ended in abuse and homelessness. She experienced great cruelty and pain at the hands of her husband, who forced Aline to flee. He prevented her taking her children with her. What Aline desperately needed was a small income so that she could stop living day-to-day and starting a life for her and her children - who she longed to be reunited with. Aline's life turned a corner when she participated in a community workshop with Christian Aid trainers. Her group learned how to establish steady incomes, save for the future and borrow money to kick-start small businesses. Aline says 'I came out with amazing knowledge and skills. The trainer restored a sense of hope and energy in me'. As a result of this support, Aline set up as a grocery wholesaler and eventually earned enough money to rent a house. Her three eldest sons now live with her in a safe and happy home.

HOW WE CAN HELP THIS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

This year we will again be delivering (only) envelopes throughout Scone to be returned to various pick up points.

- By contributing through the red envelope put through your door.
- By volunteering to distribute the envelopes throughout Scone – If you have helped before please contact Peggy Lamond to confirm that you are available to help this year.
- If you would like to help this year, for the first time, please contact Peggy for further information.
- By remembering the work of Christian Aid in your prayers, Copies of a Daily devotional are available from Peggy.

Peggy Lamond (01738 553582), Christian Aid Representative

Pastoral Care

Easter weekend is upon us with its darkness and light. Families in the church and parish mourn in sadness at the passing of loved ones and for some the joy of babies born - children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Our thoughts go out to them all.

I know, for myself and people I know and meet that folk are so concerned about the world's problems of crisis and violence far and near - we share a reluctance to listen yet again to the news and its troubling messages. It seems the worst but if we look back 2,000 years to the days of Jesus disease, poverty, pressure from the power of the law - both political and church - occupation with Roman soldiers patrolling the streets. Crucifixion! No wonder people respond to Christ's message of love and hope. Many misunderstood of course hoping for the leader of an uprising but their dreams were dashed as He chose death before political power and love and forgiveness over violence and dissent.

In our relationships and the gift of time and talents, empathy for folk in need, we can perhaps, be His hands and voice and brighten our corner and our church congregation.

Enough of these thoughts, written on the No 7 bus and onto pastoral committee doings.



Pastoral care have been given a good supply of knitted squares featuring a cross to be used, perhaps kept in a pocket, to bring the warm presence of Christ to mind, to comfort or reassure.

These will be used at times of bereavement and as appropriate. If you would like one for yourself or someone else please make contact.

Unfortunately the date for the informal communion service for people unable to manage church services has had to be changed. An alternative date will be flagged up on church notes etc when known.

Catmoor House residents presented Scone and St Martins congregation with an Easter card at our service there and it was good to share time with them - as in April with RDM Home. Thanks to those who support and organise the congregation and support the services.



The family film 'Hop' featuring the Easter Bunny will be shown after a Hot Dog/Sausage lunch on Friday 12 April at 12 noon - cost £2.50.

The film show previously advertised for 26 April has now been changed to 17 May when 'The King and I' will be shown after a light lunch - cost £4.50.

All are welcome at the Burnside Hall for these but please phone and book to assist catering.

Fellowship Lunches are being well attended, much as pre-covid levels which is encouraging.



Dates are:

Thursdays – 2 May, 6 June, 4 July

All are welcome to come, eat and share the fellowship at Burnside Hall at 12.30 pm on the first Thursday of each month at a cost of £4.50. If you need transport please phone Helen on 01738 551549 or Margaret on 01738 551560.

To all, Easter Wishes for peace and many joys.

Margaret McMillan, Pastoral Care Committee, 01738 551560/07393851332



The Hub

Community Café

The Hub Community Café is open every Wednesday from 10.00 am – 12 noon in Balforno Hall. Coffee, Tea and lovely home baking - everyone welcome.

Ann Gellatly, 01738 552370

I DO NOT THINK THAT I WILL EVER TIRE OF SAYING THAT OUR CHESS TEAM OF HARRIS; MATTHEW; AND BEN ARE THE BOYS' BRIGADE UK CHAMPIONS FOR THE SESSION 2023/2024. We went down to the BB HQ at Felden Lodge in Hemel Hempstead for the finals which were held on 16th March. To get there the lads progressed through five rounds in Scotland. There was one other Scottish team there and as we beat them in round one of the finals the lads became the Scottish Champions as well. The finals comprised a round where the lads played each of their opposite number in the other four competing teams in a "league" system followed by the top two in the league meeting in the grand final. It was a very tight competition in the final but the lads triumphed winning five games to four. It was only when the last game in this round was played that the overall winners were so declared. Each of the lads was presented with a cup and a certificate in recognition of their achievement. The main trophy was not awarded as it had not been found! It was last played for in 2019 when the then team from the Company came third overall. Hopefully it will turn up soon.

The lads and the Company are extremely grateful to all who so generously donated to the cost of attending the finals. Also to the Hub Community café for their generous donation. The donations in total almost covered the cost of the attendance at the event.

In mid-February a team of three lads with two lads from the Junior Section took part in the annual Battalion 5-a-side football event. They won with a score of 3-2. Unfortunately we were unable to raise a team for the Evening Hike at the beginning of March. Sunday 23rd March saw the Battalion Chess competition held in the Burnside Halls. Ben Wylie won the senior event and his brother Daniel triumphed in the Junior Section event.

The end of the session is fast approaching. It does not seem that it was that long ago that the session started. Before then we have our annual camp which this year is to be held at the Dundee and Angus Battalion outdoor centre in Glen Clova. It is to be a joint camp with the Junior Section and 21 lads have signed up for it.

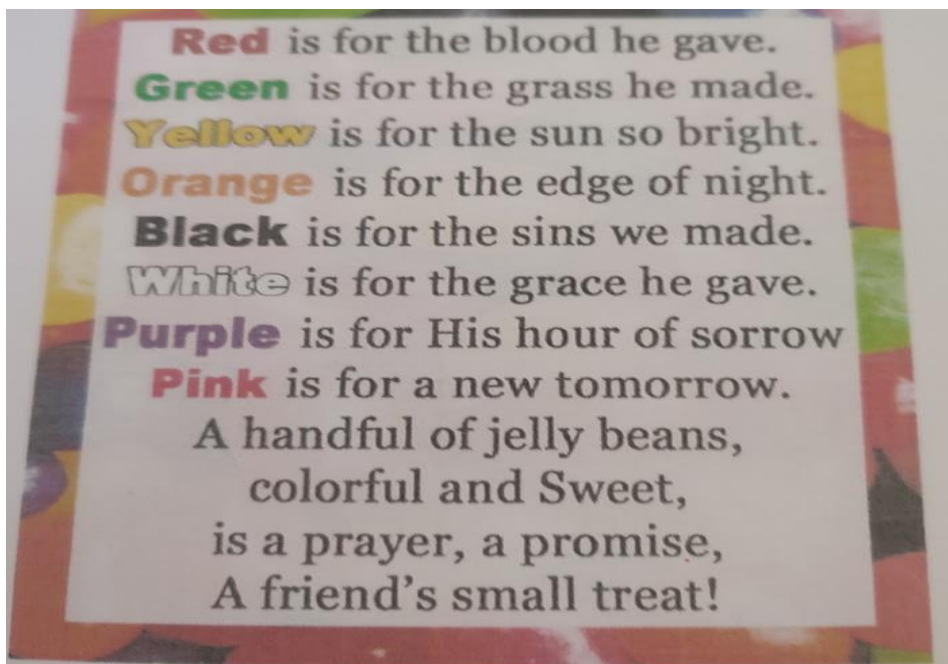
There is, however, some sad news. Our Captain, Kenny McAlpine is to retire at the end of the session. Kenny has been a tireless worker for the Company over many years and he will be sorely missed. A replacement will need to be found!

Iain Lamond, Officer in Charge, Company Section



Sunday Club

The girls have been working very well since the last newsletter. We have worked hard to include the congregation and they handed over Mother's Day cards and tablet on that day. At the moment we are looking at the Easter story and hope to hand out a copy of a jelly bean poem I was given by Marian Forgan. I'm sure it will be appreciated.



We are on holiday 7th and 14th April but back on 21st April at Scone Old church and as usual would welcome any new children to the club 10.45-11.45 am.

Helen Moir, 551549

Social and Fund Raising

The Scottish Country Dance on 2 March 2024 raised the marvellous sum of £274.10. The music of Jim Lindsay was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We then had our Coffee morning on 16 March 2024 which raised a magnificent £920.37. Thank you to all who assisted in any way by baking, helping on the stalls and in the kitchen. There was a great atmosphere at the Coffee morning with lots of chat which made it a brilliant Community get together.

Our next Fund Raiser is the Bingo Tea, on 19 April 2024 at 7.30 pm in Burnside Hall. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE for which we apologise but this was outwith our control. Entry is £2 including supper.



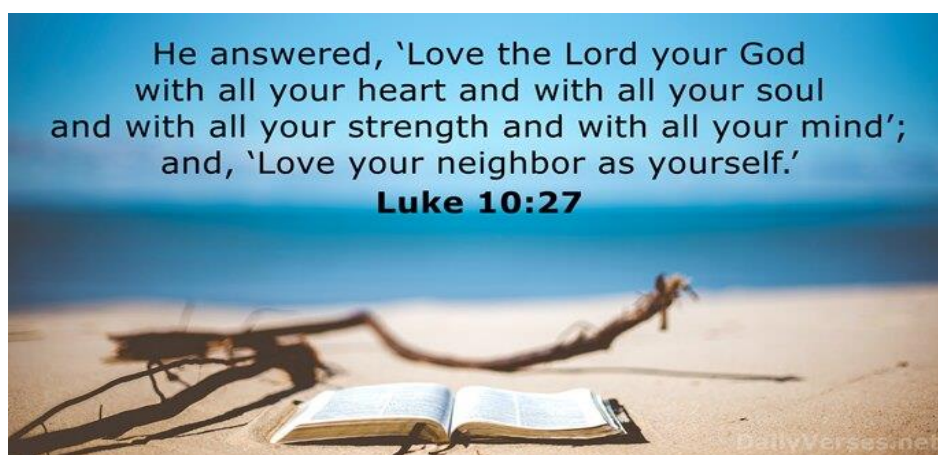
Friday 19 April 2024

Bingo Tea in the Burnside Hall -
Eyes down 7.30 pm

Could I please ask for Bingo prizes, prize draw gifts and baking for the teas. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

We are full speed ahead with preparations for our SUMMER FAIR in BURNSIDE HALLS and CAR PARK on 24 AUGUST 2024, with lots of the usual stalls. Helpers and Bakers are required, so don't be shy, please put your names forward as this is always a really busy fun day in our Community and we do require plenty helpers. Please also pray for good weather on the day of our Fair. Further details in the next kirk magazine.

Anne Lamond, Convener, 01738 552262





Mike Moir was at Burnside on 30 January to describe his trip to St Kilda in May 2023. Mike and three friends sailed from Harris to the main island, Hirta (an extinct volcano) where people had lived. The population peaked in the 17 century, but in 1930 the last remaining islanders left for the mainland. It was a hard life, catching birds (their feathers were the main export). Dead birds were stored in cleits (stone houses with turf roofs). Eggs were buried in ash to preserve them. Bonfires were lit to summon help from the mainland.

On 13 February members learned about the Guild project UNIDA (Hear our Voice) which trains women for ministry in Brazil.

Our main fundraiser event this session was the annual quiz night with Mike Moir as our quizmaster. Eighteen teams took part and an excellent sum of £709 was raised. We are most grateful to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this venture.

The last talk of the session about the new Perth Museum was ably presented by Katy Jack. Many of the exhibits have been hidden from view due to lack of space but they will now be on display along with the Stone of Destiny. Visitors will also be able to purchase goods from the museum shop and enjoy refreshments in the cafeteria.

The AGM was chaired by Mike Moir on 26 March. The existing committee was re-elected and members were invited to submit nominations for two new members. Betty Elliott, who has resigned, was warmly thanked for her loyal service to the Guild.

The session has ended but we look forward to the afternoon tea at Brown and Blacks on 11 June.

Date for your Diary:

Perth & Kinross Guild Together - Auchterarder Church Centre

Saturday 4 May, 10.30 am – 3.30 pm

Please bring a packed lunch (tea and coffee supplied)

Best Wishes

Margaret Buchan (Guild Secretary), tel 01738 621814

Children's Story - Sin

Are you good at spelling? Spell "Mississippi" - a famous river in America. At the mouth of the river when it flows into the Gulf of Mexico, stands the city of New Orleans. In 1884 there was a Great Exhibition in New Orleans, Brazil sent a display of plants and flowers. Among them were twelve Water Hyacinths. These are tropical plants with beautiful lavender coloured blossoms. When the Exhibition was over, people took them home and planted them in streams and ponds.

But there is something very unusual about these plants. They spread and spread - fast! Twenty plants became 1,310,720 plants in just eight months! They spread into streams, creeks and bayous. A bayou is their name for a little bay; they say "by-yoo". The plants covered the water. Fish died from lack of oxygen. Muskrats, whose furs are valuable, died too. Ducks and Geese could no longer feed. Boats stuck in the thick mat of plants.

They called in the Army Engineers who look after the Mississippi Waterway. "We'll fix it!", they said. They cut it with a scythe - no good, it went on growing. They fitted cutters on boats and chopped it up - no good, tiny pieces simply grew into new plants. They used dynamite but that just scattered the plants still further. They tried arsenic poisoning - the hyacinths loved it and grew fatter and bigger than ever. The best they could do was use a new machine which minced the plants. It helped but some plants were difficult to reach.

The Bible tells us about something very like the water hyacinths. It does great damage. It spreads. It gives endless trouble. It is very difficult to remove. It is called sin. There is only one way to get rid of sin - God's way. God sent Jesus to take away sin. He did it by his life and death and resurrection. When we take Jesus into our lives, he forgives our sins and helps us to live as God wants.



Children's Prayer

It is not always sunny at this time of year. We can have rather miserable, rainy days when we cannot do things outdoors.

Thank you, Father, for museums and other interesting places to visit at these times.

Anne Lamond

Fiddes Lungu moved to Nkhata-bay in pursuit of a better life. But in 2022, tragedy struck as a fierce storm destroyed her home, and took the life of her son.

Overwhelmed by grief, Fiddes considered suicide, feeling the weight of losing everything. Following a number of failed suicide attempts, her marriage began to unravel.

Hope arrived through the Family Scripture Engagement Packs by the Bible Society of Malawi. Selected as a beneficiary, Fiddes received a Bible and a Bible Study Guide. Initially hesitant, she embraced the materials, and her life took a transformative turn.

Immersing herself in the scriptures, Fiddes found solace in 1 Peter 5:7: 'Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.' Trusting in the Lord, her suicidal thoughts waned, replaced by newfound inner peace.

I no longer cry as I used to, Fiddes shared, her eyes reflecting resilience. 'My family has been brought together because of this Bible. If not for the Bible, I would have committed suicide by now'. The Bible saved my life.

Fiddes' testimony illustrates the transformative power of the Bible. It also shows the critical role your financial support makes in providing hope and healing to those desperate to read God's Word in their heart language.

Our colleagues in Malawi are working hard to provide Bibles for those most in need.

Used Stamps



Thank you to everyone who has handed in used stamps. I have received a thank you letter for them from the Bible Society.

Please keep up the good work by collecting your stamps and handing them into church.

Frances Moir

John Crichton (15/05/39 to 10/02/2024)

John was born in Elgin on 15 May 1939 and spent his childhood there where he developed his love for fishing, sport and the great outdoors. He completed a degree in Civil Engineering at Aberdeen University. While there he joined the Air Squadron and got his pilot's licence. At university he met his future wife Lorna.

His first job was in Argyll working for the County Council and then in 1964 he moved to a new job with Perth County Council. That year also he was to marry Lorna. Needing a new permanent home John and Lorna decided to buy a plot of land in Scone. John was to proceed to design and build the new house in Lynedoch Road in Scone. All this happened while working full time. The house took two and a half years to complete plus some blood sweat and tears. John's role with the Council was designing roads and bridges. He also found time to invent things. His ideas were patented for board games, flexible traffic cones, and interlocking retaining wall blocks. Two of his block designs are still in use 30 years on.

Outwith his council work John was active in a range of sporting activities – member of tennis and squash clubs and coaching in both, playing golf, table tennis and badminton, member of a bridge club, and white water canoe club.

John was a long standing and well respected member of the Congregational Board of Scone New Church for many years. He also became involved in the management of Robert Douglas Care Home in Scone deploying his management and practical skills, again over an extended period.

When John retired from his council job summers were spent visiting favourite places with the caravan, and spending more time with his 4 grandchildren. He continued being active with sport and developed a passion for gardening.

In 2012 John was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and over time simple tasks became more difficult.

In 2020 John and Lorna sold the house in Scone and moved to Balerno.

Ian Baillie

PARISH DIARY

Apr 10	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
12	12 noon	Film Show	Burnside Hall
14	9.30 am 10.45 am	Morning Worship Morning Worship - Baptism	St Martins Scone Old
17	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
19	7.30 pm	Church Bingo Tea	Burnside Hall
21	09.30 am 10.45 am	Morning Worship Morning Worship - Baptism	St Martins Scone Old
24	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
28	09.30 am 10.45 am	Morning Worship - Communion Morning Worship - Communion	St Martins Scone Old
May 1	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
	10.30 am	Knit n Chat	Balformo Hall
2	12.30 pm	Fellowship Lunch	Burnside Hall
5	10.45 am	All Parish Worship	Scone New
8	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
12	9.30 am 10.45 am	Morning Worship Morning Worship	St Martins Scone New
15	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
17	12 noon	Film Show	Burnside Hall
19	09.30 am 10.45 am	Morning Worship Morning Worship	St Martins Scone New
22	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
26	09.30 am 10.45 am	Morning Worship Morning Worship	St Martins Scone New
29	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
Jun 2	10.45 am	All Parish Worship	Scone Old
5	10 am - 12 noon	Hub Community Café	Balformo Hall
	10.30 am	Knit n Chat	Balformo Hall
6	12.30 pm	Fellowship Lunch	Burnside Hall



Knit and Chat

Next dates for Knit n Chat are Wednesdays 1 May and 5 June in Balformo Road from 10.30 am – 12 noon. Tea and coffee – all welcome.

Ann Gellatly, 552370

Scone & St Martins Parish Church Finances
Receipts and Payments for 12 months ending 29 February 2024
(excluding Guild and Clubs) and subject to year end adjustments

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2024	2023
RECEIPTS	£	£
Offerings	10,370	11,151
Appeals	600	1,460
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	4,118	3,964
Donations	84	951
Weddings and funerals	410	400
Contributions from congregational organisations	120	150
Hall Lets	3,584	2,536
Fundraising events (net income)	255	426
	<u>19,541</u>	<u>21,038</u>

Notes:

- Offerings for the first 2 months are 7% behind last year.
- The Christmas Appeal, made in December 23, has raised £600 in the new year.
- The tax recovery is in respect of the last quarter of 2023.
- Donations last year included £850 from the Ashton McKenzie Trust.
- The contribution from congregational organisations is from the Badminton Club.
- Hall lets are well ahead of last year, reflecting continued high usage at both Scone Old and New halls.
- We are already seeing big increases in our 'Giving to Grow' contribution, and in heat and light expenditure, due to inflationary increases.

Robin Walker, Treasurer

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.

Scone Rotas

	Welcoming Party	Reader	Beadle
Apr 14	Peggy Lamond, Ian MacKinnon Margaret McMillan	Margaret McMillan	Ricky Martin
21	Frances Moir, Mike Moir Christine Munro	Frances Moir	Ross Merson
28	Ross Merson, Robin Walker Ian Baillie	Ian Baillie	Mike Moir
May 5	Hamish & Margaret Breckenridge Marian Forgan	Marian Forgan	Gordon Pirie
12	Kate Carswell, Moira Daly Anne Lamond	Anne Lamond	Robin Walker
19	Peggy Lamond, Ian MacKinnon Margaret McMillan	Peggy Lamond	Ian Baillie
26	Christine Munro, Frances Moir Mike Moir	Christine Munro	Ross Merson
June 2	Ross Merson, Robin Walker Ian Baillie	Ross Merson	Bob Murray

Teas

	Tea Duty	Milk and Money
Apr 14	Marian Forgan, Anne Lamond, Christine Munro	Marian Forgan
21	Linda Thomson, Margaret Watson, Kate Carswell	Linda Thomson
28	Margaret & Hamish Breckenridge, Moira Daly	Margaret Breckenridge
May 5	Cona Beatson, Viv Croall, Marion Dallas	Cona Beatson
12	Daphne Forbes, Val Grossart, Susan Kean	Daphne Forbes
19	Christine Townend, Margaret Lobban, Margaret McLean	Christine Townend
26	Margaret & Hamish Breckenridge, Kate Carswell	Margaret Breckenridge
June 2	Moira Daly, Margaret Ewen, Rae Farrow	Moira Daly

Flowers

	Donating	Delivering
Apr 14	Sheila Simpson	Moira Daly
21	Marjory Murray	Val Grossart
28	Margaret Nicol	Margaret Breckenridge
May 5	Vacant	Helen Lowe
12	Vacant	Ray Kuhn
19	Vacant	Kate Carswell
26	Vacant	Norma Walker
June 2	Shirley Anton	Peggy Lamond

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