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



**Church News** 

June/July 2024

## **Parish Register**

### **Deaths**

25 March 2024 Sarah (Sadie) McCowan, Scone

30 March 2024 Violet Paton, Scone

11 April 2024 William McDonald, Perth
12 April 2024 Flora MacPherson, Scone
2 May 2024 Christine Bremner, Perth

## **Baptisms**

7 April 2024 Fergus Maxwell Hugh Wark
14 April 2024 Brodie John Sanderson
21 April 2024 Elsie Karen Harvey

#### **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 (<a href="mailto:moiradalyscone54@gmail.com">moiradalyscone54@gmail.com</a>) by 25 July 2024. Please send in any items you think will be of interest to the congregation.

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### **Dear Friends**

I hope this note finds you well or at least knowing benefit from the sunny weather that we have experienced. At the moment I am having some days of annual leave. These commenced on Sunday after the Pentecost Services and the Presentation to Barbara Murray who played the organ in the Scone New Sanctuary and has served as organist in a number of churches over a 40-year period. It was good to hear Barbara again before her retiral and we are happy to know that she will be pleased to help us out from time to time. Barbara continues as a Communicant member of Scone and St Martins so we will not be losing touch. Margaret Buchan continues as Organist in Scone and we are appreciative.

Mid-afternoon, I headed down to Overtown from where this note is being written. Overtown Parish takes in part of the Clyde Valley, the villages of Overtown and Waterloo, and Gowkthrapple, bordering Wishaw. The Clyde Valley, prior to Chernobyl, was associated with much soft fruit growing. Today there are farms and an assortment of nurseries. Gowkthrapple is an unusual name and might sound quite wild but Gowk translates from Scots into cuckoo and thrapple translates as song. The cuckoo song used to be heard there. Today it looks a pleasant area that includes new housing and a large school complex.

My main task this week is to look after Brandy, my sister's cocker spaniel, when Lorna is a Commissioner at the General Assembly in Edinburgh. Brandy is a loving and loveable dog who though heading for his eleventh birthday still has amazing energy. He knows he is quite good looking, and is capable of having an air to him, but his grandfather did win Crufts. He is very fond of classical music, and he loves trees, bushes, flowers and herbs and enjoys sniffing their perfume. Brandy is also fond of food. He is not beyond a spot of bribery but I am under strict orders not to spoil him. I haven't yet made up my mind whether I am better at doggy sitting or baby-sitting!

Talking of baby-sitting, didn't we have a fine time in April with the Baptisms of Fergus, Brodie and Elsie. On 9<sup>th</sup> June, it is Esme's Baptism. I hope there will be a good congregation to support Esme, and her parents, Louise and Gordon. The June Services are in the Old Kirk, Burnside at 10.45am. And, apart from the Altogether Service in Scone Old on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, there are also 9.30am services in St Martins.

On 16<sup>th</sup> June, it is the Sunday School Prizegiving. 23<sup>rd</sup> June is favourite hymns of Summer and a short Celebration of Holy Communion. On one of these days, we are hoping that we might enjoy an open-air refreshment with strawberry pancakes or scones. **Volunteers**, please come forward to help!

On 30<sup>th</sup> June we are in the St Martin's sanctuary for our Altogether Service and on the first Sunday in July we are in Scone New.

There will be variety of worship throughout the summer season, so please keep in touch with the website.

Now the Day of Pentecost, which marked the commencement of the week in which I am writing you, is a great day! Pentecost is the third Feast of the Christian Church, following after Easter and Christmas. Pentecost is the Day the Spirit was gifted and the Church given birth. I have to say that I love Pentecost with its colour and energising. There are many experiences of the Spirit, the fire, the dance, the still small voice, and the spirit blows where it wills. And, the Spirit lives in you and me, and calls us to walk in the light of Christ. One of my quotes on Pentecost was from a hymn: Come to us creative spirit, in our Father's house. Every human talent hallow, hidden skills arouse. That within our earthly temple, wise and simple may rejoice! Poet, painter, music maker, all your treasures bring. Craftsman, artist, graceful dancer, make your offering. Join our hands in celebration, let creation shout and sing.

But there are many great hymns of the Spirit. A new one to CH4, sung to the tune of Rejoice the Lord is King, goes like this: Like fireworks in the night, the Holy Spirit came. Disciples' fears took flight when touched by fronds of flame. And suddenly the world was young, as hope embraced the Saviour's claim. Thus, God our spirits lifts, fresh daring to inspire, as common folk get gifts to change the world entire. The tongues of flame at Pentecost ran through the world like forest fire.

We all know the surge and the energy of fire. In the experience of the spirit, it is not towards devastation but to the inspiration of birthing new blessing into our world. I recommend a reading of Acts 2: 1 – 21. There is a lot of interest in this chapter, included among which are the words, "Your young shall see visions and your old shall dream dreams." And, we need a Church today where many are willing to allow the Spirit to enliven their vision and their dreams, many who are willing to claim the power to turn these visions and dreams into practical witness and expression in today's world.

Now, there is an election coming up and I hope that as Christians we give very serious thought as to how we shall cast our vote. There is much to be wrestled with, not solely on the ground of economics but on ethics as well. The day of healthy Ethics cannot be redundant.

But prior to the Election, we remember the 80th Anniversary of D Day. To quote from the UK Government site: In 2024, the UK will commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, with a series of major commemorations and events across the UK and in France. Also known as D Day, the historic operation saw the Allied Forces mount a largescale invasion of Nazi occupied France that ultimately tipped the course of the Second World War in the Allies favour. My cousin is involved in the happenings in Down Ampney, in Gloucestershire, the birth place of Ralph Vaughan Williams and associated during the Second World War with RAF Down Ampney from where flew Dakota aircraft. The airfield played an important part in the Battle of Arnhem in 1944. My cousin stayed for a night in May so I took her to the Black Watch for breakfast and where she could read about the Commemorations in Perth. It is good that we remember. It is also good that we do not allow ourselves to be so pre-occupied with the wrongs perpetrated in bygone years and for that matter, the good also achieved that we fail to address the wrongs and weaknesses of our age or for that matter lack appreciation of the good and of the many blessings alive among us.

Now, a repeat request for volunteers to help with children's initiatives and with the party for the over nineties. You will love the opportunities when involved, so please give me a buzz on 551942. And, strawberry pancake makers and servers, I would love to hear from you too.

And, how I am looking forward to the Summer Fair, and to the Duck Race, and the Games, Home baking and tablet, the Burgers and Hot Dogs and Icecream, the Pipe band and the Dancers and all the Fun of the Fair. Let's make this day, a HUGE SUCCESS!

Well now, in closing, my holiday chores involve bribing Brandy to look after the house while I shop for the evening meal. As yet, I have had no opportunity for discussion of Assembly business, as Lorna is whacked by the time she returns and ready for some form of refreshment. Be glad of the train service in Perth, as here you have to be up and doing between 5.30am and 6am to catch a train that will arrive in Edinburgh for the commencement of business at 9.15am.

And talking of Perth, it is always good to hear of the Saints knowing success but speaking as one who spent her formative years, in Freud's understanding that is the first seven years, north of Dingwall, do not forget to say a prayer or two for the Staggies, otherwise known as Ross County!

With Love and Blessings, Maudeen

#### **Collect for Pentecost**

Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of your Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation. Pour out this gift anew that by the sharing of your Good News, your healing may reach to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## **Some Words From Summer Suns Are Glowing**

Summer suns are glowing over land and sea; happy light is flowing, bountiful and free; Everything rejoices in the mellow rays; earth's ten thousand voices swell the psalm of praise.

God's free mercy streameth over all the world, And His banner gleameth, by His church unfurled; broad and deep and glorious, as the heavens above, shines in might victorious, His eternal love.

# **Session Clerk's Report**

The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 4 June when we hope to be able to report further on the sale of St Martins and the future of the glebe at Scone. Both of these items have been with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland for some time now.

The Session will also be looking at potential new members for the various committees that are required to carry out the work of the Session and of the church in general. We are always on the lookout for volunteers so if there is any way in which you think you could help, please let me know. The church does not run on its own – it needs your help.

We now look forward to a bright and sunny summer after what has been a long, wet and miserable winter and spring, so onwards and upwards.

Mike Moir, Session Clerk



# **CHRISTIAN AID NEWS**

A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM CHRISTIAN AID to all who contributed, distributed envelopes or helped in anyway during Christian Aid Week. I am unable to give a total at the moment, as, we are still receiving donations. The total will be announced soon in Church and in the next edition of Church News.

#### THE DIFFERENCE YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE -

In the last edition of 'Church News' I told the story of Aline Bibogora. This is the story of how she is now thanks to help from Christian Aid Partners training workshops.

No longer hidden, persecuted and alone, Aline has risen to become a leader of her community. A spokesperson and champion of those who are pushing back against the inhumanity of poverty. She told Christian Aid 'The members of the community group I chair thank me for the training and the positive impact the training has had on their daily lives. People come to me as they trust me. Here in Burundi, a neighbour is considered a member of the family'.

Peggy Lamond (01738 553582), Christian Aid Representative

#### HELP!

We are looking for help with teas after morning worship. If you can make a cup of tea and wash a few dishes then you are equipped for the job! Last year the teas made £1,200 for church funds - the equivalent of a coffee morning. If you can help, please speak to Marian Forgan (552064) or Moira Daly (552773).

We also need some help with the Welcome Party at the door each service. The Welcome Party is a cheery face at the door and someone who gives out the Order of Service and Hymn Books. If you can help, please speak to Marian Forgan (552064). Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more before coming to a decision.

Marian Forgan & Moira Daly

## **Social and Fund Raising**

The Bingo Tea held on 19 April 2024 raised the magnificent sum of £1,201, an incredible amount. Many thanks to all who came along to support us and also to those who assisted on that evening. There was such a great buzz in the hall and everyone appeared to be having a good time, whether they won a prize or not. Thanks must also go to the people of our Parish and Community who very kindly donated baking, prizes either for Bingo or the Prize Draw, always very much appreciated. All in all, such a successful evening in the Community and surrounding areas.

We are full speed ahead with preparations for our **SUMMER FAIR** in BURNSIDE HALLS and CAR PARK, 2 pm to 4 pm on **24 AUGUST 2024**.

THERE WILL BE THE USUAL STALLS ie Cake and Candy with lots of beautiful home baking, Games with the BBs, Burgers, Ice Cream and Soft Drinks, Books, Jewellery, Toiletries, Children's Books and Toys and a Bottle Stall. There will also be Dancers led by local girl, Diane Lambert Johnstone of Scone, Perth Brass Band under the Conductors Baton of George Annan and Perth District and District Pipe Band led by Pipe Major Alistair Duthie. There will also be the Duck Race and Children's Fancy Dress, so come along children and show us your lovely outfits. THERE WILL BE A WINNER'S PRIZE!!

Teas and Coffee will be served throughout the afternoon in the big Hall with lots of tasty goodies as we have many wonderful bakers in our Parish.

Helpers and Bakers are required, also bottles for the Bottle Stall and donations for any of the stalls. 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.

Anne Lamond, Social & Fund Raising Convenor, Tel 07711394452







# **Sunday Club**



There will be a presentation to the children attending Sunday Club on Sunday 16 June, the closing day.

The club will restart on Sunday 1 September and, as always, we are looking for children to come along and enjoy learning about Jesus, in games and play.

Helen Moir, 551549



# The Hub Community Café

The Hub continues through the summer at Balformo Hall every Wednesday 10am-12 noon. Lovely home baking made by our great volunteers. The fish van from Arbroath also visits the Hub around 11.00 am.

Thanks also to the team leaders and volunteers who come along to set up and serve and then tidy away at the end. We have a couple of folk who are unable to continue due to other commitments. If you fancy joining the team please get in touch and we can have a chat.

Ann Gellatly, 01738 552370



#### **Knit and Chat**

Next dates are Wednesdays 5 June, 3 July and 7 August in Balformo Hall, 10.30 -12.00. Coffee, tea and biscuits are provided. We are busy knitting baby blankets, hats and children's cardigans. We donate to Buttons and Bows and Maternity wards at local hospitals. All welcome.

Ann Gellatly, 01738 552370

#### **Pastoral Care**

A month till midsummer! – how can this be already?

I always think of this time of year when many organisations take a break and that I will catch up with the garden, neglected housework, decorating etc but it seems as far as this committee is concerned life is as busy as ever. Thinking on this busyness I am steadied by the words of that special short and repetitive hymn in CH4 -

"Be still and know that I am God ... I am the Lord who saves and heals ... in you O Lord God I put my trust ...".

#### **Movie Lunches**

A good crowd enjoyed the King and I in May – who remembered the King (Yol Brynner) died?



We look forward to our next event at Burnside Hall on **Thursday 18 July**, 12 noon for light lunch followed by "Paint Your Wagon" - cost £4.50.

"Hop" the Easter Bunny was good fun for the children and grandparents who came along.

Please spread the word re "Jungle Book" with hot dog/sausages lunch on **Thursday 25 July** for £2.50.



Please phone to reserve a seat for either of the movie lunches on 551560/07393851332/552370.

#### Informal Communion Service

Last month I mentioned the postponement of the Informal Communion Service. This "sheltered" communion as it has long been known, followed by afternoon tea will be held on 2 June at 2.30 pm in Burnside Hall.

If you missed this date but would like the opportunity for informal worship time, please get in touch.

#### **Residential Homes**

Services continue and we appreciate the support of Louise and Lorna who facilitate the events in RDM home and Catmoor House. Thanks also to Margaret Breckenridge whose music creates atmosphere and encourages enjoyment and memory of these hymns and songs.

That's it for this month – I'm off to walk the dog. Our countryside is beautiful – enjoy the sun, the rain, the flowers, the birdsong and God' presence.

# **Fellowship Lunches**



Dates are:

Thursdays:

6 June, 4 July, 1 August - 12.30 pm 5 September – 12 noon

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. Lunch on 5 September will be at 12 noon as this will be the day of the outing. Further details in next Church News. If you need transport please phone Helen on 01738 551549 or Margaret on 01738 551560.

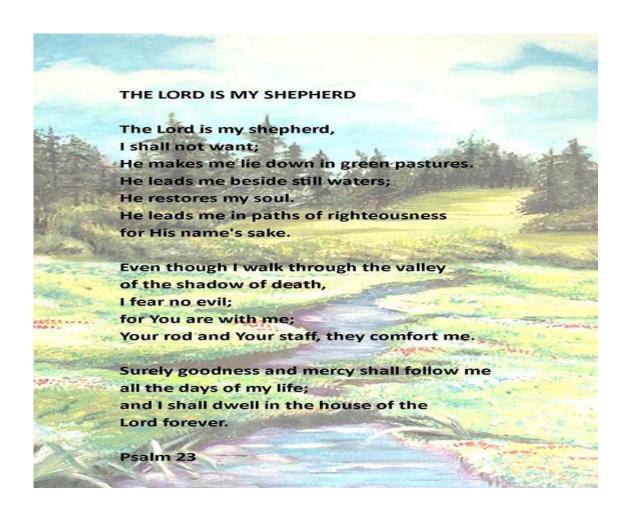
Margaret McMillan, Pastoral Care Committee, 01738 551560/07393851332

#### **Church Flowers**



If you can help where vacancies are shown on Church Flower rota (page 19) or if you would like to arrange or donate Sunday flowers occasionally, please make contact.

Margaret McMillan, 551560





The boys have done it again. 249 teams from all over the UK took part in the annual Top Team Competition. We entered two teams. Our A team finished 6th overall and the B team were 171st. Well done to both teams. It has been a good year for the Company. Despite lacking in numbers the boys have achieved a lot. We should see a small increase in numbers next year.

Our joint camp with the Junior Section took place at Scott Lodge up at the top of Glen Clova from 26th to 28th April. 6 Boys from the Company Section and 14 from the Junior Section took part. The weekend started with rain; sleet; hail; and snow on the Friday night but that did not dampen enthusiasm. It was about 1 a.m. before we managed to get all of the boys down to sleep. The weather was quite good for the rest of the weekend and we managed to get our full programme completed. On the Saturday afternoon the boys set off for the traditional hike up towards Jock's Road (which eventually goes cross hill to Braemar). The Juniors did not go too far but stopped short and came back to do some craft work. The older boys made it up a bit of Jock's Road before turning back.

At the end of April we took part in the annual Battalion drill competition and in the Scripture Search. Results are still awaited. In our own chess tournament Harris has retained the Alex Collie trophy being unbeaten during the tournament. By the time this newsletter arrives we will have had our final night of the session. It is a joint event with the Juniors and the Anchors. A short programme will be presented before the session awards are presented. The inspecting officer is Kenny Simpson who until recently was the Captain of the now disbanded 16th. (North Church) Company and who was also judge for the Battalion drill competition. We have no major awards to present this session but all being well it is expected that we will have one King's Badge and four Presidents Badges by the time next year comes along.

As mentioned in the last newsletter the awards night is the last night of Kenny McAlpine's tenure as Captain and as an officer. He will be sorely missed not just at Company but also at Battalion level. We have still to find a replacement for Kenny so if there is anyone out there who would like to devote themselves then please come along. Anyone wishing to take on the captain role would need some past experience but why not come along and gain that experience initially. Any volunteers would need to step up quite soon as it takes a couple of months to get through all the paperwork before someone can be "let loose".

Hope you have all enjoyed hearing about what the boys have done and achieved this session.

lain Lamond, Officer in Charge, Company Section



The Foodbank in Perth provides practical and social support for folk in need.

Items most needed include cereal, longlife juice, instant snacks eg noodles, pasta pots, tinned fish, adult toothbrushes, toilet roll and shampoo.

From 4 June Perth Foodbank will be moving to Unit A, 10-16 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP.

Boxes are available in our churches, so please bring along items on a Sunday. Moira Daly and Marian Forgan have offered to deliver goods to the Foodbank Centre.

Perth & Kinross Foodbank is a Scottish Registered Charity SC044158



Four of our members attended the Perth and Kinross Guilds Together's Resource Day at Auchterarder on 4 May. After the opening devotions Karen Gillon gave a talk about the future of the Guild. She mentioned changes in society involving Sabbath Observance eg sport on Sunday and shops opening. She reminded those present that the power of God was underestimated and that we could be inspired to continue despite falling membership. After lunch Jo Love, the second speaker, asked how many members had encountered the Bible - at church, Bible reading and Bible study. There then followed group discussions on the Bible passage - Matthew 8 vs 5-13 and Luke 7 vs 1-10.

The committee has met and consideration was given to the programme for 2024-2025. The meetings will resume on 10 September. Further details later.

Members are looking forward to Afternoon Tea at Brown and Blacks, 2.00 pm for 2.30 pm, on Tuesday 11 June.

**CHURCH FAIR** - The Church Fair takes place on Saturday 24 August. Please keep this date free. If you can help by providing baking and/or help serve teas on the day, please contact Helen Moir (551549) or Margaret McMillan (551560). Thank you.

We do hope you can enjoy some sunshine during the summer break despite the current changeable weather. May God bless us all and keep us safe til we meet again.

Margaret Buchan (Guild Secretary), tel 01738 621814



## Children's Story - The World is Near

There was once a man called Balthazar Walter (you write it with a 'W' but you say it with a 'V'), a splendid sounding name. He lived in Germany. Some people like making things; others like growing things; yet others enjoy games or playing a musical instrument. Mr Walter liked knowing things. He wanted to know all kind of things but most especially about God and the Lord Jesus.

Mr Walter had lots of money, so he could travel the world. He visited far away places like Egypt and India. There he asked wise men questions because he so wanted to know the answers. No one could tell him all he wanted to know. He went back home very sad but still eager to learn.

To his great surprise he found a man near him in his own country who was very wise. This man was able to help Balthazar find answers for himself to his many questions. He helped Mr Walter to know God and the Lord Jesus and what is good and true and right - and all near at hand in his own land, without travelling far away! He needn't have voyaged too far off places after all, to find what he was seeking.

We are all like that. We don't need to go to far away lands to learn of Father God and Lord Jesus. We can learn right here, where we are. We learn from the Bible which is God's special book and in the Church where God's special friends meet to worship him. Most of all and best of all, we learn from Jesus.



# Children's Prayer

We thank you, God, for all the blossom and flowers at this time of year. Thank you for our sense of smell and sight. Help us to help those who are blind or cannot go out.

We pray for all the peoples of the world. Please, God, let us understand each other better so that we can share our ways of life and not dislike some people because they are different.

Anne Lamond

## Nigeria



In Nigeria the Bible Society is making the word of God available to everyone in the language of their choice using the Proclaimers – a bible audio play.

Recently the Bible Society of Nigeria has opened 200 new audio listening bible centres. These are places where people go to listen to the word of God in their preferred language. The centres so far have reached over 10,000 people with the word of God. The project is called End-to-End and as well as group sessions with the Proclaimers, it uses the Jesus film to attract people to the gospel message. Free bibles are distributed to people who became Christians at the showing.

As a result of End-to-End, people's lives are being transformed, existing churches are growing and 6 new churches have now been planned.

- Please pray for the peace of God to prevail in Nigeria, and for good leaders and chosen people who will encourage the work of God in the nation.
- 2. Please pray for the additional tools (ie the Jesus Film and the Proclaimers) to have a great impact in communities.

## **Prayer**

O God, my father, thank you for last night's sleep and thank you for today. Help me to waste none of today's hours and to waste none of today's opportunities.

Help us all through today always to obey my conscience and always to do what I know is right so that I may do nothing for which I may be sorry and ashamed at the end of the day.

Help me to live today that at the end of the day I may be tired but worthy with nothing to regret.

This I ask for Jesus' sake.

Make me all through today O God, obedient to my parents, diligent in my work, fair in games, respectful to my elders

Kind to those whom I can help, true to my friends and loyal to you.

We ask for Jesus' sake, Amen

Jim Currie

# **PARISH DIARY**

| June 4 | 7.00 pm         | Kirk Session                   | Burnside Hall  |
|--------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 5      | 10 am - 12 noon | Hub Community Café             | Balformo Hall  |
|        | 10.30 am        | Knit n Chat                    | Balformo Road  |
| 6      | 12.30 pm        | Fellowship Lunch               | Burnside Hall  |
| 9      | 9.30 am         | Morning Worship                | St Martins     |
|        | 10.45 am        | Morning Worship - Baptism      | Scone Old      |
| 11     | 2.30 pm         | Guild Afternoon Tea            | Brown & Blacks |
| 12     | 10 am - 12 noon | Hub Community Café             | Balformo Hall  |
| 16     | 09.30 am        | Morning Worship                | St Martins     |
|        | 10.45 am        | Morning Worship                | Scone Old      |
| 19     | 10 am - 12 noon | Hub Community Café             | Balformo Hall  |
| 23     | 09.30 am        | Morning Worship                | St Martins     |
|        | 10.45 am        | Morning Worship                | Scone Old      |
| 30     | 9.30 am         | All Together Service           | St Martins     |
| July 3 | 10 am - 12 noon | Hub Community Café             | Balformo Hall  |
|        | 10.30 am        | Knit n Chat                    | Balformo Hall  |
| 4      | 12.30 pm        | Fellowship Lunch               | Burnside Hall  |
| 7      | 10.45 am        | All Parish Worship             | Scone New      |
| 10     | 10 am - 12 noon | Hub Community Café             | Balformo Hall  |
| 14     | 9.30 am         | Morning Worship                | St Martins     |
|        | 10.45 am        | Morning Worship                | Scone New      |
| 17     | 10 am - 12 noon | Hub Community Café             | Balformo Hall  |
| 18     | 12 noon         | Movie Lunch - Paint Your Wagon | Burnside Hall  |
| 21     | 09.30 am        | Morning Worship                | St Martins     |
|        | 10.45 am        | Morning Worship                | Scone New      |
| 24     | 10 am - 12 noon | Hub Community Café             | Balformo Hall  |
| 25     | 12 noon         | Movie Lunch - the Jungle Book  | Burnside Hall  |
| 28     | 09.30 am        | Morning Worship                | St Martins     |
|        | 10.45 am        | Morning Worship                | Scone New      |
| 31     | 10 am - 12 noon | Hub Community Café             | Balformo Hall  |
| Aug 1  | 12.30 pm        | Fellowship Lunch               | Burnside Hall  |
| 4      | 10.45 am        | All Parish Worship             | Scone New      |
| 7      | 10 am - 12 noon | Hub Community Café             | Balformo Hall  |
|        | 10.30 am        | Knit n Chat                    | Balformo Hall  |

# 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 & St Martins Parish Church Finances Receipts and Payments for 4 months ending 30 April 2024 (excluding Guild and Clubs)

| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS                              | 2024       | 2023       |
|---|------------|------------|
| RECEIPTS  | £          | £          |
| Offerings                                       | 20,268     | 20,269     |
| Appeals   | 600        | 1,500      |
| Tax recovered on Gift Aid                       | 4,043      | 3,887      |
| Donations                                       | 792        | 1,581      |
| Weddings and funerals                           | 1,040      | 2,580      |
| Contributions from congregational organisations | 1,520      | 1,210      |
| Hall Lets                                       | 8,615      | 7,055      |
| Fundraising events (net income)                 | 2,739      | 1,747      |
| Other income                                    | <u>250</u> | <u>374</u> |
| Total Receipts                                  | 39,867     | 40,203     |

#### Notes:

- Offerings have caught up with 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 are from the Guild (£600), the Badminton Club (£380), the Country Dancers (£500) and Knit & Chat (£40).
- Hall lets are still ahead of last year, reflecting continued high usage at both Scone Old and New halls.
- Fundraising includes a coffee morning (£920), Bingo Tea (£1,201), Country Dance (£274), Hot Dog Movies (£94) and Quiz (£250).
- Other income is a grant from Perth and Kinross Council.
- We are seeing big increases in our 'Giving to Grow' contribution and in heat and light expenditure, due mainly to inflationary increases.

Robin Walker, Treasurer

# Scone Rotas

|        | Welcoming Party                | Reader            | Beadle       |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| June 9 | Hamish & Margaret Breckenridge | Hamish            | Paul Stewart |
|        | Kate Carswell                  | Breckenridge      |              |
| 16     | Moira Daly, Marian Forgan      | Marian Forgan     | Hamish       |
|        | Anne Lamond                    |                   | Breckenridge |
| 23     | Peggy Lamond, Ian MacKinnon    | Margaret McMillan | Gordon Lowe  |
|        | Margaret McMillan              |                   |              |
| 30     | Service at St Martins          |                   |              |
| July 7 | Ross Merson                    | Ross Merson       | Gordon Pirie |
|        | Mike & Helen Moir              |                   |              |
| 14     | Christine Munro, Linda Thomson | Christine Munro   | Robin Walker |
|        | Margaret Watson                |                   |              |
| 21     | Robin Walker                   | Hamish            | Ian Baillie  |
|        | Hamish & Margaret Breckenridge | Breckenridge      |              |
| 28     | Ian Baillie, Kate Carswell     | Ian Baillie       | Ross Merson  |
|        | Moira Daly                     |                   |              |
| Aug 4  | Marian Forgan, Anne Lamond     | Anne Lamond       | Gordon Pirie |
|        | Peggy Lamond                   |                   |              |

# Teas

|        | Tea Duty                                      | Milk and Money  |
|--------|---|-----------------|
| June 9 | Joan Gilchrist, Anne Lamond, Peggy Lamond     | Joan Gilchrist  |
| 16     | Christine Munro, Linda Thomson                | Christine Munro |
|        | Margaret Watson                               |                 |
| 23     | Marian Forgan, Linda Massie, Kate Carswell    | Marian Forgan   |
| 30     | Service at St Martins                         |                 |
| July 7 | Margaret Ewen, Rae Farrow, Marian Forgan      | Margaret Ewen   |
| 14     | Joan Gilchrist, Anne Lamond, Peggy Lamond     | Joan Gilchrist  |
| 21     | Linda Massie, Christine Munro, Moira Daly     | Linda Massie    |
| 28     | Linda Thomson, Margaret Watson, Marian Forgan | Linda Thomson   |
| Aug 4  | Cona Beatson, Viv Croal, Marion Dallas        | Cona Beatson    |

# **Flowers**

|        | Donating              | Delivering        |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| June 9 | Ann Gellatly          | Caroline Haddow   |
| 16     | Margaret Buchan       | Alice Collie      |
| 23     | Jan Reid              | Margaret McMillan |
| 30     | Service at St Martins |                   |
| July 7 | Caroline Haddow       | Audrey Cooper     |
| 14     | Val Grossart          | Dorothy Traynor   |
| 21     | Vacant                | Rae Farrow        |
| 28     | Moira Daly            | Margaret Baillie  |
| Aug 4  | Vacant                | Anne Lamond       |

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