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Hello folks

It is now some 4 months since David Taverner moved to a new charge and many of you will be wondering what has happened as far as finding a successor is concerned.

The Presbytery Plan, which is the basis on which ministers are allocated to congregations, stated that in the event of a vacancy our two congregations would have to become part of the Parish Grouping. In the last few months your office bearers have had a number of meetings with Presbytery representatives about the conditions for this, known as the “Basis of Parish Grouping.” There was concern that this might lead to the congregations losing some of their independence but it has been made quite clear that each Kirk Session retains its authority.

At the June Presbytery meeting, permission was given to call a minister for the linked congregations, but that is subject to the “concurrence” of the Ministries Council, the body that oversees the allocation of ministries throughout Scotland. I hope we will hear soon of their decision and, again hopefully, it will be in the affirmative. That allows us to move ahead and look for a successor to Mr Taverner.

A number of things then have to be done. We have to appoint a Nominating Committee, which Presbytery has decided will be made up of six from St. Andrew’s and three from Oathlaw Tannadice, with two non-voting members representing the Parish Grouping. Then we have to finalise the “Electoral Register,” the list of members able to vote once we get to that stage. Finally we have to produce a “Parish Profile” which tells potential candidates something of the life of the congregations. Finding the right person for the post will take time so please be patient!

But, in the meantime be assured that your office bearers are working hard to carry out the planning which will allow the congregations to

move forward towards finding a new minister. During this time of vacancy it is important for the membership to give their wholehearted support to the life of the congregations, so please can we make sure that worship and all events are well attended and that financial contributions do not slip back, better still increase?

All good wishes for a relaxing summer – even in the rain!

Gavin Drummond

ARE YOU ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER?

This is being prepared and lists the church members and adherents who will be able to vote when we come to the stage of appointing a new minister. If you want to check that you are on it, please contact the Session Clerk of your church.

THE PARISH PROFILE

The committee appointed to prepare this, has been working hard and the profile is nearly ready in anticipation of the go-ahead from Church of Scotland, Edinburgh. This will ensure (hopefully) that there are no delays and it will be available to any minister considering the vacancy. It includes the aims and objectives of the congregations, details of our congregational life, organisations within and connected to the churches, and the people in our communities that we serve. And of course, details of this beautiful part of Angus where we live and worship.

THE WAYSIDE PULPIT

- In the dark? Follow the Son

Tannadice Church Events Committee

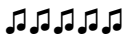
The first **Coffee Morning** after the holidays will be held on **Saturday 3rd September** in the extension at Tannadice Church. Funds raised will go towards supporting the Sunday School's Plan International Child in Nepal. Further Coffee Mornings will be held on the first Saturdays of October and November and on 3rd December our Annual Christmas Fayre will take place. Please come along and support these enjoyable Events.

The **Annual Church Fete** was held on Sunday 12th June and for once we enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon! The event was well supported and raised a

much-needed £660 for Church Funds. Once again we were entertained by the Brechin City Band who this year was able to play outdoors and their music was much enjoyed by all who were present.

There were the usual Stalls and thanks are due to all who provided donations, manned the stalls, helped set up and dismantle pergolas, served cream teas and generally contributed to the monies raised towards Church Funds.

The organising Committee would like to thank all members, villagers and friends of the Congregation who came along to support this Event.



An evening visit to the Songs of Praise Service at Glen Prosen Church is planned for **Sunday 17th July**. These services are held on a monthly basis during summer and twice in July.

Lamont Forbes hosts this event in Aid of the Guide Dogs and Tea and Coffee is provided in Prosen Hall after the Service.

P in the Park

Our annual outreach event "P in the Park" is being held on **Saturday 13th August from 3.00pm** till dusk in Jubilee Park, Tannadice.

This free event is open to all in the Parish and beyond and it is hoped that many members, villagers and friends of the congregation will come along for what is always an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Again a Roast Pig is being provided by families of the Church with salads and soft drinks provided by the Congregational Board. In addition we hope Bill Robertson of Nashville Skyline will be able to provide live music between 3.00 and 5.00pm.

Golf Outing

The Friends of Tannadice are to holding their annual *Golf Outing* on **Sunday 28th August** at Kirriemuir Golf Club with tee off times from 2.00pm. The cost will be £25 for non-members and £15.00 for members and will cover green fees where applicable, High Tea and gratuities etc. Any surplus will be donated to a local Charity.

Golfers and friends of both Congregations are encouraged to attend. Further details will be notified to regular participants during July but in the meantime anyone wishing to register interest should contact John Rome on 01307 850493 or on line at jrome272@btinternet.com

And for your diaries

A **Family Beetle Drive** will be held at Tannadice on Friday 9 September.

The **Linked Churches Basket Quiz** will be held on Friday 16 September in Kirriemuir St Andrew's Church Hall. This was an excellent fun evening last year. Alec Rae has again kindly agreed to act as quiz master for the evening. Tickets cost £10 per table of four with light refreshments provided to augment supper.

John Rome

STRETCH OR SHRINK

“Straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize....” Phil. Chapter 3, 13-14

All rubber bands work on the same principle – they must be stretched to be effective! Every person who has ever achieved anything for God has learned to stretch. One of the most common mistakes is thinking that success is due to some genius or some magic ‘something or other’. Surely, success comes when we are stretched to meet the challenge; failure comes when we shrink back from it.

An example of someone disregarding critics and stretching themselves to reach a goal is Dr Jonas Salk, who developed the polio vaccine. He was attacked continually for his pioneering work in this field. He found that criticism came in 3 stages. He said that first, they’ll tell you, ‘it won’t work’. Then, when you begin to succeed, they’ll say – ‘what you’re doing really isn’t that important’. Finally, after they see that it’s important, they’ll say ‘we knew you’d do it all along’.

How much could we achieve if we just stretched ourselves to make a difference, and how much more could we achieve if we responded to God’s call and let Him show us what He can do with our lives.

And how much could we achieve if we stretched ourselves to support our churches a bit more?

(contributed)

ST ANDREW’S GUILD

St Andrew's Guild meets every second Tuesday in the Board Room. A wide variety of speakers and entertainment is planned for the session, beginning on September 13th with a talk by the Rev. Barbara Sweetin of Forfar East and Old Church.

Please note that meetings this year will begin at 2pm. Old and new members will be made very welcome.

MONEY MATTERS

St Andrew's Kirk Session and Board would like to thank Mrs Eleanor Duncan for all her hard work as Church Treasurer during the past 17 months. Eleanor initially agreed to do the job for 1 year and kindly continued until someone else could be found.

We are very grateful to Mr John Ray for responding to the appeal, and John has now been appointed and took over as Church Treasurer at the end of June.

St Andrew's continues to run on a deficit, and the Board hope that the **Golden Envelope Appeal** will help to balance the books. The envelopes will be collected by your elder.

Very soon, Smartie Tubes will be available at the church door, so that you can enjoy the sweeties, then fill the tube with 20p coins and return them in the offering plate. **If we all take part, what a difference it could make.**

HOW SMART IS YOUR RIGHT FOOT?

Next time you get bored at your desk, just try this. It was discovered by an orthopaedic surgeon, and will prove that your right foot isn't as smart as you thought it was!

- 1 While sitting, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
- 2 Now, while doing this draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

Tried it? There seems to be nothing you can do about it. Silly and trivial it may be, but chances are you will try it again in a minute or two!

THE WAYSIDE PULPIT

- It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

A Golden Jubilee is always a very special occasion particularly to a church. In the Book of Leviticus Chapter 25, the good book tells us the 50th year was to be a year of consecration and celebration. In 1961 the two Southmuir congregations, Livingstone and the South Parish were united and 50 years on in May, we celebrated the work and witness of St Andrew's through these momentous years.

The Kirk is always about people not buildings, and in this connection it is with very great pleasure we offer our congratulations and best wishes to surely two of our best known and highly respected members, **Freda and Jock Kerr** on their own **Golden Wedding Day**. A couple whose banns were the first to be read in the new St Andrew's in 1961 and who have been most faithful and devoted members through all these years.

We welcomed some visitors from the community to our **Golden Thanksgiving Service** on 18 May including Mrs Frances Havenga, the Rev Bert & Mrs Reid and the Rev Linda Stevens. We had a forward-looking sermon from our hard working Locum, the Rev Bob Duncan and much valued input from our Interim Moderator, Mr Gavin Drummond. Duncan Brown, Wendy Smeaton, Gladys Wilson and Bill Wells looked backwards over past achievements and memories, ably questioned by Alex Rae. A choir well trained by Mrs Sylvia Knox, our organist for the evening also contributed. Surely the highlight however, was the Southmuir Primary School Recorder Group who played so well. They are a credit to their parents, school and to their Head Teacher, Mrs Leila Martin who spoke so movingly of the Southmuir School's long and lasting links with the church.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a fellowship tea in the church hall. A birthday cake, baked by Mrs Eleanor Duncan was cut by Miss Jean Nicoll and we were also appreciative to the Rev Peter Youngson for his gift of a cake. Quite a few extra calories that evening!

A beautiful **Flower Festival** was held in the church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of that week ably organised by Mrs Ivy Ray and the Social Committee with all the church organisations making striking displays. We

were grateful also for the contribution from our friends in Oathlaw Tannadice church.

The **Saturday Night Ceilidh** and stovie supper held in the church hall was a great success with many fine artistes contributing to a very happy evening (with some surprises for the audience too)!

We culminated our celebrations in a fitting manner on Sunday 22 May with a service of **Holy Communion** and as we shared the bread and wine together as our Lord taught us, we gave Him the glory and remembered the fine folk gone before who once sat where we sit now and whose work and witness is still remembered by us in St Andrew's.

Alistair Tosh, Session Clerk

RECIPE FOR FRIENDSHIP

- ❖ Blend conversation, laughter and fun together.
- ❖ Add trust and acceptance and mix well.
- ❖ Stirring gently, soften with teardrops and sweeten with understanding.
- ❖ Sprinkle generously with favourite memories.
- ❖ Decorate with hugs and smiles, and enjoy.



A Strawberry Cream Tea on the afternoon of Sunday 3 July was enjoyed by many members and friends at Wester Logie Farm, just outside Kirriemuir. Many thanks go to Ivy and John Ray who kindly hosted and organised this very successful event.

The weather is always a key feature when planning an outdoor event - and luckily, the sun shone and the marquee was needed for shading and not shelter from possible rain! The church funds benefited by £288.60 - a reflection of the enjoyable afternoon had by all.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

Oathlaw Tannadice Church

15 May - Penny Rose Taylor daughter of James and Lisa Taylor.

NEW MEMBERS

St Andrew's Church

By resolution of the Kirk Session

Mr Drummond and Mrs Anne Herd, 6 Kinnordy Avenue, Kirriemuir.

FUNERALS

Oathlaw Tannadice Church

3 May - Helen Ramsay, The Farm, Mains of Ogil, Glen Ogil.

St Andrew's Church

24 March - John Simpson, The Moon, Kirriemuir.

4 May - Angela Walker, The Cottage, 40 Forfar Road, Kirriemuir.

20 May - Betty Adam, Windyedge Cottage Care Home, Forfar.

16 June - Bob Rattray, 4 Kirkton Court, Kirriemuir.

The Big Day Out is a Presbytery ideas day to be held in Arbroath on Saturday 17th. September 2011.

It will have sessions on worship, using the gifts of members, working with young people, story telling, ideas for the rural church, links with Bangladesh and much more. There will also be a programme for children. Programmes are available for the day which will cost £5.00.

It would be good if a large number of members from St. Andrew's and Oathlaw Tannadice could attend, and pick up some ideas to take back to their congregations. Please think about attending as it should be an exciting day.

Oathlaw Tannadice Church - Art, Crafts & Floral Exhibition
26th - 30th May 2011



This was the first ever Angus Open Studios weekend and Oathlaw Tannadice Church joined in with a display of the many talented artists, crafters and floral artists in the area. What a successful week end it was with visitors from all over Scotland. **£100** was sent to the **Kate Simpson Cancer Fund** and **£100** raised for **Church Funds**.

We would like to thank everyone who help in any way to make this a most enjoyable and successful event. A special thanks to the ladies in the kitchen who made sure everyone was supplied with tea/coffee. We are planning for next year so watch out for Angus Open Studios 2012. If you would like to be included please contact **Janet McFarlane: tel: 01307 850795**.

Holy Communion Services

31 July - St Andrew's Church at 11.15 am

7 August - Tannadice Church at 9.45 am

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