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*Articles for the next magazine to be published in December, can be emailed, posted or handed to Helen Main, St Andrew's or Jean Wilkie, Tannadice at any time.*

**Interim Moderator: Mr Gavin Drummond  
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Hello folks

I hope you have all had a relaxing summer but now, with the nights drawing in, we can all look forward to the autumn and winter activities starting up again. In this time of vacancy it is important that the life of the two congregations continues to be well supported by all members as this gives a good impression to any minister interested in applying for the vacancy! As I keep saying, your office bearers are working hard to maintain the worship and witness of the congregations so please give them your support by being regular at worship and attending, when you can, the other activities.

I mentioned in the last Link that approval to call had been given by the Presbytery, and subsequently that was agreed by the national committee. That has allowed us to appoint a nominating committee, which has had its first meeting with an Advisory Committee from Presbytery. The Committee appointed Alex Rae as *chair*, John Murrie as *vice-chair* and Helen Main as *clerk*. A Parish Profile has been produced which outlines the strengths and weaknesses of the congregations and a copy is on the website. An advert appeared in the October *Life & Work*, one of 11 such adverts. Throughout the Church of Scotland there are about 200 vacancies and only about 16 students are about to complete their probationary training. This is leading up to me saying please be patient as there is a calculation that it is taking about two years to fill vacancies. The Nominating Committee will do all it can to find a suitable candidate as quickly as possible but please give them the space to get on with their task. They are required to maintain complete confidentiality so I ask you all to respect that, please.

In the meantime I would ask you to remember the Nominating Committee in your prayers.

With every blessing

Gavin Drummond

## ANOTHER 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

One of the BBC's longest running TV programmes, **SONGS OF PRAISE**, has celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is a remarkable achievement in a secular age and has stood the test of time - the most popular hymn is "How Great Thou Art".

There have been 201 presenters. Sally Magnusson first presented the programme in 1984 and when asked why she thought that the programme is so well loved 50 years after it was first broadcast she said,

*" I think it's something to do with its unapologetic celebration of faith – as expressed both in song and by the most extraordinary range of people from all sorts of backgrounds in an almost infinite variety of places. In the best moments for our nation and the worst, Songs Of Praise has been there – mourning with the nation's losses and celebrating its joys."*

Whatever the reason for watching, people continue to enjoy the programme which has changed over the years but has developed in a way to suit current audiences - hymn singing is an important part of worship and something that can be done from our homes by joining in with 'Songs of Praise' on a Sunday evening.



## ♪♪ FAVOURITE HYMNS ♪♪

Our Locum Minister, Bob Duncan is appealing for anyone to give him a note of their favourite hymn and he will do his best to include it at Sunday worship. Bob admits to having his own favourites too and we probably have been singing them!!

*'Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.'* Psalm 95

## **Birthday Celebrations at Tannadice**

On Sunday 2 October **Alec Proctor** celebrated his Ninetieth Birthday. After the service, the members joined in wishing Alec and Nan well and enjoyed a birthday cake with them.

Alec has given sterling service to the Church over the years with over forty spent as Session Clerk at Oathlaw then Tannadice when the Sessions were amalgamated.

## **DID YOU KNOW???**

Kirriemuir Churches Together has been in existence for more than eleven years. Perhaps you still have the copy of Luke's Gospel which was delivered to all Kirrie houses at the Millennium by its members?

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of most months, in various places, at 7.30 pm. Here are the next dates and places:

**Oct 26** – Strathmore Christian Fellowship hosts at "Bridges", Bank Street

**Nov 30** – Glens and Kirriemuir Old Parish Church Hall

At the meetings we pray together and sing together. We share news of special services and events. Our members help to organise community projects, like the pre-Christmas hot chocolate drinks, a Songs of Praise evening and the World Day of Prayer Services. After each meeting, there is tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes homemade cake, and we have the chance to chat and share news. Everyone is welcome – that includes you!

### ***ST ANDREW'S GOLDEN ENVELOPE APPEAL***

Sincere thanks to everyone who returned their Golden Envelope. The total given to the church was just in excess of £4000. A wonderful response.

### ***SMARTIE TUBES***

Smartie Tubes have been available for members to fill with coins. Please keep them coming in – and thanks to those who have already returned their tube/s – every penny counts!

## OUR YOUNG FOLK

This year, both Tannadice and Southmuir Nursery and Primary Schools in our parishes were inspected by HM Inspectorate of Education (HMIE). This is done to let parents, children and the local community know whether their school provides a good education. Inspectors also discuss with school staff how they can improve the quality of education.

Inspections of any kind are daunting! A great deal of preparation and extra work is done by the staff (and children) before it happens. Both reports are now available and give very favourable comments on the good quality of education that the children are receiving; this must be reassuring for all concerned. But education doesn't just happen in school and we all have a responsibility to help and nurture children we come in contact with so they feel supported as they develop and learn. Our **Sunday Schools** play an important role in helping children to understand the Bible stories and the enthusiastic teachers and helpers are a credit to our churches.



**St Andrew's Sunday School** meets at 11.15 am during the school term time. We have 10 children at the moment but we always have room for some more. We use Scripture Union material called Light which includes art and craft activities, songs, rhymes, drama and stories. We have recently made a banner for Harvest when all the children made something to stick on. We do try to give the children a variety of things to do to help them to learn more about Jesus and God to help them in their daily lives. *Wendy Smeaton*

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**Tannadice Sunday School** numbers have dwindled recently as many of the children have grown up and moved on. We are always looking for new members especially with the nativity rehearsals starting after the holidays! All youngsters of any age are welcome and if you would like to know more please contact *Helen Murrie* on 01307 850227.

## **NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

The General Assembly of our Church has instructed every Presbytery to direct every congregation throughout Scotland to conduct an ongoing Stewardship of their money, time and talents in the service of their church. Representatives from your congregations attended a meeting in September to hear about the proposals and will be reporting back to the Church Boards soon.

2012 has been designated a year of Stewardship and, as this is urgent on both a local and national level, you will be hearing more of this shortly.

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### **Finance – Tannadice Church**

With the recent notification of an annual on-going National Stewardship Campaign your Board will be meeting shortly on how to take this matter forward.

As was anticipated in the 2011 Budget our Offerings have dropped by 11% over the course of the first nine months of this year and vacancy period.

However, members must realise that even in these difficult times the Church locally and nationally requires the continued generous support of its Congregations.

*John Rome Treasurer*

### **WHY COME TO CHURCH ON A SUNDAY?**

- **Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.**
- **Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you any right to come, but because you need mercy and help.**
- **Come, because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love him more.**
- **Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.**

*William Barclay*

**“God invites us to join his mission, not to maintain a religious club.”**  
*(Panel on Review and Reform, Church of Scotland)*

## ANNUAL FLU CLINICS

It is so easy to put it off, but just a reminder that the following people are invited to attend:

- Anyone 65 or over;
- Anyone of any age (including children) suffering from a condition which makes flu more dangerous - eg heart disease, asthma, COPD, kidney disease, multiple sclerosis, liver problems, diabetes and HIV;
- Anyone undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy; and
- Unpaid carers of any age.

### **ST ANDREW'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH CLUB DATES**

Tuesdays: 12 – 2 pm on 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> November.  
Delicious food and good company. See you there?

### **TOMORROW**

Have you seen the dawn come up,  
Seen the light between the trees,  
Have you given thanks to God,  
Have you been upon your knees?  
Have you seen the golden sunset,  
Have you had a busy day,  
Did you find the time to be with God,  
And just what did He say?  
Did He tell you that He cares,  
And did you say the same to Him  
When kneeling at your prayers?

And if tomorrow's not too bright  
Remember He's still there  
To watch and guide you through the day  
So why not say a prayer?

*Norman Bailey*



## **TANNADICE and OATHLAW W.R.I.**

Are you a lady of any age from 14 onwards who **LIKES TO HAVE FUN**: Learn something **NEW**: Find **OPPORTUNITIES** to forward your interests in very many different directions: Have **IDEAS** you may wish to pass on? Then **SWRI** is worth a try. Annual subscription is £15.00, but visitors are welcome for a small donation. What do you have to lose? (Your favourite TV programmes are always repeated).

Our current programme includes illustrated talks on **SCOTLAND'S RED SQUIRRELS**, **AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURES**, and **Management of SHELTERED HOUSING**. Also: **Demonstrations on making CHRISTMAS WREATHS**, **CORSAGES**, and **FLY-TYING**.

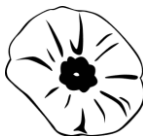
**Forthcoming meetings are at 7.30 p.m. on 2 November, 7 March, 4 April and at 2.00 p.m. on 7 Dec, 11 Jan, and 1 Feb in TANNADICE CHURCH EXTENSION.**

### *Remembrance Services*

#### *Sunday 13 November 2011 at both churches*

The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance and of the Poppy Appeal. Poppy Collectors appear in late October so everyone can make a donation and wear their poppy for Remembrance.

Remembrance Day and the Two Minute Silence have been observed since the end of the 1st World War, but their relevance remains undiminished. When we bow our heads in reflection, we remember those who fought for our freedom during the two World Wars. But we also mourn and honour those who have lost their lives in more recent conflicts. Today, with troops on duty in Afghanistan and other trouble spots around the world, Remembrance, and this two minute tribute, is as important as ever. However for a great many people, every day can feel like Remembrance Day.



*“At the going down of the sun, and in the morning we shall remember them”*



## Coffee Times at our Churches

At **St Andrew's** we have started our fortnightly coffee times again. The next one is on Saturday 29 October 10.00 - 11.30am. There is a choice of tea/coffee with toasted fruit loaf, scone or a pancake. **The cost is still £1 and you can have as many teas and coffees as you can drink!** If you have never been we would love to see you and if you have not been for a while it would be good to see you again. If you feel you would like to help out occasionally please speak to Wendy or Pat. We look forward to seeing you some time.

At **Tannadice** coffee mornings resumed on Saturday 4 Sept and the Sunday School Plan International sponsorship benefited to the tune of £86. October's Coffee Morning raised £112 for Church & Extension Funds. Members and friends are reminded the next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November and on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we will be holding a Christmas Fair** in aid of Church Funds and anyone interested in having a stall should approach Nancy Davidson or John Rome for further information.

These are exceedingly social events and members are encouraged to bring relatives and friends with children being made most welcome.

### ST ANDREW'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Saturday 26 November 10-4 pm Sunday 27 November 12.30-2 pm

In the church hall

Cake and candy, bottle stall, craft and gifts,  
Christmas cards etc

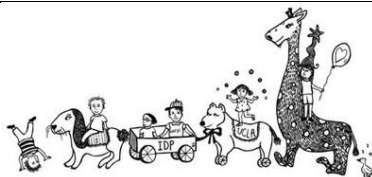
**Entry £2 to include cuppie and Christmas pie**

The **Tannadice Church Events Committee** would definitely welcome suggestions to vary the type and way functions are organised. In addition, anyone wishing to join the Committee would be made most welcome. Please speak to Nancy Davidson if you have ideas and are interested in stewardship of this nature.

## TANNADICE CHURCH WOMEN'S GROUP

We continue to meet about 4 times a year for theatre trips and talks etc. We had a film night viewing 'The King's Speech' in the church extension with a takeaway supper on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> October. After that we are at a theatre trip but haven't decided where to go yet, if you want to have some input into that or would like to know more, please contact Helen or Linda on 01307 850227 or 01307 850443 respectively.

### TANNADICE TODDLERS



We continue to meet on a Wednesday morning in the church extension during term times and sometimes outwith. We are a friendly group and would love to see you for a coffee and some chat. Please contact Helen or Linda on 01307 850227 or 01307 850443 respectively for more information.

## Tannadice Church Events Committee

### P in the Park

Despite the inclement weather in August it stayed bright and clear for our annual outreach event "P in the Park" on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> in Jubilee Park, Tannadice. This free event is open to all in the Parish and beyond and was exceedingly well supported by Church Members, Villagers and Friends of the congregation with a large number of children also enjoying the fun.

Bill Robertson of Nashville Skyline once again entertained us with a selection of Country Western and Rock Classics.

The Roast Pig provided by the Chisnall and Murnie families was absolutely delicious; our thanks are due to them and the Congregational Board members who provided a wide choice of salads to compliment the meal.

## **Golf Outing**

The Friends of Tannadice held their annual outing to Kirriemuir on Sunday 28 August and was attended by 16 members of both churches and friends of the congregations. Sadly a number of regulars from St Andrew's were on holiday and it is hoped they will be able to attend the 2012 Outing. Only Sandra Crighton represented the ladies and it is hoped that others will come and join us next year.

It was a good golfing day, no rain, and all who attended enjoyed the afternoon and evening. Kirriemuir Golf Club Staff are to be thanked for their warm welcome and assistance and for providing high tea after the round.

Details of the major prize-winners are as follows:

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| 1. Neill Smith  | -- 39 Points |
| 2. Gavin Innes  | -- 38 Points |
| 3. Gordon Smith | -- 36 Points |
| 4. Ken Crighton | -- 35 Points |
| 5. Kenny Smart  | -- 35 Points |

The Smith family from Barnyards Farm cleared the board of the special prizes with Neill being nearest the hole at the 8<sup>th</sup> and Gordon the 16<sup>th</sup>. Gordon's mighty whack at the 18<sup>th</sup> was 40 yards ahead of his nearest challenger to win the longest drive prize.

Any member or friend of Kirriemuir St Andrew's or Tannadice Church who has not participated in previous outings should contact John Rome on 01307 850493 to have their name added to the database of interested parties.

## **Inter-Church Quiz**

The annual inter-church Quiz was held on Friday 16 September in St Andrew's Hall. One or two regulars were absent due to holidays but otherwise it was a good evening with a team from Tannadice led by Nancy Davidson coming first by a very close margin.

Thanks to Alec Rae for again acting as quiz master and to the KSA Ladies for providing tea and coffee and juice at the supper break.

## **Beetle Drive**

There was a Beetle Drive in the Extension on Friday 23 September, which was attended by 27 members and friends including a good number of children. Lorna Bruce and Ann Murrie won the major prizes and all had a good time.

## **Tannadice Quiz Evening and Dream Auction**

The Events Committee is pleased to announce that there will be a **Quiz Night in Memus Hall on Friday 18 November from 7.30pm.**

This evening is being run on behalf of the Church by Isla and David Monteith and their extended family and anyone who has attended evenings run on behalf of Kate's

Charity will know what good time is had by all.

**In addition Pat Lawson will hold an Auction of Pledges** made by members of the Congregation and this, together with a raffle, will make this our major fundraiser of the year. Full details will be announced shortly but to book a table or place please contact Isla or David to ensure your reservation.

## **PROPERTY MATTERS AT ST ANDREW'S**

At the beginning of year, some panes of glass on the windows of the church facing Glamis Road were broken. Vandals (for want of a better word) have struck again. Over the weekend of 8/9 October, some 20 small panes of glass were broken – both at the front and side of the church. The matter has been reported to the police.

It is extremely disappointing, and is yet another expense to the church's hard pressed funds. The money raised through the Gold Envelopes Appeal paid for the new heating boiler in the church hall. Drainage repairs amounting to just over £1200 have been paid too, but the need for our members' financial support is vital in maintaining the property.

*John Ray, Treasurer*

## ***JEWELLERY PARTY***

Thanks to the ladies and their friends who came along to our afternoon Jewellery Party on Wednesday 12 October and were tempted to buy. The total raised for Church Funds was £169.

*The Social Committee*



**An Extract from Tanna News  
By The Tannadice Brownies  
September 2011**

**The First Queen's Guide in Angus**

"The first Queen's Guide in Angus was from Tannadice. Our very own Isla Montieth. When Isla was young there was only scouts in Tannadice which she thinks started around 1927. Guides started in 1942 by a teacher from Dundee, Miss Jeffery. Guiding has changed somewhat over the years, foundations are the same perhaps, but uniform, technology and equipment have changed.

We interviewed Isla Montieth and Bidy Wilkie away back in March. And they told us about the different tents they used when camping up Glen Clova, Glen Esk, Glen Prosen and Ladenford. Bidy told us of a training camp she went on (she was not a guide but a guider). She was shown how to make outdoor toilets (thank goodness we Brownies don't have to use them! We camp indoors!

For Isla to gain her Queen's Guide she first had to gain certain badges, write a book about guiding and illustrate it. She also had to correspond with a penpal. She had to go to Arbroath to be interviewed with Miss Cant, the district commissioner, who tested her use of the compass and skills in retaining information. Guide Captain Miss Jeffery put forward a recommendation for Isla to become a Queen's Guide and she did! Becoming the very first Queen's Guide in Angus.

Isla and Bidy's guiding days have stayed with them and hopes the same for us Brownies. At the end of the interview the Brownies gave the traditional 'Thank you, thank you, thank you' and sang a new guiding song, sung to 'Auld Land Syne' music."

*The Brownies meet in the church extension on a Thursday.*

*Available on the website is the monthly calendar, The Link and the newly produced Parish Profile.*

*Check out [www.standrews-kirriemuir.org.uk](http://www.standrews-kirriemuir.org.uk)*

### **TIME TESTED BEAUTY TIPS**

*For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.*

*For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.*

*For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.*

*For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.*

*If you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each arm.*

*As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands,*

*One for helping yourself and one for helping others.*

### **IT'S GOOD TO TALK!!!**

*Do you talk to yourself? Do you worry that you talk to yourself? Well, don't. Apparently it is NOT the first sign of madness, but is actually very good for your brain and mental well being.*

*New studies published in Early Childhood Research Quarterly magazine have found that 'self talking' can aid concentration, help solve problems and lift depressive moods. Seventy-eight per cent of children performed simple tasks better when they spoke to themselves than when they were silent.*

*And a year-long study of 500 people found that talking to yourself ranks in the top 3 methods of coping with the stress of commuting to work – along with singing and humming to yourself. But while talking to yourself is good – be careful what you say! Don't discourage yourself or say things like: 'I can't.' 'I won't.' 'I'm not'. It doesn't help anyone – least of all you!*

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

#### St Andrew's Church

14 August - Kyle Robert S Craib

### NEW MEMBERS

#### St Andrew's Church

By resolution of the Kirk Session

Mrs Margaret Duncan, 1 Third row, Maryton

Mrs Laura Nicoll, 9 Sunnyside

Mrs Janet Welsh, 22 Middlefield Avenue

### FUNERALS

#### St Andrew's Church

Mrs June Garden, 18 Sunnyside, Kirriemuir

Mrs Anne Davidson, Finavon Court, Forfar

Mr Alexander Taylor, Lisdin Nursing Home, Kirriemuir

#### Oathlaw Tannadice

Mrs Betty Wood, 15 Southesk Road, Tannadice

And for December .....

**The Annual Christmas Quiz and Supper** will be held in the Extension of Tannadice Church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Full details will be announced in late November but it is anticipated that it will be along the successful formula of previous years.

*Please keep your contributions for the magazine coming in - and if you have enjoyed reading this one, pass it on to someone who may be interested in what is going on in our churches.*