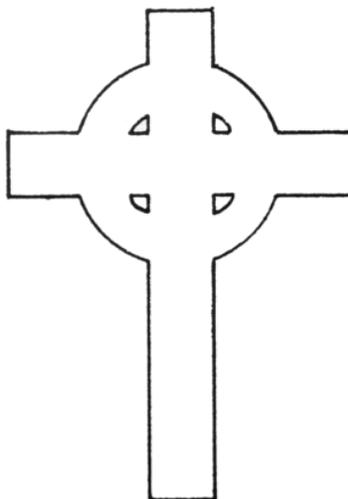


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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

October	13	11.15 am	Morning Worship
	14	2.00 pm	Guild
	16	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	19	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm	Manse open for viewing (27 Mayfield Grove)
	20	11.15 am	Morning Worship (Geoff Findlay)
	21	6.30 pm	“We are the Church” at Sleeperz
	23	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	27	11.15 am	Morning Worship (Sacrament of Holy Communion)
	28	2.00 pm	Guild
		6.30 pm	“We are the Church” at Sleeperz
	30	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
November	3	10 am	Morning Worship (followed by Big Brew Harvest Refreshments)
	6	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	7	6.30 pm	“We are the Church” at Sleeperz (Meal)
	10	10 am	Morning Worship (followed by Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am)
	11	2.00 pm	Guild
	12	7.30 pm	“We are the Church” at Sleeperz
	13	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	17	10 am	Morning Worship
	20	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	19	7.30 pm	“We are the Church” at Sleeperz
	24	10 am	Morning Worship
	25	2.00 pm	Guild
	27	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	30	TBC	Christmas Fayre followed by Celebration of St Andrew

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Death

Miss XXXXXXXXXX, Craigie House (September 2019)

GREETINGS AND NEWS FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

Let me begin with a true story. A new minister came to our church (Henderson in Kilmarnock, now known as Kay Park) when I was twelve and decided to lead the bible class which I was due to move up to. That marked the beginning of a friendship which lasted until John's death a few years ago, and I still think of him as my mentor, and the one through whose ministry I felt called, and encouraged, to offer myself for ordination.

Whatever he said, I took seriously – and he did sometimes question my youthful ideas about things, both religious and worldly, causing me to have a bit of a think. On one occasion, long before I felt any stirring of a call, he confided that he longed for his elder daughter to go into the ministry, but it would depend on the Spirit. We were sitting at the dining room table in the manse – and that was the moment when I realised that the Holy Spirit of God was a force to be reckoned with.

That young woman has not (so far) become a minister but several others from those days in Henderson have done so. There was undoubtedly something in John's preaching and prayers which led us on that path – that "something" being the power of the Spirit. So, my friends, here is a quote from Paul's Letter to the Galatians which is appropriate: "If the Spirit is the source of our life, let the Spirit also direct its course."

I still marvel, but am no longer surprised, when I find God's Spirit a few steps ahead of me. The most recent example was on Sunday at the first of our United Services with St Andrew's. By way of preparation I looked up the lectionary for 29th September and there was Jeremiah (the first half of chapter 32), following the Lord's command to buy a field at Anathoth, even though he was in prison for his faith and would never get to see his field, let alone live there in the peace and prosperity which God promised would come.

Immediately I could see the parallels with the congregations' purchase of a manse: following the rules and regulations (details of Jeremiah's legal dealings are given) and spending money on a property we will never live in, never mind that we don't yet know who will come to live in it.

Like the prophet of old, you acted in faith, and I am sure you continue to pray for the new minister.

Here is a verse that precedes the one above: “*The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness and self-control.*” (look up Galatians 5:22-26). Paul thus gives us an easy way to see the Spirit at work – in the attitudes and actions of ourselves and others.

May the Spirit be active in the lives of each one of us.

Caroline

THE GUILD

The Guild session commenced with our Dedication Service on 15th September – many thanks to the Rev. Caroline Taylor for getting us off to such a good start. The next day saw our first meeting of the new year, an Afternoon Tea and light-hearted Quiz, a very enjoyable afternoon with friends old and new. We have just had our first speaker of the session, Margaret Clarke from Malawi Fruits, a small but very effective Scottish charity whose work to support young farmers in northern Malawi, ‘Growing the Future’, is one of the national Guild’s projects for the period 2018 – 21. Margaret’s presentation was most inspiring, and we look forward to organising one of our ever-popular Soup and Pudding Lunches in the next couple of months to help raise funds for this excellent enterprise.

Irene Birse has again arranged a most interesting programme for the year, with the following speakers and activities scheduled until Christmas:

October 14th	Dundee Museum of Transport - Derek Simpson
October 28th	Iona –Rev. Caroline Taylor
November 11th	Verdant Works - Dr Richard Irvine
November 25th	Scots Afternoon - Fiddlin' Friends
December 9th	Christmas Party

Meetings take place on Mondays at 2 pm, currently in the Main Hall, but we plan to return to our ‘traditional’ venue of the Lower Hall very soon. Members of the congregation and other friends (male or female!) are always welcome, whether as potential new Guild members or occasional guests. Guild members do not have to belong to Meadowside St Paul’s, so if you know of anyone who might like to join us (and, perhaps, whose own church does not have a Guild), please bring them along.

We are also delighted to share activities with the Guild at St Andrew's Parish Church, who kindly invited us to their opening meeting and Concert Party at the start of September.

Our 'summer outing' in June stayed closer to home than in previous years, but we all enjoyed an excellent afternoon tea and happy time of fellowship at the McManus Galleries Café – fully accessible by public transport! The Guild Annual Gathering was held in the Caird Hall on the 7th September, with MSP members attending, stewarding and again providing lunch-time refreshments for delegates in our Halls. A report on the event will follow in a future magazine.

Do take a look at the Guild noticeboard in the Main Hall for information about local and national Guild activities and projects.



HARVEST 2019

This year we are celebrating two Harvests – from **Auchterhouse** to **Africa**! In September we welcomed Mr Andrew Barr who spoke to us about his life and work as a dairy farmer at Auchterhouse. The rolling hills and green pastures, ideal for keeping dairy cattle may sound idyllic – but the work is hard, rising at 5:30 every morning, summer and winter, to ensure that the milk and other produce are on supermarket shelves every day.

Quite a contrast to the old joke about young city dwellers who think that milk comes, not from the cow, but directly from **Tesco**.

However as Mr Barr himself said, his reward was doing a job he loved and getting satisfaction and contentment from it. Worth a lot in the 21st century.

Harvest Time is close to our hearts at MSP as we celebrate and give thanks for the fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy produce that we are sometimes inclined to take for granted.

Our second Harvest Event is to take place in November. Traidcraft Exchange (previously Fairtrade) have suggested that people hold a "**Big Brew Harvest Event**".

Being a farmer in Africa can be extremely difficult due to drought , famine and lack of resources.

Some farmers in Kenya are growing an exotic vegetable – potatoes! (in our minds, maybe a rather humble vegetable). We hear the story of Misheck, Lucy and their family. They have chosen to focus on potatoes because they farm in a very dry area, and potatoes do not need as much water as other vegetables. Let’s give them all the help we can for a successful harvest, enabling them to earn a fair wage for the work they do.

After the Service at 10:00am on 3rd November, we will be hosting **Big Brew Harvest Refreshments** in the hall. Extra special goodies and home baking will be on offer. There will also be a competition - “what to do with potatoes” plus a quiz – not just for the young ones, but grown-ups too. Also a small table with Fairtrade items for sale.

Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship, but let us not forget the reason behind this day; give generously and pray that this project will help alleviate the pain and suffering endured at this time of world need.

Thank you for caring.

MC

“The fields of the poor may produce an abundant harvest, but injustice sweeps it away.”

Proverbs 15v23

SCOUT GROUP

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have restarted, and have already taken part in a joint camp with other Groups. They meet on Thursday evenings and new members, boys and girls aged 6years and above, are always welcome.

THANKS

Thanks are due to all who helped to decorate the chancel and pews for the Harvest Festival on 22 September. Also thanks to those who distributed gifts of fruit and flowers following the service.

THE V&A DUNDEE

She looks like a boat
Anchored in the Tay
Our surreal icon
Harvesting the dream

Her stunning facade
Inspired by that natural cladding
Hugging the frontage
Of a Scottish cliff face

Allows doyens of design
First bragging rights in a
Resurrected waterfront

Those magic acres
Painted green and grey

Hauling Cinderella
City once fogged
By smoky high stacks

Out of these shadowlands
To sing Orion's song
On a Global stage.



LINKAGE NEWS

Presbytery has extended by one year (from 11th September, the date of the meeting) our “Permission to Call” (a minister). This was granted in light of the fact that we only acquired a manse in April.

Parish Profile

The new, unified parish profile has been completed and approved by both Kirk Sessions. (Originally each congregation had its own profile but the recommendation from the Ministries Council is that linked charges should compile a single document.) The updated profile reflects the progress made with regard to members of both congregations coming together for e.g. worship, discussion and social events. Please do read it, via the Meadowside St Paul’s website – or, even better, the St Andrew’s website so that you can see what your “other half” are about. If you don’t have internet access yourself, I’m sure you know someone who does.

The manse

The house at 27 Mayfield Grove will be open for viewing at various times over the coming weeks. It belongs to both congregations and members are invited to go and view it.

City Centre Chaplaincy

Following discussion at both Kirk Sessions, I met with Geoff Findlay, City Centre Chaplain, to hear more about his work, which actually extends beyond the retail area to such places as Dundee Airport. Geoff is Pastor of an independent church in Whitfield and has agreed to come and speak about his work during the services on Sunday 20 October. There is always a need for voluntary chaplains – training is given – so please mark this date in your diary if you would like to find out more.

We are the Church

5 more evenings have been booked at Sleeperz Hotel:

Bible study - Monday 21 October at 6.30 pm

Discipleship - Monday 28 October at 6.30 pm

Meal together - Thursday 7 November at 6.30 pm

Westminster Confession of Faith - Tuesday 12 November at 7.30 pm (led by St Andrew's recently ordained elder, Dr Kenneth Baxter)
Communion - Tuesday 19 November at 7.30 pm

These evenings are open to all but please book a place for one or more of them, as space in the meeting room is limited.

St Andrew's Day

This year St Andrew's Day falls on a Saturday and is the day immediately preceding the first Sunday in Advent. As you probably know, there is a St Andrew's congregation among the antecedents of Meadowside St Paul's, thus providing a link between the two components of the present charge. For these reasons, the Nominating Committee has decided to organise an event to take place during the afternoon of 30th November, incorporating aspects of St Andrew and Advent, and a small group will take this forward in the first instance. More details will follow in due course, but please put the date in your diary now.

Valentines Smiles

This was the name of our Valentine's Day joint event with St Andrew's and students from the University of Dundee School of Dentistry, when we collected, and gave away, toothbrushes and toothpaste to those who couldn't afford them. I've been in touch with Professor Peter Mossey and am pleased to report that he and his team of "Toothy Tigers" would like to develop this initiative and further our collaboration. Once term is further underway, a meeting will be arranged and it is hoped that an elder from each of the two congregations will also attend. (Anne Barrowman will attend from St Andrew's. Once a date is arranged, I will "find" an elder from Meadowside St Paul's.)

Christmas Eve

Conversation over the summer with folk in St Andrew's revealed a longing to have a Watchnight Service, so this will take place in the church at 11.30 pm. For those who like to get to bed a bit earlier, there will be a family service at 6.30 pm in Meadowside St Paul's. These will be united services and open to all.

I should like to thank those in both congregations who have made these things possible, and I'm delighted to see these varied examples of collaboration.

Rev. Caroline Taylor

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

We are indebted to the following for provision of flowers from August to October:

August	4	[REDACTED]
	11	[REDACTED]
	18	[REDACTED]
	25	[REDACTED]
September	1	[REDACTED]
	8	Flower Fund - in memory of [REDACTED]
	15	[REDACTED]
	22	Harvest Festival
	29	(Joint Service in St Andrew's)
October	6	[REDACTED]
	13	[REDACTED] - in memory of [REDACTED]
	20	[REDACTED]
	27	[REDACTED]

If anyone who does not already donate to the Fund would like to do so, please contact Morag Stalker (tel.202044) or speak to any member of the Flower Committee. The Committee are always grateful to hear suggestions of who might receive flowers after the service on a particular Sunday, or to have help with delivering these.

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SUNDAY CLUB

Since the start of the new session, we have been working through the “Try Praying” book for children, one of many resources from the “Try Praying” organisation. The theme of the book is that we can pray **Anytime, Anyhow, Anywhere**, which is relevant to older and younger people alike. By coincidence the main characters are called Jack, Ollie, and Ruby. Two of our members are Jack and Oliver, while another member Kirsty, has a good friend called Ruby! This has made the book even more fun.

In addition we celebrated Harvest Festival, and attended the United Service at St Andrews where we worked with members of St Andrews to make cut-out animals for a Noah's Ark frieze.

We enjoy Caroline and Tim's talks and look forward to a varied programme of activities in the hall each Sunday.

New members and visiting children and young people are always welcome to join us.

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