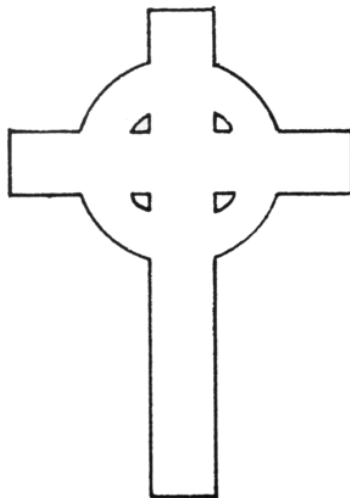


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## CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

June	10	11 am	Morning Worship
	13	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	17	11 am	Morning Worship
	20	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	24	11 am	Morning Worship - Holy Communion
	27	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
July	1	10 am	Morning Worship (note change of time)
	4	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	8	10 am	Morning Worship
	11	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	15	10 am	Morning Worship
	18	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	22	10 am	Morning Worship
	25	12 noon - 1.30 pm	Church open for prayer
	29	10 am	Morning Worship
August	5	10 am	Morning Worship

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Death

### SYMPATHIES

All of us would wish to record our sympathies to our Beadle, Brian Millar, who lost his son so tragically and unexpectedly early in May. We, as Brian's MSP family, send our love, support and prayers to him and his family as they come to terms with this loss.

## FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

Dear Friends,

How often have you heard your own name being called out by someone? Suddenly you turn round, only to discover that you're name is shared by others. Or maybe you've called out someone's name yourself, a friend further along the street, recognised from behind perhaps.

Well, our Old Testament lectionary readings for June begin with 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and someone calling out in the night, "Samuel!, Samuel!" At first the boy Samuel assumed that it must be old Eli calling him, but eventually Eli realises that it was the Lord, so he instructs the boy to reply, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Does God speak to us in that kind of way? And if he does, do we respond with our own equivalent of "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" ? We may not actually hear our name being spoken in the night, but I believe that God does call us and speak to us.

Many years ago, when I was being considered as a potential candidate for Ministry, I had to present a children's talk as part of the assessment process. I began with a stuffed hedgehog which, like the subject of the Monty Python dead parrot sketch, looked alive but turned out to be a thoroughly deceased hedgehog.

What was the point of that hedgehog? Well, I had also brought along a Bible. It was a beautiful looking, pristine, Authorised Version, leather-bound Bible, and the edges of its pages were covered in gold leaf, so that they were difficult to separate. Once separated they would have been fine, but this bible had sat on a shelf for many years and so had never been opened and used.

I then compared it to a bible which had belonged to Mary Slessor, the Dundee missionary to Nigeria. Her Bible was quite different. Its pages were well worn, and all of them were covered in hand-written notes, recording Mary's thoughts as she read and reread them. Hers was a living bible, unlike the dead bible which had sat pristine and unused on a shelf for many years. Not only that — her Bible had inspired her to act, to educate herself, and to respond to the call of the Gospel to go to all peoples everywhere, to teach them and make them disciples of Jesus. God spoke to her through her Bible.

Many years later, I became one of those assessing potential candidates for ministry, and I met many people who have sensed God's call, people who have been willing to give up successful careers, to uproot themselves and their families, to spend years studying, and to take considerable financial risks, just because somehow they have sensed the voice of God calling them by name. Who knows, one of them may end up applying for Meadowside St Paul's and St Andrew's. But, more to the point, all of them were people like yourselves, ordinary members of congregations who were listening for God and who were prepared to answer, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." Of course, God doesn't call everyone to ministry. He may simply point you to tasks needing done where you are, or to people needing your help and support. The question is, are you listening and prepared to respond?

During June, Lewis Rose will step down as locum. As Interim Moderator, I am extremely grateful for his work with Meadowside St Paul's before and after the linkage, and I know that he has been greatly appreciated, both within the church and in the wider parish. All of us owe him a debt of gratitude, and I'm sure you would want to join me in wishing him well for the future.

Also, at the end of June, I will hand over to Rev Caroline Taylor as Interim Moderator. It has been a privilege to serve you in this way, and I know that Caroline will serve you well until a new minister is eventually inducted. In the meantime, you remain in my thoughts and prayers, and as a member of Presbytery, I look forward to attending an induction in due course.

Your Interim Moderator,

Rev David A Collins

### **A SCRIPTURE READING - SAMUEL 3: 1-10**

In those days, when the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under the direction of Eli, there were very few messages from the Lord, and visions from him were quite rare. One night Eli, who was now almost blind, was sleeping in his own room; Samuel was sleeping in the sanctuary, where the sacred Covenant Box was.

Before dawn, while the lamp was still burning, the Lord called Samuel.

He answered, "Yes, sir!" and ran to Eli and said, "You called me, and here I am." But Eli answered, "I didn't call you; go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed.

The Lord called Samuel again. The boy did not know that it was the Lord, because the Lord had never spoken to him before. So he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am."

But Eli answered, "My son, I didn't call you; go back to bed."

The Lord called Samuel a third time; he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am."

Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, so he said to him, "Go back to bed; and if he calls you again, say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed.

The Lord came and stood there, and called as he had before, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak; your servant is listening."

## **MAY WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE VOICE OF GOD**

Holy God,  
you search us out  
and know us better than we know ourselves.  
As Samuel looked to Eli  
for help to discern your voice,  
and as the disciples looked to Jesus  
for your wisdom on the Sabbath,  
so raise up in our day faithful servants  
who will speak your word to us  
with clarity and grace,  
with justice and true compassion.  
We pray through Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

## FROM OUR LOCUM

My friends,

In my previous job as an Airport Chaplain, along with my colleagues, one of the most common things that we experienced in our airports was that of being and working in a building site. Similarly, life can be like a building site experience which enables us to keep moving on, but who or what do we build on?

I am sure we are familiar with what could be termed the most popular form of construction that has been invented by man and that is LEGO. It out-builds all the construction firms in the world and it is termed as a children's toy. If you were to build a column of about 40,000,000,000 LEGO bricks it would reach the moon. There are 915 million ways to combine six LEGO bricks and laid end to end, the number of LEGO bricks would reach more than five times around the world.

As people of faith and members of the Church we are continually in the construction business and maybe as great as the LEGO Company only in a way of building relationships.

One of the verses in one of my favourite hymns which was sung at the service for the dedication of the new Scottish Parliament and its building goes like this:

*“Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts can learn to forgive; built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: **All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place.**”*

I would say that this is part of our role as God's ambassadors here on earth, God welcomes all sorts and we loiter and move around our communities we create a place where all sorts people feel welcome, valued and appreciated for who and what they are. These times can be a stressful.

I cannot let this letter go by without saying something about the soccer World Cup which will be starting in a few weeks where all nations are represented by teams and fans travelling to Russia.

Each one hoping that they as a team or fan will have a victory to celebrate with the winning of the cup. Players hoping that they do well, and fans convinced that their team will also play well.

As we build relationships, let us use what the word LEGO means which is PLAY WELL and if we do that then we will *“build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known. Where the outcast and stranger bear the image of God’s face; let us bring an end to fear and danger.” Where all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

I would also like to say that during my time here at Meadowside St. Paul’s we have all shared something of my favourite hymn and helped to build a house together, I have enjoyed our chats and conversations, made many new friends and so I wish everyone at Meadowside St Paul’s the very best of wishes as you become builders of the new house which you will build in partnership with others on the shoulders of the saints who have gone before you.

Lewis

## **CHRISTIAN AID ‘BIG BREKKIE’ BRUNCH**

The main hall was abuzz with good fellowship – and the sizzling of bacon - after the morning service on 20th May, when friends from the Steeple, St Andrew’s and Gilfillan Churches joined Meadowside St Paul’s members for a ‘Big Brekkie’ brunch to support Christian Aid. Bacon rolls, pastries, fruit, yoghurts, freshly baked scones and muffins all went down well, and to ensure that everyone knew the reason for the event, balloons, information cards and ‘Daily Bread’ newssheets decorated the hall and tables.

A total of £385 was raised through donations, and thanks to those who were able to ‘Gift Aid’ their contributions, Christian Aid will be able to reclaim a further £45 in tax. Training one builder to construct much-needed houses in Haiti costs £210, so the total proceeds of £430 will fund two!

A big thank-you to all who attended and donated so generously, and also to those who helped make the event such a success - setting up the hall, buying, preparing and serving the food and drink, and of course clearing up afterwards! Tesco also contributed some of the baked goods, for which we were most grateful.

This was a joint venture between the Steeple Church and Meadowside St Paul's, and it was a pleasure to work with Nardia Whisson, Alex and others in such a good cause.

Morag Stalker

## **AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENT ROTA**

### **NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED PLEASE!**

10th & 17th June	Team 3	Mrs Ingram
24th June & 1st July	Team 4	Mrs Ross
8th & 15th July	Team 5	Miss Ireland and Mrs Steinson
22nd & 29th July	Team 1	Mrs Hutton and Mrs Mudie
5th & 12th August	Team 2	Mr Ross
19th & 26th August	Team 3	Mrs Ingram
2nd & 9th Sept	Team 4	Mr and Mrs Hazel
16th & 23rd Sept	Team 5	Mrs Ross
30th Sept & 7th Oct	Team 6	Miss Ireland and Mrs Steinson

Could volunteers let please let me know if they are unable to do any of these dates.

Jan Ireland (██████)

## **SUNSHINE DRIVE**

This year's Sunshine Drive took place on Monday 28 May. Volunteer drivers each took their passengers on run in the countryside, before all meeting for refreshments at the Birkhill Inn. The sun shone very well this year and the trips ranged from the Top of the Law, to Cupar in Fife, with various points between. All enjoyed the sunshine and fellowship. Thanks are due to all who contributed to the success of the evening – Drivers, Caring Committee, and staff at Birkhill Inn.



## **TRIBUTE TO MORAG MacKENZIE**

The congregation was saddened earlier this year to lose Morag so suddenly. Morag (and her late mother, Mrs McLeod) had been stalwarts of the church since the days of St George's Church.

Morag brought sunshine around the church, and leaves behind a huge gap in our congregational life. She was always working, but more importantly she was always smiling – those talents do not always come together in one person, but in her they did. We have lost not only a loyal and devoted Elder, Hospitality Convener, Guild Committee Member and former Sunday School Teacher, but a much loved, and loving friend.

Our thoughts, prayer and support continue to be with Paul as we share in his loss.

Margaret Adamson

## **CONNECTIONS CAFÉ**

Connections Café, which started in February this year is a joint venture between St Andrews, MSP, the Steeple and we hope, in due course, St Mary's - the four churches in the City Centre Cluster.

The café's aims are:

- to meet a recognised need to provide a safe friendly space for 'New Scots' and others to meet to make friends and practice speaking English.
- to reflect an understanding of hospitality which mirrors the welcome of God in Jesus Christ

Since the project began, many are the nationalities and age groups that have been catered for, and many friendships formed. If you are able to pop in at any point (between 10 and 12 on a Monday morning) then you will be made very welcome.

Over the summer months, the café will be held in the Steeple Church to avoid any potential clashes with our heating works.

## **FLOWERS IN CHURCH**

We are indebted to the following for provision of flowers from May to July.

May	6	The Dorcas Society
	13	Mr G. Morris
	20	Mrs M. Ingram
	27	Flower Fund
June	3	Mr Earl Scott
	10	Margaret Adamson, in memory of Iain & Robin Adamson
	17	Flower Fund
	24	Mr B Millar
July	1	Miss I. Birse
	8	Mrs I. Miller
	15	Flower Fund
	22	Mr & Mrs E. Hughes
	29	Flower Fund

If you do not already donate to the Flower Fund, but would like to do so, please contact Morag Stalker (tel. [REDACTED]) or speak to any member of the Flower Committee. The Committee are always grateful to hear suggestions of anyone who might appreciate receiving flowers after the service, or to have help with delivering these.

Morag Stalker

## **SUNDAY CLUB**

Since Easter, the Sunday Club has been learning about Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost, when the Power Holy Spirit came down to the Disciples like wind and fire. We made paper helicopters which flew spectacularly from the staircase in the hall. The next few weeks will be spent learning about Joshua.

We plan to have an outing, possibly to Broughty Ferry or Camperdown, on Sunday 1 July. As the Service should be over shortly after 11am, this should allow time to have a picnic lunch, followed by fun outdoors, weather permitting.

It has been good to see Chloe, Kaya and Oscar at Sunday Club, and new members are always welcome.

## SONG OF THE WHALE

Sonar booms in the dark blue sea  
I hear the beluga calling me  
through the tempest, storm and gale  
I hear the haunting song of the whale

Large grey humpback blowing free  
diving and rising in the surging sea  
from Arctic wastes and sunset pale  
I hear the haunting song of the whale

Lord and master of the deep  
the portals of Neptune's kingdom keep  
thrashing asunder from head to tail  
I hear the haunting sing of the whale

Entombed in oceans wide and deep  
by man his filthy lucre reap  
as hunters seek their Holy Grail  
I hear no more the song of the whale.

Jim Adams

## FAREWELL TO LEWIS!

It hardly seems like two years since Lewis has been with us as Locum - but in fact his first Sunday with us was 28 May 2016. Since then, we've enjoyed his leading of worship Sunday by Sunday, his pastoral support., and his guidance over these early days of our linkage with St Andrews. It goes without saying that we are sad to see Lewis go - amongst the saddest will be the children who will miss not knowing what surprise he is going to produce from under the lectern each week!

We thank Lewis for his warmth, kindness and friendship, wish him & Joyce a long and happy second retirement, and hope that he will never be a stranger at Meadowside St. Paul's. Every blessing to you Lewis in this next stage of life!

Margaret Adamson

## **THE GUILD**

With regular meetings finished for the session, members and friends are looking forward to their Summer Outing to Glendoick Garden Centre on Monday 11 June.

Programme plans for Session 2018 – 2019 are well underway.

Over a 3 year period, the Guild works on 6 projects, doing 2 each year, and these will be part of the Guild's programme. During Session 2018 – 2019, the projects will be Seema's Project in Pune, India, which aims to build a hostel for women who have been involved in the sex industry and a home for children of the women, and the Sailors' Society which provides Chaplains to work in seaports in Britain.

The Guild will also hear about Project Linus, a nationwide charity which makes patchwork quilts and knitted blankets for sick, disabled or disadvantaged children.

If this seems rather serious, a lighter note is hit with Alistair Fiddes who will present a slide show with musical accompaniment and Morag Stalker invites everyone on a Road Trip through California on screen. In addition St Andrew's Guild have invited Meadowside St Pauls' Guild to join them on 4 December for a Christmas Party.

The Guild meets in the Lower Hall at 2pm, fortnightly on Mondays. The first meeting of the new session is on Monday 17 September. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Irene Birse or Morag Stalker.

## **FUNDRAISING & CHRISTIAN LIBERALITY**

“Mony a mickle maks a muckle”, “Every little helps”, “Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves”. Different ways of the saying the same thing. We can all help, no matter whether it is in a small way, or in a greater combined effort.

Christian Liberty in the form of regular giving to church funds has shown a decrease over the first 5 months of 2018, compared with the same period in 2017. Regular income is necessary for the church to fulfil its mission to the congregation and to the wider community.

Let us try to improve this situation for the remainder of the year. Below are some ideas, some of which will seem obvious, but still worth repeating:

- Weekly Freewill Offering envelopes are useful to remind us to give regularly. Fill them for each week, even if you unable to attend.
- If you are a tax-payer, you can increase your giving by the simple act of completing a gift aid form. This can be done for individual donations as well as for regular giving such as WFO envelopes.
- Fill up bottles or Smartie Tubes with your loose change.
- Seek out any old £1 coins, £5 notes or £10 notes which are no longer legal tender. These will still be accepted by the banks.
- Have a garage sale of items which you no longer need.
- Arrange a fundraising event, for example, a coffee morning, beetle drive, sponsored walk, quiz.
- Enter a crossword competition and donate your prize to Church Funds.

These are just a few suggestions – please contact the Board Clerk or Session Clerk if you have any ideas to maximise our income.

## **SCOUT GROUP - BEAVERS, CUBS & SCOUTS**

The past few months have been very active, with a wide variety of activities being undertaken by all sections. In March 2 Scouts and 2 Young Leaders took part in the Gang Show, and the rest of the Group greatly enjoyed attending a performance.

Since then, the Group had an evening at the Climbing Wall at Avertical World. A visit to the Police Station in Bell Street gave the opportunity to view the City Centre via the CCTV cameras. Two people were seen acting suspiciously around the Church Hall – but it was nothing to worry about, just two elders attending a meeting!

The Scouts attended a camp at Tannadice along with 16 Patrols from other groups Dundee and Angus. This was the Angus Scout Campsite near Forfar, not Tannadice Football Ground! Cubs and Beavers were under canvas at a Joint Camp of around 200 campers at the Dundee Scout Campsite at Douglaswood.

By the end of the session Jayden and Oliver will have completed their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award for Beavers, while Tammy will have completed the Chief Scout's Gold Award, the highest award for Scouts.

The Scouts are planning an overnight “Urban Adventure” in Edinburgh, where they and members of 22nd Fintry, will visit Harry Potter sites, a trampoline centre and Edinburgh Zoo.

The whole group will have an evening at Broughty Ferry, weather permitting, and the last meeting of the session, on Thursday 28 June, is to be a Fundraising Evening to which all are invited. Look out for more information.

And this is all in addition to the “usual weekly stuff” such as working for badges for bookreading, hobbies and chefs.

Thanks are due to Fiona Smith, Group Leader, and all her team of Leaders and helpers.

The new session will start at the end of August and new members, boys and girls aged 6years and over, will be most welcome.

**A HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAY TO ALL OUR READERS!**



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Dear Mrs Chisholm

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Your donation will fund projects in Kenya, Senegal and Bangladesh teaching people the skills they need to get more out of their hard work, helping entrepreneurs like Kashara, a farmer who took part in our projects in Kenya, come together to access training, learn business skills and negotiate better prices.

*"Farming is much better as a business. Our parents farmed simply to eat, but farming gives us a good position to plan for new things. If you are employed by someone else, you have no freedom to plan."*

Thank you so much for your generous gift and your ongoing commitment. Your support means we can work with even more hidden entrepreneurs across the world, making double the difference and helping them to turn their potential into profit.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Thompson  
Trust Fundraising Manager

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