

Flower Lists



September

7th Mrs A Bell
14th Mrs A Stainbank
& Mrs E Small
21st Mrs M Griffiths
28th Mrs M McClure

October

Sheila McCubbing &
Sheila Skinner
5th Mrs I McKay
12th Mrs M Purves
19th Mrs L McLean
26th Mrs J Lunn

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms *The Lord bless you and keep you*

10 August Lily Rose Leslie, Glenorchy Road

Funerals *We give thanks for the life and service of*

9 July Margaret Lorimer, Craigleith View

1 August Gladys Gibson, Astley House

1 August Sheila Luxon, Duff Court

5 August Annie Harper, Pattle Court

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glass doors of Abbey Church.*



Abbey Church News SEPTEMBER 2014

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Everyone is welcome

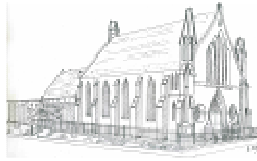
Sunday Morning Worship
at 10.30am.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service
28 September at 10.30am

Special service to celebrate
25th Anniversary of linkage
with Dirleton Kirk,
5th October at 10.30am
includes celebration of Communion

Our Evening Services
resume on 5 October
at 6pm

Come along



Dear Friends,

Twenty-five years is a long time. A quarter of a century. Is it also approximately what we call a generation? It's certainly a period of time worth celebrating, and for example is the first 'big' anniversary of a marriage, which is usually marked by silver. In October 1989, there was a significant 'marriage' between the congregations of Dirleton and Abbey, when the two charges were linked together. In practical terms, this has meant sharing a Ministry (first Rev Milton Cashman, then myself). But I hope it has meant much more than just that, with a shared vision and mission in our parishes.

This 'silver anniversary' is worth celebrating! As the minister, I believe that we have two great congregations, and two teams of people who work well together. We have inherited a good foundation from our predecessors, and we also have vision and energy for God's kingdom in the future.

On **Sunday October 5th**, we're holding a special joint service to mark this anniversary. The original service of linkage was also on the first Sunday of October. At that time it was held in Dirleton; this time we will gather in Abbey, at their usual time of 10.30am. I'm delighted that the Presbytery Moderator, Revd Sandy Horsburgh (from Dalkeith St Nicholas Buccleuch) will preach the sermon, the service will include communion, and will be followed by refreshments in the church halls.

Please join us then, as we celebrate and look to the future together. And pass on the invitation to others too. Perhaps friends, neighbours or family members who don't often get the chance to come may also like to join us in giving thanks.

Your minister,

David

PRAYER TIME FOR SEPTEMBER



Dear Friends in Christ,

As Autumn comes upon us, let us be thankful for the wonderful times we had during the summer - let's pray!

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Help us to show our thanksgiving by living our lives in ways pleasing to you. May we help others who don't know you yet, to open their hearts to Jesus. Bless all the children and young adults who will be back at schools, colleges and universities. May they enjoy learning and show respect to their teachers. And bless those looking for work.

Lord, we pray for good weather to allow farmers to gather in their crops. We remember those whose fields were flooded recently.

We rejoice when thinking back to the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this summer. What a great atmosphere - everywhere. Bless all who helped things to go smoothly. What an inspiration those athletes are! Let's hope they inspire many to get involved with sport. Thank you Lord.

We pray for guidance for all taking part in the Referendum for Independence on 18 September.

Lord, many of us dread listening, reading or watching the news these days. The horrors of war. Father bless all whose lives are affected, especially the people attacked because of their faith. Have mercy O Lord - let peace come to this world of yours.

In Jesus precious name

Amen

Betty Hawthorn (Prayer Secretary)

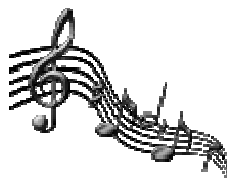
Jam Fest and Coffee - 27 Sept

Saturday 27 Sept from 10am to 12 noon at the North Berwick Day Centre. Come along and select your favourite preserve, and support the new bus appeal. £2 for coffee and scones. *Scottish Charity no. SC028007*



An Evening of Music with Peter Foggitt, 19 Sept

Friday 19 Sept at 7.30pm to 9pm in The Town House, Haddington. Tickets £10, refreshments available. Evening includes Haydn, Beethoven, Bach and Chopin. Proceeds in aid of CrossReach Counselling Lothians, *Scottish Charity No SC011353*



Lammermuir Festival 2014

Steven Osborne plays Messiaen, 2.30pm on 20th September 2014 in Abbey Church. "Any performance of Messiaen's meditation on the childhood of Christ is a special event. But when the pianist is Steven Osbornethe event becomes unmissable." Tickets £15
<http://www.lammermuirfestival.co.uk/event/steven-osborne-plays-messiaen>

Also - at 11am on 13 September in Dirleton Kirk, Heath Quartet I, Beethoven String Quartet in F minor Op 95 Serioso; Bartók String Quartet No 3; Schumann Piano Quintet in E flat. Tickets £15
<http://www.lammermuirfestival.co.uk/event/heath-quartet>
Scottish Charity No. SCO 15250

Sunday Services



28th September is Harvest. We are collecting for the new school in Nimbong, North India, to provide for catering equipment for the children's school meals. Starting in September, join us in a year-long journey through the Bible and faith: *'We make the road by walking'*. Alternating between our morning and evening services, there will be Bible readings used in Church, at Bible Study and House Groups, and for personal devotion. A book to accompany this is available (and can be bought for about £10). The weekly readings for the next two months are:
7th September: Genesis 1:1-2:3; Psalm 19:1-4; Matthew 6:25-34
14th September: Genesis 2:4-25; Psalm 8; Mark 3:1-6
21st September: Psalm 145:1-16; Proverbs 8:1-36; John 1:1-17
28th September: Genesis 3:1-13; Psalm 32; Philippians 2:3-11
5th October: Genesis 4:1-17; 6:5-8; 7:1-5; 8:1; 9:7-17; Psalm 51; James 4:1-8
12th October: Genesis 12:1-9; Galatians 3:6-9; Mark 11:15-19
19th October: Genesis 18:9-33; 22:1-14; Micah 6:6-8; Acts 18:19-34
26th October: Genesis 32:22-33:11; 50:15-21; Matthew 25:31-40; Luke 10:25-37



Pastoral Note:

If you know someone would like a visit while in hospital, please pass on the ward number to the Minister. Hospitals are not allowed to give out ward numbers, even to ministers! Thank you.

Harvest Sunday - 28 September

If you've been collecting coins in a jam jar for our Harvest Appeal - please bring it along with you on Sunday 28 September. This year our Harvest Appeal will benefit the new school in Nimbong, North India by providing for catering equipment and school meals. The photograph shows the new school in progress.



Also, gifts of flowering pot plants would be welcomed - which are given out to some members of our congregation at Harvest. These are always much appreciated. Please help if you can. Thank you.

SUNDAY TEAS ROTA



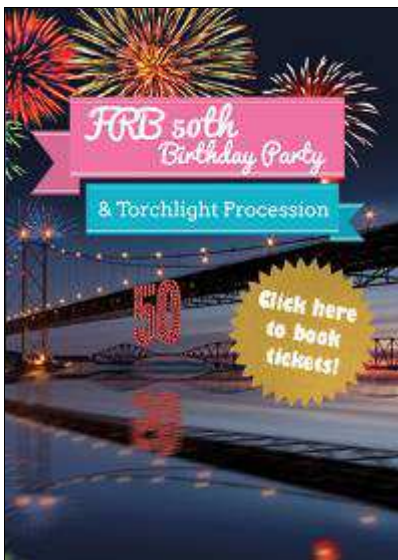
	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
24 Aug	Liz Harrison & Sadie Young	No Evening Service
31 Aug	Sarah Kerr	No Evening Service
7 Sept	Catherine Andrew & Jasmine Reavely	No Evening Service
14 Sept	Helen Mackenzie & Fiona Gibson	No Evening Service
21 Sept	Isobel Hardie & Dorothy Kirkpatrick	No Evening Service
28 Sept	Ann Gardner & Sheila McCubbing	No Evening Service
5 Oct	Ann & Richard Bell	tba
12 Oct	Mary Graham & Sheila Skinner	tba

International Day of Prayer for Peace - 21 September

Each year on 21 Sept the World Council of Churches calls churches and parishes to observe the International Day of Prayer for Peace. 21 September is also the United Nations sponsored International Day of Peace.

"Visions & Dreams of Building Peace" is the theme adopted for Peace Day 2014. The Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum of the WCC invites member churches, faith-based communities, and civil society organizations to observe a [World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/international-day-of-prayer-for-peace), starting on 21 September 2014. The theme of the week is: "Let my people go!" <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/international-day-of-prayer-for-peace>





Forth Road Bridge at 50!

Do you know anyone celebrating their 50th birthday this year? If so - they share this event with the Forth Road Bridge which opened in 1964. (Please see website for details of the party, torchlight procession etc at the Bridge on Saturday 13 Sept.)

<https://www.forthroadbridge.org/bridgeparty>

Did you know.....?

In 1130, Pilgrims regularly travelled north to St Andrews to worship at the site of the saint's relics. To assist in their pilgrimage, the church established a regular ferry service to allow speedy passage across the Firth of Forth.

A report dated 15 May, 1811 indicates the volume of traffic using the ferry over the course of the preceding year. In the space of 12 months, more than 83,000 people, almost 6,000 carts and carriages and over 44,000 animals risked a drenching (even death) by taking to the treacherous waters on the boats.

The Firth of Forth is bridged for the first time in 1890, providing an alternative means of travel to the ferries that had traversed the waters for centuries.

'Guid Passage' was the motto given the Forth Road Bridge at its opening in 1964. Today, it provides a safe crossing for more than 24 million vehicles each year.

The Forth Road Bridge is 2.5km in length, and the main span is 1006 metres

39000 tonnes of steel, and 125,000 cubic metres of concrete was used in its construction

<https://www.forthroadbridge.org/home>

Linkage of Abbey & Dirlerton Congregations

The beginning of October marks the 25th anniversary of the linkage of Dirlerton and Abbey congregations, and a special service is being held to celebrate this. On **Sunday 5th October**, we will hold a joint morning service in the Abbey Church at 10.30am. This will include the celebration of Communion, and the next Presbytery Moderator, Rev Sandy Horsburgh (from Dalkeith St Nicholas Buccleuch) will preach the sermon. The service will be followed by a finger buffet and refreshments in the church halls. All welcome.

Communion Services

The September Communion Service has been postponed to **Sunday 5th October** at 10.30am as usual. This is the joint service with Dirlerton to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the linkage (see above).

When our Evening Services resume in October, the last Sunday evening of the month will include Communion.

Sally Penman

Meeting for prayer - Sundays at 10am

On Sunday mornings, prior to Morning Worship, there is a short gathering for prayer in Abbey New Hall - from 10am to 10.15am. Please come along. All welcome.



Your next Abbey newsletter

Abbey Newsletters are issued on the last Sunday of September. Articles need to be submitted a fortnight before the publication date. (Issue date of 28 September - articles by 14 September please. Thank you.)

Thank you

I would like to thank our minister, David Graham, and all who expressed good wishes, gave cards or gifts marking my 90th birthday. I greatly appreciate your kindness and love. Thank you!

Psalm 95 verse 1

David W Torrance

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation

Hall Chairs - Thank you

We've replaced the chairs in the Old Hall, and some of the chairs previously there (41 in all) were gifted to Tipereth - a Camphill residential and day service for adults with a learning disability. This gives men and women the chance to realise their full potential. "Donald has gone there 3 days a week for over 20 years. He has made amazing progress with them. So, we thank you for this lovely gift." *Tom & Pat Scott*

Summer Afternoon Teas

Once again the afternoon teas held in the new hall on Sundays in July were most enjoyable and successful. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation, baking, serving, washing up and tidying up. Also to those who came along to enjoy the delicious cakes etc and meet up with friends. Lots of regulars and visitors come to support us and also St. Baldreds church who use Abbey hall in August for their Summer Teas. Fortunately we were blessed with good weather and we made a splendid total of £905.00 over 4 Sundays. The money will go to local and church charities, (to be decided at the next Kirk Session meeting). *Dorothy Kirkpatrick*



REGAL Once again we have had a wonderful summer and whilst sunbathing and watching the weeds grow, I took the opportunity to plan the Regal syllabus for the 2014/15 season. We start off on Thursday, **9th October** with a talk by David McAdam on "Rotary through Stamps". Rotary is a well respected international organisation and this is acknowledged throughout the world by the issue of stamps that recognise the good works accomplished by Rotary. David will provide us with interesting facts about the different Rotary stamps.

13 November - Malcolm Baker's talk on prison life will give us an insight into life behind bars. Malcolm's knowledge comes from being a voluntary worker in the service and he will give us an excellent insight on "Working with the Prison Service".

As the festive season approaches David Graham will bring us some cheery and happy stories about "Christmas Carols in story & song" - **11 Dec**. David will be accompanied by a well known local and popular singer. On Thursday, **8 January** John Guy will transport us to New Zealand and tell us about his time working in that part of the world. In the middle of our winter, it will be a wonderful period of escapism to imagine the sun, sailing, etc. When we are on holiday we usually send a few postcards to relatives and friends. We give little thought to the history of postcards and the story behind them. On **12 February** Gareth Burgess will provide us with an insight into the history of postcards and how the idea first originated. Gareth's talk will be illustrated with old postcards of this area.

After our winter meetings we sit down to a soup and sandwich lunch. A plate is then passed round to enable people to make a contribution towards their lunch. Last year we collected over £400 which was donated to the North Berwick Day Centre, NB First Responders, The Good Samaritan Fund and Inspire (North Berwick Churches youth group). The ladies who prepare lunch very kindly donate their time and the food. *Ian Aitken*
(Full syllabus on page 12, and more info to follow on later events)

As we decide.....

As Scotland stands on the brink of its biggest political decision in a generation, those who lead the Church of Scotland's key committees offer their own prayers ahead of the Referendum on Independence. Here's an example -

God be in our minds, and in our reflecting;
God be in our vision, and in our imagining;
God be in our gathering, and in our listening;
God be in our relationships, and in our discussing;
God be in our nation, and in our deciding.

Rev Alison McDonald

Convener, Ecumenical Relations Committee

For further prayers, please see -

<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland issued a statement reaffirming the Church's neutral position on the independence referendum. Recognising the broad range of views among members and ministers, the General Assembly decided to remain neutral. "The Church is as keen as ever to encourage wide debate and discussion on the issues which matter - social justice, poverty, education, peace - and is hosting another 'respectful dialogue' on Wed 3 Sept in St George's Tron Church, Glasgow which will be streamed live online to 10 satellite events around the country to allow people to express their views." *Rt Rev John Chalmers*

<http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

Referendum Vote - Hustings on 4 Sept

The North Berwick & District Association of Churches is planning a Hustings on the Referendum vote. Come along. 4 September at 7.30pm in St Andrew Blackadder Church.

North Berwick Day of Prayer for the Referendum - Wednesday
17th September

Walk for Homelessness 2014 - 6th September

On Saturday 6th September, join us on a stunning stroll around East Lothian whilst raising money for homeless and vulnerable people across Scotland.

This scenic walk starts in Gullane, heading south along the coast and then passing through Dirleton, looping around to finish back in Gullane. This 7.5 mile walk is the perfect opportunity for families, groups and individuals to enjoy a great day out and visit some of the most beautiful parts of the country. For those who fancy something a little shorter, there is a 3 mile route which also starts and finishes in Gullane. Activity packs will be available for families and children to complete along the walk. To finish off your walk, there will be plenty of tea and home baking provided afterwards.

For more information or to register for the walk email: events@bethanychristiantrust.com or phone: 0131 561 8925. Registered Scottish Charity No. SC003783



The Power of Community - eXchange 2014

eXchange is a one day conference on Friday 10th October to help Scottish Churches reach out to local people in the wider community. The conference helps to bridge the gap between professionals commissioning and delivering services and the individuals and community groups who are sometimes unaware of the role they can play and the difference they can make.

For more information, please see

<http://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/?p=7938>

or contact Joyce in the Church Office.



Blythswood Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

1 Shoebox = Christmas Joy and a World of Difference

It's almost that time again! Each year we try to fill as many shoe boxes as possible to send as Christmas gifts to adults and children in Eastern Europe who may not receive any other gift.

A simple act of kindness can bring immeasurable joy to the recipients. This is just a reminder that leaflets from Blythswood will be available in a few weeks time, suggesting suitable items for inclusion in the box. The ladies (and gentlemen) of the Guild cover the boxes with Christmas paper in October and, after that, the empty boxes can be collected from the Church or Office. Filled boxes will be collected from the Church by Blythswood towards the start of November.

Wilkie's of North Berwick have kindly saved all their empty shoeboxes since early summer for our use. Thank you.

Isobel Hardie

This year is the 21st anniversary of Blythswood running the appeal and over 1.7 Million boxes have been donated and distributed through the years. Please help if you can.

<http://www.blythswood.org/#!shoebox-appeal/ccuw>

Blythswood Care is a Registered Charity SC021848



Blythswood Care - Truck Collection Days

The Round South truck will be at the Co-op car park (formerly Somerfield) between **1.45pm & 2.15pm on Wednesday**

3 September. Please help by donating goods. For more information, please contact the Church Office. Many thanks.

[*Blythswood Care Charity No. SC021848*]



ABBEY CHURCH CRECHE DUTY



31 st August	Margaret Lawson	Janice Cobb
7 th September	Mandy Vance	Carol Stobie
14 th September	Sadie Young	Sue Paterson
21 September	Kirsty Baron	Sandra Baron
28 th September	Eleanor Main	Sarah Kerr
5 th October	Lorna Robson	Mary Graham
12 th October	Ann Bell	Rose Leslie
19 th October	Ann Gardner	Joan Lunn

Please Note. If you are unable to undertake your week on duty, please swap duties or notify Dorothy Kirkpatrick or Joyce at the office 89 2800. If you wish the list to be e-mailed to you, please e-mail Dorothy.

Can you help with the creche?

Some people have retired from the crèche list recently and we are looking for a few more volunteers to go on the rota. It is only every 2 months or so and just involves looking after any younger children during the Sunday morning service for a short time. The more people on the list the less often you will be required. Anyone interested and willing please speak to Dorothy Kirkpatrick.



Regal Syllabus 2014/15

(See also page 15)

2014

9 Oct	Rotary through Stamps	David McAdam
13 Nov	Working with the Prison Service	Malcolm Baker
11 Dec	Christmas Carols in story & song	David Graham

2015

8 Jan	Life in New Zealand	John Guy
12 Feb	The History of Postcards	Gareth Burgess
12 March	The Seabird Centre	Liz Thom
11 June	Rosslyn Chapel	Summer Outing

Regal at the Museum of Flight

Photograph of REGAL's trip to the Museum of Flight (see article in July's newsletter). *(Photo published with permission of those involved.) Ian Aitken*

(Sorry - photo unavailable in online version of newsletter)

Guild Syllabus 2014/15

The Guild Syllabus for 2014/15 is now available, and the theme for this season is 'A World to Serve'. The Guild Dedication will take place at our Morning Service on 5 October, and the first meeting is on 7 October at 7.30pm in the church hall: "A World to Serve - How to Share", with Dr David Graham.

More information on future events soon.

Seaside Rock Holiday Club

Thanks to everyone who supported the Holiday Club in so many different ways. Your support was greatly appreciated. Everyone had a very happy time and 27 different children and 20 leaders attended over the four weeks. The sandplay was the favourite activity with the children and it was amazing to see how inventive they were. We played parachute games, ran races, listened to stories about Jesus from our very own "Peter", sang, danced, made beach outfits, played games, prayed, ate biscuits and laughed a lot. Each day we had a report from "Heather on the Weather" and her trusty assistant and as this involved a water pistol, there was great hilarity.

A highlight of Seaside Rock was when we had a visit from a Fire Engine which brought along the WRVS Baton - all organised by Tracy Walkinshaw. The children were allowed to try out the water pump - with interesting results! The holiday club has been a great place for building up friendships both with the children and the leaders and hopefully we all learned a little more about Jesus.

We must now all pray that the childrens' journey with Jesus will continue. *Eileen McColl*



Abbey Church - 6 Months to 30th June 2014

General

The deficit for the six months is £7,412. This is much better than the budget deficit of £15,615. The annual budget included major maintenance projects.

Income

Open plate collections are below budget and less than the same period in 2013. Gift-aid (blue envelopes) are below budget and less than the same period in 2013. Also included in gift-aid are the monthly standing orders which are slightly ahead of budget. If you are tax payer and wish Abbey to recover the tax paid by you, please would you ask Phil for a gift-aid form.

The premises income relates mainly to hall rental income. This is above budget as the budget was reduced because a major user had stopped using the hall last year. Fortunately actual usage is above that anticipated.

Investment income is above budget as an instalment of interest has been received on the investment with the Church of Scotland.

Expenditure

The positive variance on pastoral expenses is probably due to timing differences. In the six months, maintenance work was much lower than expected. This is reflected in the savings on budget. The painting of Church windows started in August 2014 and further maintenance projects are planned for the latter half of 2014. The miscellaneous expenditure includes the new chairs for the old hall. If you have any questions please ask.

Stuart Ainslie

17th August 2014



Financial Report - 6 Months to 30th June 2014 Abbey Church - North Berwick

ABBNEY CHURCH - NORTH BERWICK				
BUDGET v ACTUAL AT 30 June 2014				
ALL FUNDS				
Income	Annual	Budget to	Actual to	Variance
Open Plate	12,000	6,000	4,402	(1,598)
Gift aid (blue envelopes and standing orders)	60,000	30,000	27,366	(2,634)
Tax reclaim	16,000	4,000	4,850	850
Miscellaneous	9,300	4,650	4,398	(252)
Premises income	8,000	4,000	5,680	1,680
Congregational Organisations	2,400	1,200	603	(597)
Investment income	1,540	770	2,075	1,305
Legacies	62,035	62,035	62,035	0
Dirleton	5,300	2,600	2,600	0
Total Income	176,575	115,255	114,009	(1,246)
Expenditure				
Church of Scotland payments	53,472	26,985	26,950	35
Pastoral Expenses	10,420	5,210	3,282	1,928
Other Salaries	20,550	10,050	10,479	(429)
Premises costs	23,800	11,398	6,817	4,581
Church Office Expenses	2,650	1,324	1,015	309
Congregational Organisations	3,600	1,800	25	1,775
Investments	70,000	70,000	69,998	2
Miscellaneous	8,440	4,103	2,855	1,248
Total Expenditure	192,932	130,870	121,421	9,449
Surplus of Income over Expenditure (Deficit)	(16,357)	(15,615)	(7,412)	8,203

Your Finance Team

The Abbey Church Finance team is composed as follows:

1	Income - Gift-aid	Phil Spencer
	Income - Hall Rentals	Ronald Ironside
2	Payment of bills	Janice Cobb
3	Accounting - OSCR, periodic accounts and Church of Scotland	Stuart Ainslie