

Flower Lists



July

*Dr Walinck &
Mrs M Robertson
6th Sheena Cowan
13th Miss J Raeburn
20th Mrs N Chisholm
27th Miss C Watt*

August

*Mrs V Lamont &
Mrs E Danks
3rd Mrs F Henderson
10th Mrs M Stewart
17th Mrs M Garbutt
24th Miss D Danks
31st Mrs G Scott*

CHURCH REGISTER

Blessing

8 June Eilidh Robson, Longniddry

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

22 May Greta Donaldson, Muirfield Home

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*The main picture on the front cover is an image of the
glass doors of Abbey Church.*



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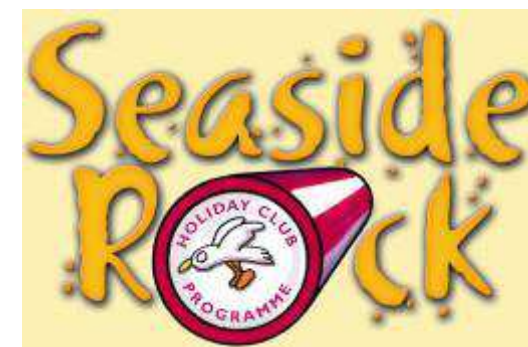
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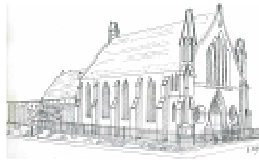
Sunday Morning Worship
at 10.30am.
All welcome.

Our Evening Service
takes a break
over the summer.

Seaside Rock Holiday Club
Look inside.....



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Dear Friends,

We have recently completed the Presbytery's **Local Church Review**, which is a bit like a health-check for congregations. The format is much more user-friendly and mission-oriented than it once was. It's intended to highlight pointers for action by a congregation over the next 5 years.

Although in some ways Dirleton and Abbey are very different congregations, the LCR reports for each of them (which went to Presbytery at the end of June) highlight similar issues.

While there is much to commend, it's no surprise that, in common with most congregations in the Kirk, we face the challenges of an ageing community. The central place of prayer was also emphasized, as was the need for a mission strategy and the need to be relevant for all generations.

We have already started to address these issues: Bible Study and prayer materials have been distributed, and a prayer time started before the Abbey Morning service. The Sunday morning Summer Holiday Club is a welcome development, and will form the basis of our children's work afterwards. The service and preaching plan for the year covers Bible and Christian Education, with House Group materials, and personal devotion. The report recognizes that change may be painful, and that lamenting the past and hoping it will come back again is no solution to the challenges of today. I recently visited churches outwith our area, and sometimes I felt that I had stepped back 50 years or more. That may be fine for those of us who are in the over 50s (I include myself!), but not for the under-30s. If you have any thoughts on this, please do speak to me.

Your minister,

David

PRAYER TIME FOR JULY & AUGUST



Dear Friends in Christ,

'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' so the song goes! The good thing is - some of us do live beside the sea, and the beautiful countryside. Let us thank God for the wonders around us - let's pray!

Loving Father,

Thank you for all the wonderful gifts around us. Help us to appreciate them more. Bless Dr Graham and Mr Bob Kane as they minister to others in your name. Bless their loved ones and all involved with Abbey and Dirleton Churches. Sadly, there is a need for foodbanks - we pray that many will help others by donating to this project and with their prayers. Perhaps on Sunday mornings, more people will come to Abbey Church a little earlier and join in the prayers before morning worship. Maybe folk could go along too to the prayer service in Dirleton Kirk Hall on Wednesday mornings. It's amazing what can be achieved by praying together! Your hot-line is never too busy.

During Sundays in July, a holiday club is being organised - based on the beach. We pray enough volunteers will come forward and lots of children (and young at heart) will enjoy themselves and learn about the great love Jesus has for us all. Then, on Sunday afternoons in July, teas will be served in our new hall. We pray for volunteers to help with this - and for people to come along and enjoy a cuppa and fellowship. Perhaps make new friends too. Thank you Lord. In the midst of all the turmoil throughout the world, we pray for peace Lord. We remember those caught up in conflict and pray that these atrocities will end. Heal the sick Lord - uplift the souls with heavy hearts - strengthen the carers—and comfort all who mourn. In Jesus' precious name
Amen

Betty Hawthorn (Prayer Secretary)

Keep safe, and enjoy the summer - wherever you spend it.



**ABBEY CHURCH CRECHE DUTY
2014**



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|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 29 th June | Margaret Lawson | Janice Cobb |
| | | |
| 6 th July | Mandy Vance | Carol Stobie |
| 13 th July | Sadie Young | Sue Paterson |
| 20 th July | Kirsty Baron | Sandra Baron |
| 27 th July | Andrina Wright | Ann Gardner |
| | | |
| 3 rd August | Eleanor Main | Sarah Kerr |
| 10 th August | Lorna Robson | Mary Graham |
| 17 th August | Ann Bell | Rose Leslie |
| 24 th August | Dorothy Kirkpatrick | 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 email Dorothy.

Do you know someone with a visual impairment?

Do you think they could benefit from attending a support group?
If the answer is yes

We are hoping to start a support group after the summer which may be held at:

North Berwick Community Centre,
8 Law Road, North Berwick.

Details will follow depending on interest shown.
Please contact the Church Office.

Sunday Services



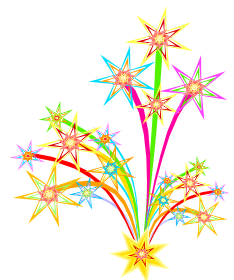
Over the summer, we look at *'Being Christian'*, with *Baptism, Bible, Communion, and Prayer* as our themes. On 13th July we mark **'Sea Sunday'**, with members of the Merchant Navy Association.

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 (October-December, and March-May), there will be Bible readings used in Church, at Bible Study and House Groups, and for personal devotion. A book to accompany this will be available (and can be bought for about £10), details of this will be available later. *We look forward to seeing you at any of these services.*

Congratulations!

We are delighted that Joyce Strachan was the recipient of this year's Community Award from the local Association of Churches. This was well deserved for her many activities in community and charity work, including

- Volunteer staff member at the cancer Research shop for 27 years, since it first opened (recognized that with the 'Flame of Hope' award in London last year
 - First coordinator of the Volunteer Car Scheme
 - Serving on the local RNLi Lifeboat committee, and the Christian Aid committee
 - Jointly organizing winter meals for homeless people in Edinburgh
 - Committee member and treasurer of Coastal Villages Theatre Group
 - Day Centre Management Committee
 - ... as well as being Guild Treasurer, and of course Abbey & Dirleton's Administrator for 15 years.
- Long may you continue the good work, Joyce!



A prayer for peace in the Middle East

God of justice, bless those who work for peace through justice. Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence. Guide the leaders of the people of the Middle East to know your will and to support a just peace for all of your children.

God of love, lifting up the holy land for all humankind, breathe love and compassion into our prayers with a desire for nothing other than peace: peace in our hearts, peace for all creation, and especially peace in the land that is called holy.

God of hope, we lift up the city of Jerusalem, distracted and divided, yet still filled with promise as all the cities of the world. Come again into our cities, places of worship, Upper Rooms and Gethsemanes, that we may be given sight to recognize you.

God of mercy, even as we long to understand that which is often beyond our comprehension, we lay before you the hearts, minds and bodies of all those suffering from conflict in Palestine and Israel and from the ongoing occupation. Shower upon all the people of the Holy Land the spirit of justice and reconciliation.

God of the nations, give to all our people the blessings of well-being, freedom, and harmony, and, above all things, give us faith in you that we may be strengthened to care for all those in need until the coming of your son, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2014/pray_for_peace_in_the_middle_east



SUNDAY TEAS ROTA



| | <i>Morning</i> | <i>Evening</i> |
|----------------|--|--------------------|
| 29th June | Sarah Kerr | No Evening Service |
| 6th July | Catherine Andrew & Jasmine Reavely | No Evening Service |
| 13th July | Helen Mackenzie & Fiona Gibson | No Evening Service |
| 20th July | Isobel Hardie & Dorothy Kirkpatrick | No Evening Service |
| 27th July | Ann Gardner & Sheila McCubbing | No Evening Service |
| 3rd August | Ann & Richard Bell | No Evening Service |
| 10th August | Mary Graham & Sheila Skinner | No Evening Service |

Our supply of biscuits is running low. If you can help, please hand in biscuits to the Church Office or at the tea/coffee table in the new hall on Sundays. Thank you.

Fringe by the Sea 2014 - 4th to 10 August

See programme for details of events - including the Glasgow Gospel Choir with Paul Jones





Summer time in North Berwick!

Thankfully Abbey Church Halls could provide wet weather cover for a group of 'Rainbows' (pre Brownies, aged 5 to 7) from Edinburgh.

We are very grateful to them for this wonderful photograph.

Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games 23 July-3 Aug

The Commonwealth Games are coming to Glasgow!

The Commonwealth is an association of independent sovereign states spread over every continent and ocean. From Africa to Asia, the Pacific shores to the Caribbean, the Commonwealth's 2 billion people make up 30% of the world's population and are of many faiths, races, languages, cultures and traditions.

The Commonwealth Games is often referred to as the friendly games. In Glasgow, 6,500 athletes and officials from 71 countries will compete in 17 sports over 11 days from 23 July to 3 August 2014. Overlooking the direction and control of the Commonwealth Games is the Commonwealth Games Federation. Its 3 core values are - Humanity; Equality; Destiny.

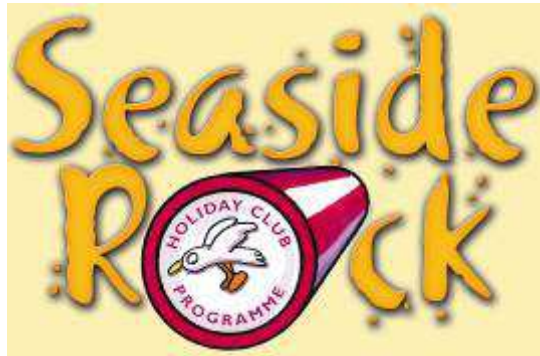
<http://www.thecgf.com/games/future/glasgow2014.asp?yr=2014>



<http://www.morethangold2014.org.uk/prayer/prayer-of-the-day.html>

Celebrate the Commonwealth Games and the idea of involvement, participation, competing and taking part particularly in God's plan and purpose for our lives within the difficult world in which we live - not just being a spectator in the sports stadium stand (or from the church building seats/pews) but of going out to participate in life.

**ABBEY CHURCH
SEASIDE ROCK HOLIDAY CLUB**
SUNDAYS 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH July
10.30am - 11.30am



On the west beach behind Abbey Church
For all primary school aged boys and girls
(children 4yrs welcome with adults)
Creche available in Abbey for younger children

The Holiday Club is all planned and set to go.
Just one thing missing - CHILDREN!

If you have any, or know of any, please invite them to come
along and join in the fun.

If you would like further details, please speak to
Mary Graham or Eileen McColl

or contact the Church Office for a registration form.

Parachute games, sand castle competitions, races, games,
dancing, singing and stories about Jesus. These are some of
the things and more which make the
Seaside Rock Holiday Club a FUN EVENT.

**Please help to make it a great event
by inviting some children.**

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 August .
Articles need to be submitted a fortnight before the publication
date. (Issue date of 31st August - articles by 18 August please.
Thank you.)

Wheelchair

Reminder that there is a lightweight wheelchair in the Church
for use by anyone requiring it. Please contact Joyce in the
Church Office. A small donation would be appropriate. Thank you

Vote on Scottish Independence

The North Berwick & District Association of Churches is
planning various events in connection with Scotland's vote on
Independence. All are welcome.

The current plans include - a Hustings in St Andrew Blackadder
(on 4 September); open forum in Gullane Village Hall (on 7
August); and a further event at Abbey Church (date to be
agreed).

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"Don't worry about anything: instead, pray
about everything. Tell God what you need,
and thank him for all he has done"

Philippians 4:6



REGAL - Summer Outing Thursday, 12 June was the date of Regal's summer outing to the National Museum of Flight at East Fortune, and we were blessed with a wonderfully warm and sunny morning. John Guy is a member of Regal and also of the Aircraft Preservation Society and, as he has a very comprehensive knowledge of all the aircraft kept on the airfield, he was an excellent guide for our group. He led us to the best hangars and, once inside, he was able to give us a running commentary of the various aircraft. Our first stop was in the hangar holding the British Airway's Concorde - G-BOAA. Many of us were surprised at the lack of luxury in Concorde which has seats more akin to economy class seats rather than luxurious ones. However, as was explained to us, there was no need for luxury when you departed from Heathrow at 10.30 am and arrived in New York at 9.25am! After this we saw a short film showing the history of East Fortune airfield during World Wars I and II. It was interesting to learn that East Fortune became an airfield prior to the creation of the RAF. In 1915 it was established as an airship airfield and in 1919 the British airship R34 flew from East Fortune across the Atlantic to New York and then made the first ever return flight. A walk across the airfield brought us to the hangar holding many different war planes ranging from the faithful WWII Spitfire to the more modern Harrier jump jet used in the Falklands' war. Finally we went to the Preservation Society workshop where the volunteers are in the process of constructing a WWI Sopwith LCT 1½ Strutter plane that had an important influence on the design of many subsequent aircraft. John is taking an active part in the creation of this plane and he was able to point out his valuable contributions. After this most interesting and enjoyable tour, we adjourned to the Glen Golf Club for a delicious lunch. Our trip was made especially interesting as we had our own personal guide, John Guy, and we all owe John a very big vote of thanks - thank you John.

Ian Aitken



Opera East Lothian - 6th July at 4pm

Fundraising for the new Day Centre Bus is going well, with the total so far just over £30,000, so we are half way there. The next Fundraising event is a Charity Fundraising Concert by Opera East Lothian at St Andrew Blackadder Church at 4pm on Sunday 6th July 2014. The programme will contain Pop Ballads, Movie and Broadway Hits, Opera and much more. There are no tickets, and instead there will be an opportunity to make a donation. There will be an interval with refreshments available in the hall. Please come along and hear some great music, and support the New Bus Appeal for the Day Centre.

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There are further concerts at 4pm by Opera East Lothian on: July 13th in Dirleton Kirk - Simply Strings. Join Cantilena Festival Strings in a programme of music by Haydn & Mozart. £8

July 27th in Dirleton Kirk—Viva Vivaldi. The Chorus of OEL perform Vivaldi's Gloria, and other Baroque favourites. £10.

Christian Aid Week - thank you

Many thanks to all who contributed, in many different ways. This year has again been successful, with almost £13,000 being raised by the combined efforts of the Churches in North Berwick. This figure is up 10% on the previous year, and will go towards alleviating poverty in war torn countries across the world. Thank you for your support.

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.

BLOSSOMING – FLOWERING – FLOURISHING

Gardens and fields in spring and early summer this year are very lush, an appropriate backdrop to my flying visit in April to Uganda for the celebrations of **Bishop Kivengere Girls' School, Muyebe, 40th (Ruby) Anniversary**. The Chief Guest at our Foundation Day on 28th April was the Prime Minister of Uganda. The seeds of girls' secondary education planted during the oppressive regime of President Amin have grown and flourished. The School which began with only 40 girls in Senior One now has 400+ students doing courses up to "A" Level in all the Government curriculum subjects, plus some practical courses, with a well-qualified teaching staff. I went with a friend from Oban who represented the Scottish Episcopal Church. It was her first visit to Uganda and a great pleasure for me to show her something of the history and geography. We met many Alumnae of the School who welcomed us warmly. The events in Kampala and at the School were all well-planned and brought glory to God. It was surely His protection and provision which brought our small school safely through a regime of extreme Moslem persecution of the Church. Our Archbishop, Janani Luwum, was martyred by Amin himself in February 1977 and I clearly remember being in the local church with the girls on the day when the news broke, and then sharing fellowship in our School. The words of Philippians 1 v. 21, "To me to live is Christ and to die is gain", sank into our hearts. Perhaps it was the deep bonds forged in those years which have produced the abundant fruit of the Gospel today in the lives of mature Christian women in professional and family life today, in Uganda and beyond. It was a great joy to meet many of them again. During the 40 years 1974-2014 approximately 4,000 girls have been educated at our School. We look to the future with the **Water Project** in progress, likely to be completed this month, a growing **Fund for a new Hall**, an **Internet Link** about to be made, a revived **Alumnae Association** and a flourishing **partnership with The Abbey School, Reading**. We are very grateful to all our friends and supporters in this ongoing work, but above all we worship and give thanks to our God and Father for His gift of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, "the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb. 13.8 Please continue to hold us in your thoughts and prayers in this turbulent world. *Elizabeth Trail*

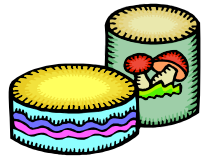


Green Fingers

Congratulations to Law Primary School and to North Berwick in Bloom, both of which won a Gold Medal for their Pallet Gardens at this year's Gardening Scotland. The winning gardens can be seen at the front of Abbey Church. Congratulations to all involved.

East Lothian Foodbank

Please support with your prayers, and donate items if you can. Items such as milk (uht or powdered), sugar, soup, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding, tea bags, instant mashed potato, tinned meat/fish, biscuits are always welcome. Please leave in Church Office. Thank you.

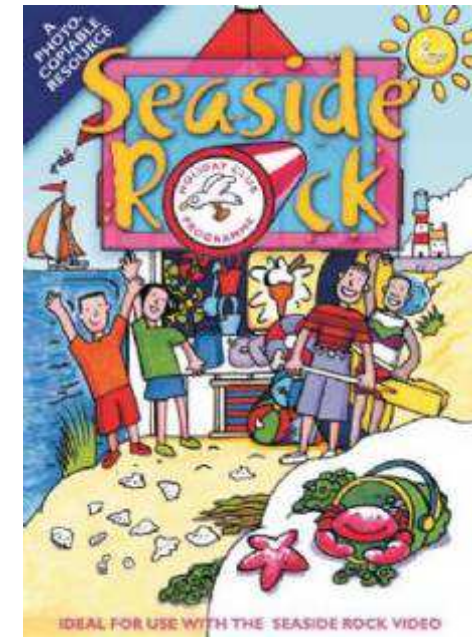


Abbey Church Seaside Rock Holiday Club

See page 6 for further information.

Please pray for this event, and help out if you can.

See also -
<http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/9900.id>



SUMMER AFTERNOON TEAS



We will once again be serving summer afternoon teas from 2.30pm - 4.30pm on Sundays in July in the New Hall. Help is needed and anyone willing to assist with serving, washing dishes, collecting money, setting up and clearing up and of course baking would be very much appreciated and welcomed. Please contact Dorothy Kirkpatrick if able to help. Please, please come along and support us and enjoy delicious home baking. We look forward to seeing you. Again this year the money raised will be given to local and church charities. As in previous years, St. Baldred's Church will be using the hall for their summer teas in August.

What's happening at Inspire?

Inspire suddenly becomes more visible when a banner is tied to the Abbey Church railings announcing that Much Ado About Nothing will be performed for four nights in June. Bringing the play out of the austere surroundings of the school hall into the High Street has transformed both rehearsals and the production itself, for which many thanks to the Abbey congregation. Why do a Play and why Shakespeare? Churches are familiar with having a Scout troop or a Boy's Brigade as a way of gathering and serving young people. A play does the same thing for those with an interest in drama, in this case some 28 youngsters involved. Why Shakespeare? Because it is memory-challenging, mind-widening, vocabulary-strengthening, and will deposit poetry in young minds which will never be forgotten. If you missed this year's performances, be sure to book your ticket early next year. Meanwhile, back at the school, numbers at both the Wednesday and Thursday discussion groups have fluctuated around 15 - 20 each day. Shiona is very busy - please include her, and the work she does, in your prayers. *Peter Kimber*

This Winter's Work

Bethany Care Shelter Manager, Cameron Black, reflects -

'Looking back at the work we have accomplished this winter, I am amazed at the dedication of the volunteers who make this work possible. Over 700 people from 73 churches gave of their time and skills to make this vital service happen throughout the winter. What struck me most was the sense of unity and love demonstrated each night. The team is united by a desire to serve sacrificially, and to demonstrate love to those who would otherwise be sleeping rough. This winter we witnessed an increase in the number of people coming to the Care Shelter. On one particular night, 59 people turned to us for food and a warm place to sleep, one of our highest numbers. On average 39 people used the service each night. We are alarmed to see this increase, but we are also grateful that with your support we are able to meet people at their greatest time of need.

Very often it is a crisis that brings people to the Care Shelter. A good example of this is Micky's story.

Micky is an artist who found himself homeless as a result of violence at home. Having nowhere to turn he sought help from the Care Shelter. As our relationship strengthened, Micky opened up and we were able to encourage him to start planning for the future. Micky started looking for work and he now uses his creative skills to design T-shirts for a local business. He has also recently moved into his own accommodation. Last week Micky came to express his gratitude and said that the worst time of his life had led him to one of the best experiences of his life. One of transformation and hope. At the end of the season one of the service users said:

'A lot of the guys here would like to say thank you but don't know how.'

On their behalf, we thank you for your continued support and prayers.' <http://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/?p=7796>

Comments - Abbey Church, 3 Months to 31 March 2014

General

The main point to note about the first quarter accounts is the receipt of the second instalment of Mrs Muir's legacy. These amounts were then invested into the Church of Scotland Growth Fund. As our accounts are based on a receipts and payments basis this investment shows as "expenditure". As these actions were anticipated a deficit budget was set to allow for this investment. The budget also included an allowance for major repairs. As a result of this cost not yet being incurred in the first quarter of 2014 this quarter shows a much smaller deficit than anticipated.

Income

More people have signed gift-aid certificates this has led to greater tax recoveries than expected in the budget. If you would like a gift-aid certificate please ask Phil. The premises income relates mainly to hall rental income. This is above budget as the budget was reduced because a major user was no longer using the hall. Negotiations are proceeding and a new major user may use the halls.

Expenditure

The positive variance on pastoral expenses is probably due to timing differences. Most of the premises expenditure was on budget; however maintenance work was much lower than expected. A major maintenance project is currently being organised, this project relates to the Church windows.

Your Finance Team

The Abbey Church Finance team is composed as follows:

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

Financial Report - 3 Months to 31 March 2014 Abbey Church - North Berwick

| <u>ALL FUNDS</u> | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Annual Budget | Budget to 31 March | Actual to 31 March | Variance |
| Income | | | | |
| Open Plate | 12,000 | 3,000 | 2,358 | (642) |
| Gift aid | 60,000 | 15,000 | 14,951 | (49) |
| Tax reclaim | 16,000 | 4,000 | 4,850 | 850 |
| Miscellaneous | 9,300 | 2,325 | 1,071 | (1,254) |
| Premises income | 8,000 | 2,000 | 3,216 | 1,216 |
| Congregational Organisations | 2,400 | 600 | 0 | (600) |
| Investment income | 1,540 | 385 | 387 | 2 |
| Legacies | 62,035 | 62,035 | 62,035 | 0 |
| Dirleton | 5,300 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 0 |
| Total Income | 176,575 | 90,595 | 90,118 | (477) |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Church of Scotland payments | 53,472 | 13,368 | 13,242 | 126 |
| Pastoral Expenses | 10,420 | 2,605 | 1,140 | 1,465 |
| Other Salaries | 20,550 | 5,138 | 4,827 | 311 |
| Premises costs | 23,800 | 5,177 | 1,323 | 3,854 |
| Church Office Expenses | 2,650 | 663 | 694 | (32) |
| Congregational Organisations | 3,600 | 900 | 0 | 900 |
| Investments | 70,000 | 70,000 | 69,990 | 10 |
| Miscellaneous | 8,440 | 2,110 | 0 | 2,110 |
| Total Expenditure | 192,932 | 99,960 | 91,216 | 8,744 |
| Surplus (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure | (16,357) | (9,365) | (1,098) | 8,267 |

*Stuart Ainslie
15th June 2014*

