

## Funerals

9<sup>th</sup> May Reita Greig, Edinburgh  
11<sup>th</sup> May Agnes Stainbank, Dirleton Court  
19<sup>th</sup> May Davena Hally, Green Apron Park  
24<sup>th</sup> May Gladys Adams, Lamb Court  
25<sup>th</sup> May Sheila McDonald, Keppel Road  
30<sup>th</sup> May Margaret Gordon, Fidra House, previously Sainthill Ct

*Jesus said 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'*

## Flower List

	Donor	Arranger
4th June	Miss I Smith	Isobel Smith
11th June	Mrs. Z Main	Dorothy Kirkpatrick
18th June	Mrs. S Ramsay	Sylvia Ramsay
25th June	Mrs. I Nichol	Irene Nichol



## Abbey Church Morning Tea Rota

4th June	Richard Bell	Ann Bell
11th June	Irene Brodie	Sarah Kerr
18th June	Liz Harrison	Sadie Young
25th June	Isabel Smith	Catherine Andrew

*Donations of biscuits to accompany the teas and coffees would be appreciated*



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the July/August Newsletter will be Tuesday 13th June

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## **Abbey Church News June 2017**

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and Friday mornings . 01620 892800  
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Minister: Rev. Dr David J Graham, BSc, BD

Pastoral Assistant: Bob Kane

**Sunday Worship at 10.30am.  
(Until 11.30)**

**Come along. All welcome.**



Dear Friends,  
Rick Warren started a local Church by going door to door for 12 weeks and asking people these five questions:



*What do you think is the greatest need in this area?* (This question got people talking to him.)

*Do you attend a church?* If they said yes, he thanked them and moved on. Notice that he didn't ask, "Are you a member?" Many people who haven't been inside a church for years still claim membership somewhere.

*Why do you think most people don't attend church?* This was less offensive than asking "Why don't you attend church?" to which people might say it's none of your business! But when he asked why they thought other people didn't attend, they usually gave their personal reasons.

*If you were to look for a church to attend, what kind of things would you look for?* The answers made him realise that most churches offer things that many people are not interested in.

*What could I do for you?* In the Gospels, Jesus often began with a person's needs, and Warren says this is the most basic question the church must ask.

These questions were the seeds of what was to grow into one of the biggest congregations in the world. And it all started with a few simple and non-threatening questions.

In the church, we often ask why people are not coming to us. Warren asked what the church could do for them. And the results were amazing.

In our recent services on the book of Acts we've seen the first Christians go out with good news to others. Can I encourage you to read the whole of Acts - it won't take long - and see how they did it? We might learn some valuable lessons for today.

Your Minister,  
David

**ABBEY CHURCH NORTH BERWICK**

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**ALL FUNDS**

**Prayers in June**



Dear Friends in Christ

As we enter into June, let us pray that we can look forward to enjoying lots of sunny days—and that we are given good health to enjoy them. Let us pray.

Father god,

We are glad to be living in such a beautiful, peaceful part of the world. We give you our grateful thanks. We ask that you bless all your people who are living in places where drought, starvation and warfare carry on day by day. We hope that the monies raised thro' Christian Aid, will be used to help alleviate these massive problems. We pray the leaders of the world will draw together, and the outcome will be peace.

Bless all residing in North Berwick and the surrounding areas. Especially Dr Graham, Mr Bob Kane and their loved ones. Bless too the young people, and the young-at heart, keep us safe and free from all that would harm us. Guide us Lord, when the elections take place. Let the right people, chosen by you, be elected. We need so many changes to be made i.e. NHS, Teaching, commercial organizations etc. May the teachers help pupils so that they may be fit to work or able to go on to higher education.

Please heal the sick, strengthen the carers, uplift those who are sad or lonely and comfort all who mourn. In Jesus name. Amen.

Betty Hawthorn (Prayer Secretary)

June—when we delight in watching lovely flowers and trees blossom. May you and yours enjoy it.

**Abbey Church Crèche Duty**

4th June	Mandy Vance	Dorothy Kirkpatrick
11th June	Sadie Young	Sue Paterson
18th June	Sarah Kerr	Carol Stobie
25th June	Ann Bell	Rose Leslie

Abbey children taking part in the Church of Scotland  
Word of Life event



**SUMMER AFTERNOON TEAS -2017**

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 organise a Sunday, assist with serving, washing dishes, collecting money, setting up and clearing up (especially men) and of course baking would be very much appreciated and welcomed. Please contact Dorothy Kirkpatrick telephone 89 2074, e-mail - dorothyk43@me.com or Joyce at the office 89 2800 if able to help. Please, please come along and support us and enjoy delicious home baking. We look forward to seeing you. As in previous years, St. Baldred's Church will be using the hall for their summer teas in August. Again this year the money raised will be given to local and church charities.

**Church services this month**

June 4<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday. On 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrate communion, and also the blessing of a new child. 25<sup>th</sup> is the last meeting of the Sunday Club before the school holidays.

**General Assembly May 2017**

This is in this year's Assembly reports:

*David McColl has served as Assembly Officer since 2000, having previously served as Depute Assembly Officer. His cheerful and friendly greeting extended to all who attend the General Assembly has become part of the fabric of what the Assembly has been. As well as duties around the Assembly Hall, particularly during the number of setup days required, David has ensured that the Moderator's block and Clerks' suite have been well managed over the years. His has been a hugely supportive role and the General Assembly is grateful to him. The Committee wishes him a happy retirement. . . and so say all of us! PS it should be made clear that the 'moderator's block' is not for chopping off heads!*

**An Appreciation**

After many years as our Property Convener, George Kirkpatrick has decided to step down. He has done that job during most of my ministry here, and over that time the church and halls have been continually upgraded and transformed. It's a comfortable and welcoming place for the Sunday congregation, as well as the many hall users throughout the week. The new hall which George oversaw is a particular highlight of recent years. We thank George for the enormous amount of time and expertise he has given so willingly, and so cheerfully. It's been a pleasure to work closely together on so many church projects. PS Just in case Dorothy thinks she'll now have him 100% for any jobs at home, we'll still look for his help and advice in the future!

## SINGING NEW SONGS

In Psalm 96, the psalmist encourages us to "sing to the Lord a new song" and that is exactly what we have been doing in Abbey Church in recent months. During the month of February, the choir introduced, as its introit, a hymn written in 2004 by Nick Fawcett called "Lord, today your voice is calling". Over successive Sundays we introduced additional verses until on the last Sunday of the month, the congregation joined in with the by then quite familiar tune, written by Susie Hare.

In March, using the same approach, we introduced "Glory be to God the Father", with words and music written by Patrick Appleford in 2007. Appleford is better known for a hymn we sing regularly, "Lord, Jesus Christ", composed over 50 years ago.

During the month of May, we introduced "God of life, we come in worship" the words of which have again been written by Nick Fawcett (1997). The tune to which this song has been set is "Blaenwern" which is very familiar and used for "Love, divine, all loves excelling".

Nick Fawcett is a former Baptist minister and now concentrates on writing, despite suffering from myeloma. His aim is to "write material free of religious jargon that reaches out to people of all faiths and none". I think he has achieved his goal with this hymn.

### **God of life, we come in worship**

God of life, we come in worship,  
lost in wonder, filled with awe.  
at your feet we kneel in homage,  
here to marvel and adore.  
Words cannot express your greatness,  
awesome is your majesty.  
Higher than the highest mountain,  
deeper than the deepest sea.  
God of love, we come rejoicing,  
here to celebrate your grace.  
Consecrate this sacred moment,  
help us meet you face to face.  
In the name of Christ we gather,  
by his touch our lives made new,  
cleansed, renewed, restored, refashioned,  
all we are and all we do.

God of light, we come in gladness,  
souls on fire and hearts ablaze,

Offerings -These are ahead of budget and ahead of the amount received last year.

(Note - If you are tax payer and wish the Abbey to recover the tax paid by yourself please would you pick up a gift-aid form from the office or ask Phil for one.)

Premises income is down on budget due to the heating problems in the New Hall over the winter.

Legacies -The final instalment has been received from the estate of Mrs Dorothy Robinson.

### **Expenditure**

The new building costs have a first quarter budget of £718, architects fees were received late in March and will be included in the second quarter's accounts.

If you have any questions please ask.

Stuart Ainslie  
15 May2017

### Your Finance Team

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

<b>Income (All Funds)</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Budget to 31 Mar</b>	<b>Actual to 31 Mar</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Offerings	65,000	16,250	17,016	766
Tax reclaim	16,000	4,000	4,649	649
Miscellaneous	10,500	2,625	1,027	(1,598)
Premises income	9,000	2,500	1,251	(1,249)
Investment income	5,400	650	387	(263)
Legacies	25,121	25,121	25,121	-
Dirleton	6,000	1,500	1,500	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>137,021</b>	<b>52,646</b>	<b>50,951</b>	<b>(1,695)</b>

<b>Expenditure (All Funds)</b>				
Church of Scotland payments	53,574	13,230	13,230	0
Pastoral Expenses	7,988	1,996	1,151	845
Other Salaries	25,200	6,000	6,207	(207)
Premises costs	18,440	4,779	4,794	(15)
Church Office Expenses	2,500	624	496	128
Investments	-	-	-	-
New Building	25,718	718	-	718
Miscellaneous	3,601	279	524	(245)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>137,021</b>	<b>27,626</b>	<b>26,402</b>	<b>1,224</b>

<b>Budgeted for year 2017</b>	-			
<b>Budget for three months</b>		25,020		
<b>Surplus for three months</b>			24,549	
<b>Negative Variance</b>				(471)

reaching out in adoration,  
songs resounding to your praise  
Take the hope that flames within us,  
take the joy that burns so bright;  
may our lives reflect your glory  
and find favour in your sight.

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### Hospital Visits

The Minister is happy to visit church members who are in hospital. For reasons of confidentiality, any request for a visit should please come from the person themselves, a close family member or next of kin. Please also pass on the ward number, as this is not available to Ministers. This information can be given directly to the Minister or via the Church Office (892800, open 3 mornings a week or please leave a message). Thank you

### Missionary Gift Day

A total of £4,981 was raised for the recent Missionary Gift day.

## "County of Sanctuary"

Dozens of people from towns and villages across East Lothian attended a meeting organised jointly by David Bradwell, co-ordinator for Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees and the "East Lothian Welcomes Refugees" group on May 5, in Haddington.

The aim was to see how churches in all denominations, local groups and individuals might offer support to Syrian families now living in this area under UK Government/Council plans.

In a presentation, he asked the audience what they felt should happen "five years from now" (which I personally thought was too long) and someone proposed a shorter timescale — one or two years. Others emphasised how ready East Lothian had always been to offer support to people in need. One proposal was for 'sanctuary breaks' - where Syrian families now living in Edinburgh or Musselburgh, for example, could be hosted to enjoy what most of us take for granted here in our comparatively well off area. People expressed commitment and compassion for the refugee families, in many ways.

A Council official who works closely with the Syrian arrivals and two 'early' refugees who provide a 24/7 phone help line for newcomers, described their work supporting school age children and adults and the meeting approved David's suggestion that a handy title for an East Lothian approach could be "**County of Sanctuary**". He will now consider their suggestions made and has offered to follow up by emailing those interested.

David Bradwell lives in East Lothian and previously was Secretary of the Churches Refugee Network; Scottish Churches Refugee Network; Scottish Churches Parliamentary Officer and Associate Secretary of the Church of Scotland's Church and Society Council. He is a member of the Methodist Church and sits on the British Methodist-Catholic Dialogue Commission.

The "City of Sanctuary" movement originated in Sheffield in 2005 with people organising community meetings and businesses, organisations and groups supporting incoming refugees to offer "a positive vision of hospitality within local areas".

Brian McGuire

## Regal - Summer Outing

Thursday, 8th June is a very special day to be marked in your diary - it is the day of the Regal summer outing!

I have arranged for us to visit the Belhaven brewery in Dunbar and after our tour we will have the opportunity to sample the local beers and lagers created there.

Our tour starts at the brewery at 10:30 am; there is a charge of £5 per person. We will meet at the Church Road entrance to Abbey Church on Thursday, 8th of June at 10 am; there will be seats in cars for people who do not wish to drive.



**Belhaven Brewery**

It will be useful if you could let me know if you are coming and whether or not you would like transport.

For anyone driving there independently, the brewery is situated just off the main road into Dunbar from North Berwick and is signposted opposite Belhaven School.

The tour of the brewery lasts approximately one and a half hours. Afterwards we will adjourn to the Pine Marten restaurant and pub for lunch (it is opposite Asda in Spott Rd.).

I do hope to see as many of you as possible - it is always a very enjoyable day.

Ian M Aitken

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**Comments - Abbey Church (All Funds)-3 Months to 31 March 2017**

### **General**

The surplus for the quarter was £24,549 including the receipt of £25,121 in legacies.

### **Income**