Sunday Morning Worship 11.30 a.m.

Sunday Fun Club 11.30 a.m.
Meet in Church (Jim Menzies 01241 879543)

Worship
1st Thursday in month
2.00 p.m.

Cairnie Lodge

Worship
2nd Sunday in month
2.30 p.m.

Tarriehank Home

Worship
3rd Thursday in month
2 p.m.

Messy Church
3rd Saturday of alternate months
10.30 a.m.
Alternatively Knox’s or St Vigeans Church (Sandra Menzies 01241 879543)

The Guild
3rd Monday in month
7.30 p.m. Hall (Jean Duncan 01241 874882)

Hall Bookings
Mrs E Lawson
Abbeythune Farm, Inverkeillor
01241 - 830203

Wednesday Club
Wednesday
2.00—3.30 p.m.
Knox’s Hall
(Nancy Robbie 01241 878479 or Margaret Sim 01241 876880)

Dancing
Scottish Country Mondays except 2nd & 3rd in month
7.30 p.m. Hall (Sheila Hosie 01241 876686)

Knox’s Coffee P.M.
Every Friday
1.30—3 p.m.
Knox’s Hall (Lesley Balaj 01241 873206)

Toddlers
Wednesday & Thursday
9.15—11.30 a.m.
Knox’s Hall (Melanie McCombie 07917 357612)

Pizza & Pals
4th Sunday in month
7.30 p.m. Manse (Lesley Balaj 01241 873206)

Youth Club
Wednesday 6.30 p.m. Hall (Nelu Balaj 01241 873206)

Beer & Bible
1st Thursday in month
7.30 p.m.
Corner Bar (Nelu Balaj 01241 873206)

Bookbugs
Tuesday
9.30-10.30 a.m.
Hall (Various volunteers)

Word & Wine
2nd Wednesday in month
7.45 p.m. Manse
(Lesley Balaj 01241 873206)

Piano Club
1st Sunday in month
3 p.m. Church (Lesley Murray 01241 434285)

Birling Bairns Tuesday
2—3 p.m. Hall (Lesley Balaj 01241 873206)

Knit & Knatter
Alternate Tuesdays
7.00—8.30 p.m.
Knox’s Hall (Angela Pagan 01241 871328)

Men’s Club
Tuesday
7.30 p.m.
Hall (Graham Reid 01241 872097 Jim Walker 01241 878304)

S.W.R.I.
2nd Monday in month
7.30 p.m. Hall
(Linda Ramsay 01241 238268 Janice Swankie 01241 875453)
A MESSAGE
FROM THE MINISTER
REV DR NELU BALAJ

I have started my initial letter for this winter (well I don’t quite want to say the C word yet) issue of the magazine intending to write about Christmas (well there you are I have said it now), but the terrorist attacks in Paris obliges me to write this short letter in the light of those events.

We all remember the attacks in New York, Madrid and London. Certainly the Paris attacks have reinforced the perception that we live in a time of uncertainty and brought back the sense that our world has changed again. On Sunday the 15th of Nov I spoke in church about the events in Paris and mentioned possible responses to events in Paris.

Following our natural instincts, we could respond in fear and with hate and anger. Yet these are exactly the reactions the terrorists want to elicit in us. They want us to live in fear, to change our way of living. They want us to hate and respond in anger, because they are motivated by hate and anger. They want us to be like them. As people of faith, who place our trust in the God of love, we should respond in love and be anchored in hope. Only love can drive our hate, and only love and hope can overcome fear.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas we should bear in mind that at Christmas God came into the world, a broken world marred by violence, fear, hatred and hopelessness with a message of love, hope and peace. The baby who was born over 2000 years ago in Bethlehem came to proclaim and to live out the Good News for all the earth – the gospel of love and hope – which we should live and proclaim.

I want to share with you an emotional message written by Antoine Leiris, a husband and a father of a 17 months old boy whose wife was one of the 89 people killed at Bataclan Concert Hall. He wrote this post on his Facebook page:

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NELU’S MESSAGE CONTINUED....

"Friday night, you took an exceptional life - the love of my life, the mother of my son - but you will not have my hatred. I don’t know who you are and I don’t want to know, you are dead souls. If this God, for whom you kill blindly, made us in his image, every bullet in the body of my wife would have been one more wound in his heart. So, no, I will not grant you the gift of my hatred. You’re asking for it, but responding to hatred with anger is falling victim to the same ignorance that has made you what you are. You want me to be scared, to view my countrymen with mistrust, to sacrifice my liberty for my security. You lost.

I saw her this morning. Finally, after nights and days of waiting. She was just as beautiful as when she left on Friday night, just as beautiful as when I fell hopelessly in love over 12 years ago. Of course I am devastated by this pain, I give you this little victory, but the pain will be short-lived. I know that she will be with us every day and that we will find ourselves again in this paradise of free love to which you have no access.

We are just two, my son and me, but we are stronger than all the armies in the world. I don’t have any more time to devote to you, I have to join Melvil who is waking up from his nap. He is barely 17-months-old. He will eat his meals as usual, and then we are going to play as usual, and for his whole life, this little boy will threaten you by being happy and free. Because no, you will not have his hatred either."

May you all in the midst of anxiety and uncertainty have a Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year – filled with love, joy, hope and peace!

REV DR NELU BALAJ

Dear all,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, for your ongoing constant support and help this year. It is very much appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you

Dianne Robb
NEWS?

Family Event
We had a really fantastic Halloween Party at St. Vigeans in October which was greatly supported by the families in our community. We enjoyed lots of traditional games like donuts on strings, dookin for apples and we even had a pumpkin hunt in the church.
Some pictures from the event:

![Pumpkins and carved pumpkins](image1)

![Group of children](image2)

COMING SOON...

We are now looking forward to our Christmas party on Sunday 20th of December at 2-4pm in Knox's Hall. Please do buy your tickets early so that you are not disappointed later. Santa is willing to take sometime to come and visit us at our party and he might bring along a bit of chocolate to share with the kids.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Congregational Board met in the Church on the 17th September 2015. 
Present: Rev. Dr. Balaj (Chairman), 23 Elders and 4 Board members. The Rev. Dr. Balaj welcomed members and constituted the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meetings held on the 12th March 2015 and 2nd June 2015 were approved and signed. It was agreed that copies of the minutes of the Annual Stated Congregational Meeting will be available at the meeting for Church Members. Copies of the Accounts will be available at the start of the service as in previous years.

MATTERS ARISING
Stewardship Convenor. This position is currently vacant, and therefore will remain on the Agenda for the next meeting. Audio Visual. A proposal has been put forward for a new audio visual system in the church which has been approved by CARTA with qualifications. The proposed cost for the equipment is £10,000 this does not include the cost of laying the cables. Quotations are being sought from local electricians. The visual systems consist of three screens which will be fitted at the front of the church. An additional screen will be fitted onto the rear of the first pew facing the Chancel. A speaker and a microphone will be placed in the balcony for the choir. A vote was taken and the result was unanimous with Frank Falconer abstaining. After the official response from CARTA the proposal will go to the Presbytery.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Manlliffe Goodbody, Treasurer, is on holiday and there was no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Property: Des Nicoll, Convenor was unable to attend and there was no report.
Hall: Frank Falconer, Convenor, gave the following report. Feasibility Study for the proposal of the building of a new Church Hall. A proposal for a Feasibility Study for the building of the new Church Hall needs to be approved by the board before being submitted to 121 George Street for approval. The overall cost including demolition and fees is £440,000 and includes all fixtures and fittings but exclusive of furnishings. This was approved by the Board. As the current hall is on a flood plain SEPA would be consulted as would the Planning Officer for the Local Authority.
Social and Community: Jay Ferrier, Convenor was unable to attend and Laura Paton gave the following report: The monthly snack lunches have once again resumed for the Winter and Spring Months.
The next Messy Church to be held at St Vigeans on Saturday 21st November 2015. It was reported that the Summer Fete raised £1300, Feis Spe Concert raised £800 and Ceilidh £630.
Jay wished to thank everyone from the Social Committee that participated in these events.
Stewardship Campaign: Alex Small is on holiday. There was no report.

BULLETIN: Dianne Robb is the new editor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Shoe Box Appeal: George Robertson advised that leaflets are available in the church and date for collection will be intimated in the church. Gift Sunday will be held on the 25th of October.
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Plaque. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission contacted St Vigeans Parish Church to notify that they had permission from Angus Council to place the plaque on the gate of the graveyard as there are two War Graves within the Graveyard. It was suggested that it would be appropriate if these two graves were identified and a poppy can be placed on Remembrance Sunday.

Overgrown grass on the hill around the Church. It was agreed that this was unsightly and Heather Phillips-Morrison is to send a letter to the Local Authority Parks Department to request that the grass is mown. It is usually strimmed by the Local Authority at the end of Autumn, however it was agreed that this is not appropriate.

Nyambani: After discussion it was agreed to have a stall at our Snack Lunch in November.

There are always lots of groups needing your help to make them bigger and better. We are currently in need of a couple of new volunteers for Toddlers especially at the lunchtime session on a Thursday.

We are looking for someone that likes to chat with families, knows how to make tea & coffee and is happy to do the dishes. If you are interested the church will get you to complete a PVG check and once that is done we would add you to our rota.

This would mean you would only need to help at Toddlers once a month or less. Please contact Lesley Balaj for more details. We also need someone who would be willing to join our Birling Bairns leaders. You don't need to be able to dance just be willing to help out and possibly help to play the music from our laptop.

No previous knowledge required we can show you how to do it.
MY TRIP TO RWANDA IN JULY

BY SUZEL O’DONNELL

MY UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER HOLIDAY

This summer I had the most exceptional experience, having lived and worked in Rwanda for the month of July as part of the Wood Foundation’s global learning partnerships programme. As I left Scotland bound for GS Rango school in the district of Ruhuha, I was aware that I was heading for a new and completely different way of living – the culture, the language, the food, the education and the privilege of absorbing and being involved in all aspects of a new life.

At 5.30am every morning, a loud radio announced it was time to get up. On my 30-minute walk to school I would receive the most amazing smiles from people, and would hear the word “inwaramutse” over and over again – “good morning” in Kinyarwanda. It’s not a language I have much experience of but the Rwandan people greatly appreciated my efforts to learn it. They were patient and proud to teach me new words, with “murakose” (“thank you”) always bringing joy.

It was also a privilege to join the Rwandan professionals in their CPD, which provided a range of high-level teaching and learning practices on learning styles, reading, parents’ involvement, cooperative learning, positive feedback and more.

I found the teachers and students to be friendly, respectful, kind and eager to know more about the outside world. Teachers must share knowledge, but we must also respect each other, our similarities and our differences. I hope that I can share with others the positive impact of this experience upon me, personally and professionally.

In Rwanda I had fun, made friends and learned about the country’s culture, language, values, tradition and religion. The trip helped me to pursue my dream of making the most of my opportunities, and of ensuring that my life inspires others to extend their own learning and teaching. A totally unforgettable experience.

Suzel O’Donnell
English as an additional language (EAL) teacher, Angus

THE TEAM THAT WENT WITH SUZEL TO RWANDA
ST. VIGEANS SUNDAY
FUN CLUB ROSTER

6/12/15  KIRSTEEN RUSSELL (L), JACQUI GAULD, ROSIE BURNETT, NICOLE GUTHRIE.

13/12/2015  ISA CHRISTIE (L), LYNNE WILLOX, NIKKI BEATTIE, LUCA BALAJ.

20/12/2015  JIM MENZIES (L), SANDRA MENZIES, SHAUNI BEATTIE.

24/12/2015  KIRSTEEN RUSSELL (L), LINDSAY RUSSELL, GAIL STOTT, LUCA BALAJ.

27/12/2015  HOLIDAY

3/01/2016  HOLIDAY

10/01/2016  SPILL THE BEANS...

17/01/2016  ISA CHRISTIE (L), BETTS FERRIER, LYNNE WILLOX, LUCA BALAJ

24/01/2016  JIM MENZIES (L), SANDRA MENZIES, NANCY ROBBIE, NICOLE GUTHRIE.

31/01/2016  KIRSTEEN RUSSELL (L), SHAUNI BEATTIE, ROSIE BURNETT, LUCA BALAJ

Leaders please make sure that you contact helpers before Sunday. It’s always good to work as a team in the planning for the Sunday. If you are not able to do the day you are on the rota please swap with someone else. If you don’t have access to Spill the Beans please contact Jim.

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ORGANISATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

THE GUILD
At our Opening Meeting in September Rev Dougal Edwards gave a most interesting talk on his journey from working on an oil rig to the Ministry. In October, we had a talk from Carol Ann Thain on the history of The Military Wives Choir. In the beginning there were 25 choirs and now there are 75 at home and abroad. Not only do they enjoy the singing but also the fellowship and support from each other when their husbands are away on detachments.

As I write this, we will be thinking about our next meeting on 16th November when we look forward to a floral demonstration by Karen Donaldson. This will also be Guild Week and we are to donate to the Foodbank. On 21st December we meet at The Portcullis for our Christmas Meal.

Looking ahead to 18th January, Dr de Voil’s topic will be “Hope Gardens”. Anyone is welcome to join us on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 pm.

A joyous Christmas to all.

Jean Duncan

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING
The country dancing is going well with good numbers attending. Not a lot to say other than that we will be having our Christmas party on Monday 7th December at usual time of 7.30.

Sheila Hosie

WEDNESDAY CLUB
We have had some lovely afternoons at the club since the break in summer. At the club last week on November 11th, we enjoyed seeing Mrs Maureen Paterson displaying her talent for making handbags from various materials.

Now we are approaching Christmas, where our members are now looking forward to the Christmas meal at the Pende café on Wednesday 11th December. The Wednesday club will then have its break, for two weeks over Christmas and New year.

Finally we would just like to wish all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Nancy Robbie

BIRLING BAIRNS
Since our October holiday our new dances include the “Witches Cauldron” for Halloween, “St Andrew’s Bairns” in November and “Rudolph Santa’s Reindeer” for December. The firm favourites at Birling Bairns are the “Elephant Walk”, along with the Card Game and the Action Songs. Birling Bairns finish at the beginning of December and restart on the 12th January 2016 when we look forward to our regulars returning after the Christmas holiday but we would also welcome some new children with their adult partner to come and join us. We at Birling Bairns wish everyone a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2016.

Margaret Cargill

KNIT & KNATTER
The Knox’s Knit & Knatter group have made 61 Twiddlemuffs so far for patients with dementia, and will continue to knit them until we have hit out target of 100! The twiddlemuffs have been distributed to the local care homes in Arbroath, Forfar and Carnoustie. Some of our members spent an afternoon knitting and chatting with the residents of Monkbars care home in Arbroath. We’ve had fantastic feedback about our project so well done to everyone involved!

If you would like to get involved with our charity knits, come along to one of our meetings. We meet once a fortnight on a Tuesday, 7pm-8:30pm at Knox’s church hall. If you can knit, crochet, cross-stitch or any kind of yarn or thread craft, you
Answers to quiz in last magazine:

Countries with largest populations: 1. China 2. India 3. USA 4. Indonesia
Biggest country in terms of land: Russia. Smallest: Vatican City

**A game of cards?**

There was once a song about a soldier in the Second World War who was arrested by his sergeant after he was found playing cards in Church. When the soldier was court-martialled he was asked why he took out his cards in Church. He explained that his pack of cards served him as a prayer book.

What did each of the following cards remind him of?

- **Ace**: Those saved by God in the flood: Noah, his sons and their wives
- **Two**: God
- **Eight**: The wise vestal virgins who trimmed their lamps
- **Five**: The evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
- **Knave**: The Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Ghost
- **Four**: The Devil
- **Three**: The New Testament and the Old Testament

Also:
- How many cards in a pack? How many weeks in a year?
- How many suits? How many weeks in a month?
- How many tricks? How many weeks in a quarter?

**Sweet words?**

Can you re-arrange the letters below to make sweet things?

1. L L Y O
2. D U G E F
3. C E I R U L I O
4. E T F O E F
5. C L O T A C H E O
7. A T R E E S G E G
8. M I P P E T P E N R
9. E I C M A R E C

Scottish Charity No.:
SC003049
Christmas is coming. The Goose is getting fat, Please put a penny in the old man's hat!

If you have been good, you will be hoping to get some presents from Santa Claus on Christmas Day.

Spare a thought for Spanish Children though. Their main presents come with the Three Kings who bring them on 6th January (called Epiphany), as they did to Jesus all those years ago.

Dutch children on the other hand get their presents much sooner—on 5th December, the night before the feast day of St Nicholas. St Nicholas is actually Santa Claus’s original name.

**Similes - Which animal?**

- As slippery as an...
- As cunning as a...
- As wise as an...
- As brave as a...
- As strong as an...

**Mottos**

Many organisations have a motto and many are in Latin which sometimes makes it tricky. For example the Royal Air Force motto is “Per ardua ad astra” which, loosely translated, means “Through hard work we reach the stars”.

Interestingly the motto of Winchester College in England is: 'Manners Makyth Man'. This reminds “all who teach and learn at Winchester that civility, intelligent application of sound training and service, whatever the circumstances, are good things in themselves and of genuine value in helping to make the world a better place...”
Rivers

The rivers mentioned below are the five longest rivers in the world. Put them in the right order, with the longest first.

Mississippi, Yenisei, Yangtze Chiang (Chang Jiang), Amazon, Nile

Rivers of the Bible

The following rivers are mentioned in the Bible. The Tigris, the Euphrates and the Jordan. Why is the Jordan unlike most rivers?

The Tigris and Euphrates rise in the mountains in Turkey, course south-eastwards and then flow into the sea in the Persian (or Arabian) Gulf.

Which river was Jesus baptised in and by whom?

European rivers

You will know a lot of rivers but two in particular cut through the heart of Europe, one flowing northwest-wards into the North Sea and the other southeast-wards into the Black Sea. There is another smaller river cum canal linking them. You will find all three on the map below.

Which are they?
If we can look at things from another person's point of view, it can sometimes help us to understand their behaviour. Sometimes it can also help to avoid a fight.

A simple example is the following poem which was read on Radio 4 on 8th October as part of Andrew Marr's Radio 4 National Poetry Day project. It tells the story of a hare called Wat - from the hare's point of view.

The poem was written in 1653 by Margaret Cavendish, Duchess of Newcastle, a lady-in-waiting to Henrietta Maria, Charles II's wife. The poem was well ahead of its time and caused a stir in its day as it appeared to criticise hunting.

The Hunting of the Hare

Betwixt two Ridges of Flow'd-land sat Wat,
Whose Body press'd to th'Earth, lay close, and squat,
His Nose upon his two Fore-feet did lye,
With his gray Eyes he glared Obliquely;
His Head he always set against the Wind,
His Tail when turn'd, his Hair blew up behind,
And made him to get Cold; but he being Wise,
Doth keep his Coat still down, so warm he lies:
Thus rests he all the Day, till th'Sun doth Set,
Then up he riseth his Relief to get,
And walks about, untill the Sun doth Rise,
Then coming back in's former Posture lies.

Have you ever wondered why a hare so often gets caught in the headlights of a car at night and will not run away to the right or the left?

The reason why is because a hare's eyes are not placed directly on the front of its head, as ours are, but largely on the side of its head. Hence it has good sideways vision, reasonable vision to the front and some vision to its rear as well.

In the headlights of a car, if the hare turns to the right, its right eye will tell it a light is coming from behind on the right, so it veers to the left. But then its left eye tells it a light is coming from behind on the left, so it veers back to the right. And so on—hence it keeps running straight ahead!

So, maybe the hare is not stupid at all, just at a disadvantage.
are more than welcome to come along. Just bring your pins or hook and yarn and £1 towards refreshments. You don’t have to join in with our charity knits – you are welcome to bring along your own project to work on. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Angela Pagan

BEER & BIBLE
We meet the first Thursday of each month in the Corner Bar Lounge. It is always a good session where we relax together and are free to ask any question we like. Together we try to delve into some passages we don’t usually look at.

WORD & WINE
Our little discussion group is growing in popularity. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday evening of most months. Join us on December 9th & January 13th at 7.45pm in the Manse. Wine is optional and soft drinks are available.

STROLLERS
It was a bit wet in November for our lovely stroll so most stayed at home, we are having a little break in December and January but will be back on Saturday February 6th at 1.30pm. Join us for a lovely wander up the nature trail.

PIZZA & PALS
The young people of our congregations meet on the 4th Sunday of the month and enjoy pizza and a time to learn and share together. We always have a game and craft to enjoy as well as some interesting discussions and sharing.

COFFEE AFTERNOONS
It is so nice to take some time out from our busy lives and speak to each other. Not a little whisper at church but to really speak to each other. There is a chance to make new friends and reacquaint with old ones. Join the coffee afternoon every Friday and enjoy your bottomless cuppa amongst friends. We will have holidays over the festive period on Friday 25th December and 1st January.

COFFEE & CHAT
We have been a bit quiet lately and it would be so good if more of the people in our parish joined us for a cuppa. We are however going to have a little break because of the festive celebrations so please do think about joining us on the first Saturday of each month starting from February 2016.

MESSY CHURCH
This service is growing ever more popular and is a very enjoyable way to spend a morning. It is also lovely that the social committee make lunch for us to enjoy. A morning of stories, songs, games and crafts is good for the whole family of any age. Hope that you will come and give it a try on January 16th in Knox’s church at 10.30am. There are some more grown up activities to compliment the crafts but sticking and gluing is good fun for everyone.

MISSION GROUP
Has been busy recently with all it’s little sub groups, Fairtrade is going well and there is a basket in both St. Vigean’s & Knox’s Church. We are so pleased that we have volunteers who are willing to keep the boxes well stocked. The twinning group is waiting anxiously to see if we can be twinned with a church in Czech Republic. We are in the early stages of setting up an Eco-group which will hopefully help our congregations to become Eco-congregations. This is a very exciting time for our congregations and we hope you will join in and take part in all these new initiatives.
CHANGE OF ADDRESS
If you are moving, please complete this address slip and return it to the Roll Keeper,
Miss B Brown, 2 Lochlands Drive, Arbroath. DD11 3DT

Name:................................................................................................................................

Former Address:....................................................................................................................

New Address:...........................................................................................................................  

For those who like to contribute

annually towards the cost of producing this magazine, an envelope is included with this issue. Either hand your contribution in at the church or post it to the Treasurer. Only cheques should be put in the post and these should be made out to St Vigeans Church.

Many thanks.

Don’t forget you can still raise funds for the church while you shop online, at no additional cost to you. Many suppliers give a percentage to Easy Fundraising, so when shopping with these suppliers remember to claim the percentage for St Vigeans. Visit the church website and see the icon on the home page.

We are making it easier to make one-off donations to our church.

Bring up the church website www.stvigeanschurch.org in your browser. On the home page, click on the My Donate icon. This will take you to the St Vigeans area of the BT My Donate secure site, which will open in a new window.

To the right of centre, you will see “Donate to this charity” and below this you will see Donate Now. Click on Donate Now and enter details as requested. You will have the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation.
Prayer Corner

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
2nd Cor. 12:9

The following extract is from “Inspirations from a Paperboat” by Victoria Duhanes published by T.L.M Trading Ltd for The Leprosy Mission.

It was after a talk by Jackie Pullinger at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London, that I decided that following Jesus was too hard for me, I was bound to fail! I’d never raise to the heights of faith or obedience that I had read about in her book, Chasing the Dragon, or be able to work among the drug addicts within the Walled City in Hong Kong. I’d never have the courage to leave home, friends and family and be led by the Holy Spirit into a strange country and undertake a dangerous mission. I was feeling very sorry for myself when a soft voice interrupted my murmurings “am I allowed to make both elephants and butterflies?” “Yes of course” I replied, wondering what was coming next! “Well I have made you a butterfly and you are not to criticise yourself for not being able to do the things an elephant does! I have need of faithful strong elephants in my kingdom but I need butterflies too! Be content with who you are and don’t belittle yourself—be little and do the small things I ask you to do faithfully. Be freely available to me by not getting too busy and tied up with fruitless activities.

The lifebelt that I throw to a drowning man is the one that I find resting on its bracket where it is meant to be. The one that is tied up or gone missing can never be of any use to me in my desire to reach out to those of my children who are lost and do not know me. I need you to be willing, available, ready to hear and obey.

The size of work in hand is not yours to question or to judge, you are not responsible for how or when I choose to do my work. I need my children’s hands to be like mine, pierced with my purposes and surrendered to my love. Hands that bless, comfort, heal and impart peace. As you surrender your heart to me, your hands become mine.

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen

Heb. 13:20-21

Apache Blessing

May the sun bring you new energy every day,
May the moon softly restore you by night,
May the rain wash away your worries,
May the breeze blow new strength into your being.
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life.

Every Blessing.
Jean McPhail
Knox’s & St Vigeans Churches

Christmas Party

Sunday 20th of December, 2015
2pm - 4pm at Knox’s Hall

Party Games, Disco & Visit from Santa!

Tickets on Sale NOW!
£1.50

For more information:
07954436879

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December Services & Events

5th December – Knox’s Christmas Fayre in Knox’s Hall at 10 am
5th December – Seniors Christmas Party at 2.30 pm in the Church Hall. If anyone is, or knows of anyone, over retirement age who would like to go please contact Helen Taylor (875901) or Mary Milne (550173).
6th December – Time to Remember Service in Knox’s Church at 4 pm.
13th December – Christmas Gift Service at 11.30 am. We will be collecting unused gifts, maximum value £10, for disadvantaged children. If you would like to bring a gift, please wrap it and attach a label with sex and age of child it would suit. Come along early and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee before the Service.
14th December – Guild Christmas Meal at Portcullis. 7 pm for 7.30 pm.
17th December – Afternoon Carol Service in the Hall at 2 pm followed by tea or coffee and mince pies.
18th December – Christmas at East Newton, By Arbroath. Forget Christmas shopping and come for coffee, lunch or tea from 10 am to 6 pm.
20th December – Family Nativity Service at 11.30 am followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Church.
20th December – Family Christmas Party 2 pm to 4 pm in Knox’s Hall.
22nd December – Carol Singing in the Corner Bar at 7 pm. To be confirmed

Date to be confirmed – Sunday Fun Club visit to the cinema.
Christmas Eve – Carol Singing in Tarriehank at 2 pm
  Carol Singing in Caimie Lodge at 3 pm
  Christingle Service at 6 pm.
  Carols at 11.15 pm followed by Midnight Service at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day – Family Service at 11 am in Knox’s Church.
27th December – Joint Sunday Service 11 am in St.Vigeans
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