



St Vigean's Church

Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2021

Are we beginning at last to see some light at the end of this long Covid tunnel? For more than a year this virus has gripped our nation and restricted everything that we normally take for granted. But, with cases falling and a large percentage of the adult population vaccinated, rules are being slowly relaxed.

This has been a bleak and long journey, but with the sun shining, birds singing and the gardens and countryside full of signs of new life we can believe that there are better days ahead. However, although we still require to abide by the rules, which are changing even as I write this article, we can once again safely worship at St Vigean's, meet friends and enjoy a meal out.

You will find all the information about our Services on Page 3 of this Newsletter.

Margaret Pullar, Session Clerk

The annual general meeting of Angus East Guilds Together was held on Zoom on 10th March. After discussion it was agreed to donate £350 each to the two projects with the least amount, namely, World Mission and The Sailors' Society. Convener Eileen McDonald's three-year term has ended and she does not wish to continue. As nobody was willing to take this on, it was agreed that meetings be cut to two a year, these being the Dedication and Communion, usually held in mid-September, and Songs of Praise in May. The host church will be responsible for arranging everything, including sending out invitations. Due to restrictions, Songs of Praise will not be held this year. The treasurer, Kathleen Lawrence, also wishes to stand down - any offers? You do not need to be a member of The Guild to hold this position. Hopefully, it won't be too long before our own Guild can meet, but in the meantime take care.

Blessings to all.



Jean Duncan



Congratulations to Margaret and Jessie

Margaret Gellatly and Jessie Murray were recently presented with Long Service Certificates. They were ordained as Elders at St Vigeans on 24th September 1989 and have carried out many and varied duties for our Church for more than 30 years. Congratulations and Thank You.



The world we live in has many uncertainties . . . but we are confident in the knowledge that Jesus is alive, He has conquered sin and death and He is King of Kings.

During these days things are changing all the time - new relaxation of restrictions, yet still that note of caution that we are not 'out of the woods' yet. How good it is to know that God knows the future and that we are safe in His hands.

Proverbs 3, vs 5 and 6, encourage us with "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight".

Does that not lighten your heart as we trust our Heavenly Father? In the New Testament there are also many verses to encourage and comfort us.

How about Romans chapter 15, verse 13? "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

Quite a few years ago now, we had a poster up in the spare room. It was a lovely picture of trees bending towards each other to form a shelter . . . and you could imagine yourself walking under it.

The words were: "I don't know what the future holds,
but I know who holds the future."

Keith Scott, Locum

WORSHIP

There will now be a service in the church every Sunday at 11.30 am

However, in line with the new guidelines, a maximum of only 65 -70 people are allowed to worship in the Church at the same time.

To avoid disappointment, if you would like to attend Church, please telephone 01241 876667 or email margaret.pullar@btinternet.com prior to the Sunday to book your place.

Online Services

There will still be an Online Sunday Service on most Sundays which can be viewed from early the following week.

Go to: www.stvigeanschurch.org, YouTube or the Facebook page.

Details of dates, services and any changes can be found on the website or contact Margaret Pullar. There will be no further Zoom meetings on Sunday mornings at 11 am.

If you do not have access to the internet you can listen to the service by dialling 01241 545821 on your normal landline, although the service may not be available until sometime on Monday.



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Newsletter

Due to Covid restrictions it has been difficult to deliver Newsletters. We are continuing to email it to as many people as possible and deliver it to the rest of our members.

If you would prefer a paper copy, please let me know, or if you have an email address that we do not already have please send it to me at the above email address.

ANAGRAM

When the codeword is completed, transfer the relevant letters into the lower grid.
These letters can be rearranged to spell a male TV presenter (6,8).

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FABRIC REPORT

HALL

New windows and a door have been installed, with some minor work still to be carried out on the exterior of the building. This will be completed when materials are sourced. Internal repairs and painting have been completed. The improvement to the amount of daylight in the hall is amazing.



Application for upgrading the drainage system for the hall has been accepted by Building Standards Scotland and is now with Angus Council for processing. A paint specialist has surveyed

the exterior to assess for the application of a special stonework paint. A small committee will meet later to discuss and report back.

After some maintenance, the sound system and camera are now operating properly. A new lockable cabinet has replaced the existing one outside the main door of the church.

George Taylor

Beadles on duty

May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Fraser Bews	Andrew Lawson	David Smith	George Taylor
June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Michael O'Donnell	Fraser Bews	Andrew Lawson	David Smith
July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
Michael O'Donnell	George Taylor	Fraser Bews	Andrew Lawson

Fun Club and Toddlers

We are delighted that changes in the Covid regulations allow the Fun Club to meet again on Sunday mornings, although we will have to follow certain procedures.

We plan to have our first Fun Club session on Sunday, 16th May.

We are all looking forward to enjoying time together."

Now that we are in Level 3 we can resume Toddlers with restricted numbers of adults. We will have to put some measures in place to comply with Covid regulations. The toys and equipment are all cleaned and ready for new session.

I look forward to the group getting up and running again soon

Sandra Menzies



Christian Aid Week is from 10th - 16th May

There will be a collection for them
at the Communion Service on Sunday 30th May

A CALL FOR HELP

Wonderful news is that we will very soon be able to host Messy Churches and hopefully a Holiday Club over the summer and the very first step back to these great events is to rally and gather our volunteers!!! To those of you who regularly volunteer and join in, I would like to say a Very Big THANK YOU for all the time, help and support you give. It means so much more than you think, truly. I have missed you, and working with you, and I can't tell you how much I am looking forward to spending time with you once more. As you know though, we definitely need more helpers! Messy Church, Holiday Club and other similar events are not just for our children and youths and their grownups, it is for ALL grownups, most especially for our volunteers. In exchange for your time and efforts you gain fellowship, spending time with others and the satisfaction of the joy you are spreading! So please come and join us and help us to start hosting these amazing events again! If you are interested in helping please get in touch with myself, it would be marvellous to hear from you!!! However if you don't feel able to come and help in person, you can still be involved by making sure that anyone or families you know, and feel would benefit from attending our events, know about them when they are intimated. Tell as many as you can and encourage them to come and join us and that way you will definitely be a Very Big help too!!!

With all my thanks, love and God's Blessings
Gerda Reid, Family Worker
07873 394 126 / family.worker4stvigians@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report from Fraser Bews

Because the church was closed for the first three months of this year, income is well down on the same period last year. Total giving to the end of March was £6,811.50 compared to £10,170.06 last year. Fortunately we received a further legacy payment of £20,000 from the estate of the late Isobel Alexander, so the bank balance remains reasonably healthy despite the reduced giving. This year we will install the new septic tank and, with drainage works, this will cost approximately £70,000. We still have to pay £7,000 for the hall windows and about £5,000 for external painting of the hall. We will be able to meet the bulk of these costs by using some of the investments from the Anderson Fund.

DOOR DUTY

MAY 2021

2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Sandra Menzies Jim Menzies Joyce Lynn	Liz Lawson Margaret Cargill David Cargill	Joyce Mathieson Betts Ferrier Jay Ferrier	Sandra Wilbourn Helen Taylor Andy Lawson	Helen Rosie Gertrud Smith Jim Gray

JUNE 2021

6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th
Gerda Reid Sheila Hosie Jim Low	Fraser Bews Betty Brown Jessie Murray	David Smith Dorothy Baird Florence Stirling	Laura Paton Wendy Bell William Lawrie

JULY 2021

4 th	11 th	18 th	25 th
Isa Christie Rosie Burnett Campbell Wilbourn	George Taylor Joyce Lynn Sandra Menzies	Jim Menzies Joyce Mathieson Nancy Robbie	Margaret Cargill Betts Ferrier Jay Ferrier

If you are unable to do your door duty, please arrange for a replacement and contact Gertrud 01241 890449

Prayer Corner



Father, we ask your blessing on our world and country. We especially pray for those who have been feeling lonely and isolated, away from their families during this last year. For those who are ill, dying or who have been bereaved during this pandemic. Grant that we do not forget them, and show us ways of sharing love and fellowship with them. Be near to those facing anxiety, depression and heartache and who find it hard to cope. Father support them and grant them your strength and peace.

Stamps wanted!

Many thanks to those who have continued saving stamps during the pandemic and lockdown while the church has been closed. The Mission Department continues to collect used stamps to sell, with money raised going to an international good cause. I will place a box at the back of the church, in the usual place, when this is allowed under the national regulations. Many thanks for all your help and patience.

William Lawrie

It's a boy!

Congratulations and best wishes to Cathy and Andrew Lawson on the birth of their son, and to Liz and Andy on the arrival of their first grandchild.

Answers to the Codeword/Anagram

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The male TV presenter is Jeremy Clarkson