



St Vigean's Church

Newsletter

August 2021

The last eighteen months have been a challenge in so many ways with huge restrictions on how we have been able to live our lives. As these rules are relaxed let us reflect on the last few months and hopefully remember and continue to think and support others.

At St Vigean's let us continue to be **S**upportive and **T**houghtful to one another. Please get **V**accinated as soon as you can but also **I**solate if you are asked to do so or you know that you have been in contact with someone who has the virus. **G**ive your time and effort willingly to help people less fortunate than yourself. **E**njoy the new freedom but **A**lways remember the doctors and nurses in the **N**Hs and the many other frontline workers who have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic. Be sensible, caring but stay **S**afe.

Margaret Pullar, Session Clerk

Dear Friends

After months of dark and difficult days it's good to see the sunshine. As we sit out in our back gardens on a lovely summer day the sun warms us up and makes us feel good. Certainly, from what we hear on the News, it's perhaps time to 'feel good' as restrictions are easing.

With easing of restrictions hopefully it won't be long before the various church activities can restart. Also, we'll be able to start our monthly soup lunch services in the church hall as I'm very conscious of the fact that some of our members who are unable to come to church are missing the fellowship of meeting together.

I want to thank all of you for showing love in action to those in our church family who have not been well or have needed support. The Lord wants us to follow His command 'love one another' and this has been shown in countless ways.

The Apostle Paul writes in Galatians 6 verse 10:

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers"

Paul was encouraging the believers in the New Testament church to care and support everyone but especially the church family. His words are just as important today.

Recently, I came across something that made me stop and think" - We will never change the world by going to church. We will only change the world by being the church".

We go to church to worship God; but by being the church we are showing others how much God loves us and how He wants us to live our lives.

Let us, like the New Testament Christians, use every opportunity to spread God's love through word and action. Keith Scott

REFLECTION

During my working life with the blind people of Angus and South Kincardineshire, I had the chance to meet some very interesting people, and some very brave people. One of these was a charming lady who was not only blind but also deaf. This meant that all communication with her had to be done by hand. It also meant that the visitor had to have a working knowledge of the deaf/blind alphabet. The lady would hold out her hand, the visitor would then take it with their left hand and use the right one to "speak". The recipient would then read the words as they were "written" and respond with the spoken word. The lady in this story was a hero in my thinking, for she wanted to know the local news, what was going on in the "greater World" and every hint of scandal I could call to mind. She was often helpless with laughter at some of the stories I had saved up for her, and she made visiting a pleasure of the day. This particular client coped with her problems with a defiant and brave face, never did she complain, nor use her deficiency for pity. She was a pleasure to visit and one always left feeling the world was not such a bad place.

Now, many years after her death, I can still remember the joy of visiting her, of holding her hand and spelling out the "latest story" and of her hearty laughter and pleasure. Would that we could all face the world with her strength and joy.

Let us remember in our prayers those who because of illness or frailty, are unable to join us in weekly gatherings in our churches, old and new, let them not be forgotten.

Let us also be thankful of those who have gone before us, who had the strength and vision to bring about our "new" church, in and of, Scotland.

T F Maplesden

WELCOME to Nettie McLean who recently joined St Vigeans Church and also to Tom Maplesden who was admitted as an Elder.

Welcome



COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER

at 11.30 am

CONDUCTED BY REV PETER PHILLIPS



PRESENTATION TO SHEILA

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and present which you gave me when I retired as church organist. We have just about got our heads round Alexa and, although I may not be the coolest granny in Arbroath, I feel certain that your gift of an Echo Dot has greatly enhanced my street cred!

Very many thanks to all of you.

Sheila.

Defibrillator

As I am sure many of you are aware, over the last few months we have been investigating purchasing a defibrillator for the village. Jenny Menzies has very kindly been liaising with Arbroath Rotaract who have agreed to purchase it and St Vigeans Conservation Group have also given us a donation for the ongoing maintenance. We are very grateful to all these people.

Hopefully in the days and years to come it will not be necessary to use it very often but with the number of walkers, visitors and dog walkers in the village it could be a life saver.



BAPTISM

Georgia Stirling, daughter of Sophie & Guy Stirling and granddaughter of Florence & Ian Stirling was baptised on Sunday 25th July.



WORSHIP

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

and Coffee will again be available at 11 am but please respect the
rules.

In line with the new guidelines, a maximum of 125 people are allowed to
worship in the Church at the same time and although
we still require to take a note of names and contact details of people
attending and to assist the people on door duty it would be helpful (but not
imperative) if you telephone 01241 876667 or e mail
margaret.pullar@btinternet.com prior to the Sunday to book your place.

There will still be an Online Sunday Service on most Sundays which can be
viewed from early the following week -
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 - details Page 9.

There will be no further zoom meetings on Sunday mornings at 11 am.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for volunteers to go on a rota to assist during Sunday worship with the
computer and the presentation of slides. If this is something you feel you could help us
with, please get in touch with Heather on 07974 663 474 to arrange a time for a practice
session.

You can have as many practice sessions as you wish before progressing to an assisted
session during worship. Again, until you feel comfortable using the system, you can have as
many assisted sessions during worship as you wish.

We already have a few people to go on a rota but the more people we have available, the
less onerous the task will be for each of us.

Heather Lockhart

CHURCH OFFICER ROTA

August

1st	David Smith
8th	Mike O'Donnell
15th	George Taylor
22nd	Fraser Bews
29th	Andy Lawson

September

5th	David Smith
12th	Mike O'Donnell
19th	George Taylor
26th	Fraser Bews

October

3rd	Andy Lawson
10th	David Smith
17th	Mike O'Donnell
24th	George Taylor
31st	Fraser Bews

CHURCH FLOWERS

AUGUST

1st	Sheila Milroy
8th	Rosie Burnett
15th	Jean McPhail
22nd	Helen Rosie
29th	Jean Duncan

SEPTEMBER

5th	Liz Lawson
12th	Christine Fairweather
19th	Chloe Allardyce
26th	Rosie Burnett

DOOR DUTY

August

1st & 8th	Fraser Bews Rosie Burnett Jim Low
15th, 22nd & 29th	David Smith Jen Den-Mackay Sandra Wilbourn

September

5th & 12th	George Taylor Betty Brown Sheila Hosie
19th & 26th	Helen Rosie Joyce Lynn Campbell Wilbourn

October

3rd, 10th & 17th	Meg Manson Jay Ferrier Laura Paton
24th & 31st	Betts Ferrier Dorothy Baird Helen Taylor

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

ORGANISATIONS



THE GUILD

Due to the pandemic, the Annual Guild Meeting this year will not be held in the Caird Hall, Dundee but a smaller event is to go ahead in The Assembly Hall, Edinburgh on 4th September but there will be space for only 100 people unless social distancing is reduced by then. However, there will be live streaming of the event with some participation. It should last approximately 3 hours. We still have to be notified of the time.

This year we have decided to have our Guild Meetings in the afternoon. The session will start on Monday, 20th September at 2 pm in the Church Hall. Thereafter, we will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month until April. **New members, male or female, will be most welcome.** The syllabus has not been finalised but the topic for each meeting will be intimated in the Church each month.

The strategy for the next three years will be "Look Forward in Faith" and the theme for 2021/22 is "Lights and Bushels" which will lead onto "Wee Seeds Big Trees" and "New Wine, New Skins."

A healthy and happy summer to all.

Jean Duncan

JUST4MEN

We are planning to re-start our JUST4MEN group in the Session House at 2 p.m. on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

JUST4MEN, as the name suggests, is a men's group open to all men. It will provide us with the opportunity to meet together, talk through various issues or just to enjoy each other's company.

BE CREATIVE

Be Creative will resume on Wednesday 1st September at 7 pm in the Hall. If you enjoy knitting, crochet or would just like some company please join us and if you are busy knitting, sewing or crocheting bring it with you.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello all,

I hope you are enjoying the fine summer we are having which maybe makes up a bit for those unable to holiday abroad who wanted to.

Below are the giving figures year to date which on the face of it look positive in comparison to last year but are not totally reflective of reality due to the church being closed for the bulk of this period last year and Freewill offerings catching up a bit later in the year on the days we were able to have a service.

	2021	2020
Open Plate	£732.85	£1,332.71
Freewill	£6,613.50	£2,150.90
Gift Aid	£13,743.00	£10,964.00
Tax Recovered	£5,802.35	£7,280.21

Tax recovered was less mainly as a result of reduced small cash donations last year which meant I was not able to claim back the full £2k maximum refund for these as has been the case in previous years, however, it's good to see the increased gift aid giving mainly as a result of a large gift from one member.

National Giving Day

Congregations have been encouraged by the General Assembly to participate in a church-wide National Giving Day which we have agreed for St Vigeans will be held during our service on Sunday 26th September which will be reflective of this initiative.

Money received through this will remain with the congregations and used to fund specific work, to launch a new project or simply to offset deficits taking into account the challenging financial circumstances faced over the last year. Congregations can use the money locally or direct it towards projects at home or overseas, provided that it will be used in line with the charitable objectives of the Church. Your support and any ideas on this would be gratefully welcomed.

Fraser Bews, Treasurer

PROPERTY

The floor in the Vestry has been repaired along with other bits and pieces, once it has been painted to freshen it up floor covering will be laid. I will have a look at carpet tiles that were lifted from the session rooms to see if they are suitable. Thanks go to Jim and Sandra Menzies for all their assistance.

I am pricing insulation for the roof of the session rooms - we will require 60 metres and I am trying to source another cheek microphone - the one we have only clips round one ear and has a tendency to move.

Septic tank and drainage works – the Building Warrant has now been received.

George Taylor

Sunday Fun Club

Our team of willing and able leaders and helpers are looking forward to starting working with the children at the Sunday Fun Club in the new session on Sunday 15th August. An exciting and interesting programme using a variety of learning methods will be used to bring the Gospel story to the children. The children will enjoy a range of activities including crafts, stories, puzzles, videos and games. Children of all ages are welcome to join us. We meet in Church at 11.30 am before going to hall.

Jim Menzies



Toddlers Group

We had two successful toddler sessions in June, even though our numbers were restricted. We all enjoyed being outside both days and it was so nice to see their happy faces but we hope to be allowed to have greater numbers in the new session. There is a big waiting list for places at toddlers but hope to be able to address this in the near future.

Sandra

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Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who has made our return to Church possible. Special thanks to Heather who has recorded the service every week for people who have not managed to attend Church, to the Church Officers who have so many additional duties, to the people who work the computer and camera, to the people on Door Duty and to everyone else who has assisted in any way. Thank You.

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Although we are now allowed to hand deliver the Newsletter we are continuing to e mail 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 e mail address that we do not already have please send it to me - my e mail address is

margaret.pullar@btinternet.com

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The Church of Scotland Hymnary Group are looking for input from congregations to help to produce a new collection of songs. They are looking for songs, in any musical style, written since 2003 including new words to be sung to older tunes. If you have any hymns or songs you would like to be considered, please let me know before 20th August 2021.

Margaret Pullar

Can you find the Proverb or Saying?

1. A B I T H I W T I T B
2. A W I S C
3. A E F A E A T F A T
4. B T S O Y T
5. A F I N I A F I
6. A M T H G F

7. I B T G T T R
8. L T N A T
9. P C B A F
10. R S A N S D
11. D T O A Y W H T D T Y
12. M H M L W

Answers on Page 12

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On SUNDAY 24th October
At 11.30 am



We will be collecting non- perishable goods for the Foodbank. Please either bring them to Church or take them to the Old & Abbey Church Foodbank.

Annual Blythswood Shoebox Appeal



Leaflets for this year's appeal are attached or enclosed with this Newsletter or will be available in Church. At the moment we do not have the collection date but it is normally early November. We will give you further information in plenty of time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of
Jenny Birse
who died recently.



Arbroath Piano Club is intending to start in September after a long, empty interval. Our numbers are very low, with fewer players as well as fewer listeners. New members would be most welcome, so please contact me if you know of anyone who has a hobby of piano playing or enjoys listening - 12th September at 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Helen Addison

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DIARY DATES

1st August	Coffee before service resumes
15th August	Sunday Fun Club
1st September	Be Creative meets in the Hall
2nd September	Just4Men meets in the Session Rooms
14th September	Board & Session Meetings in the Hall
20th September	Guild meet in the Hall
24th October	Harvest Thanksgiving
31st October	Communion Service
?? November	Quiz Night in the Hall
21st/28th January	Scottish Night in the Hall

Throughout this Newsletter you will find dates and proposed activities. We hope that they will all resume or take place on these dates but it may be the case that restrictions change and in the misquoted words of Rabbin Burns -
"The best laid plans of mice and men may gang aften aye"



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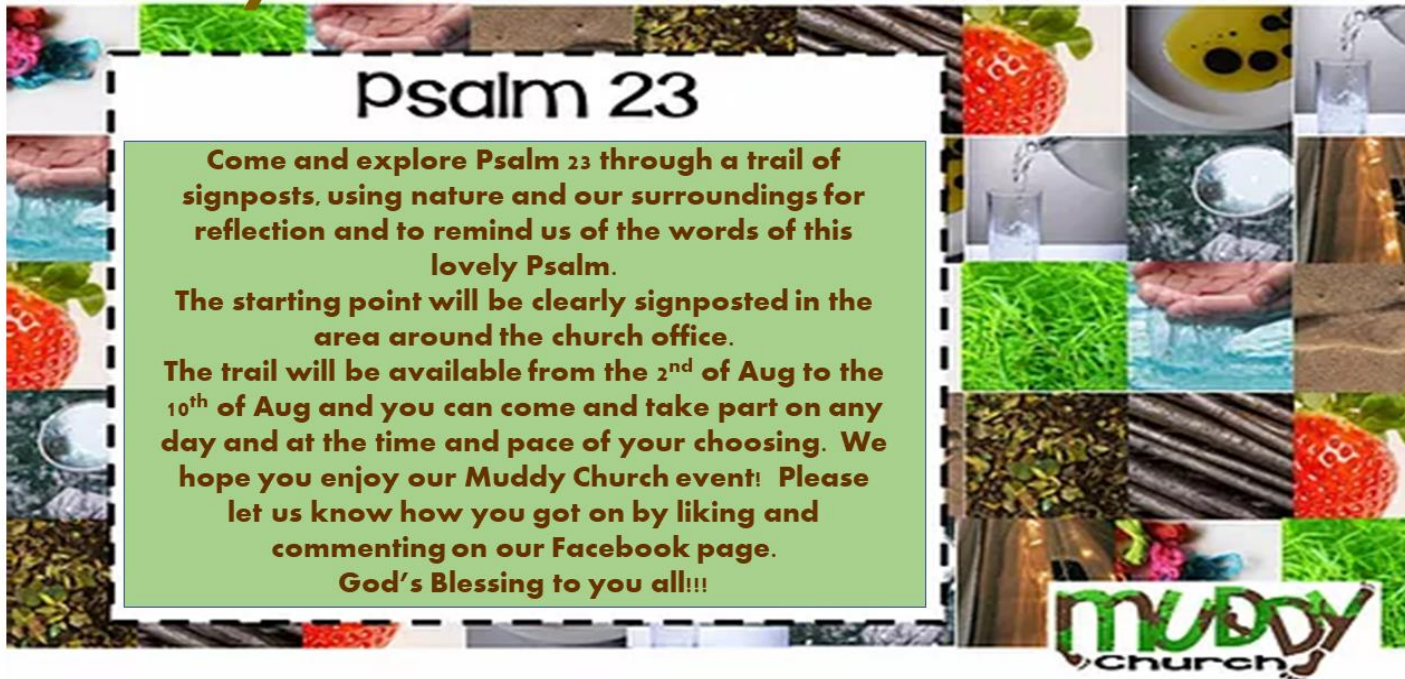
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Mr & Mrs Clark, Arbroath.

Muddy Church – Come follow the trail!!!



Psalm 23

Come and explore Psalm 23 through a trail of signposts, using nature and our surroundings for reflection and to remind us of the words of this lovely Psalm.

The starting point will be clearly signposted in the area around the church office.

The trail will be available from the 2nd of Aug to the 10th of Aug and you can come and take part on any day and at the time and pace of your choosing. We hope you enjoy our Muddy Church event! Please let us know how you got on by liking and commenting on our Facebook page.

God's Blessing to you all!!!

muddy church



*Congratulations to Fiona
Lawson and Allan Drysdale
who were married at St Vigeans
Church on 17th July*

Answers to Proverbs & Sayings

1. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
2. A wolf in sheep's clothing
3. An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth
4. By the skin of your teeth
5. A friend in need is a friend indeed
6. Absence makes the heart grow fonder
7. It's better to give than to receive
8. Love thy neighbour as thyself
9. Pride comes before a fall
10. Red sky at night, shepherds' delight
11. Do to others as you would have them do to you
12. Many hands make light work

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