

Flower List



Date	Donor	Arranger
7th June	Mrs Z Main	Dorothy Kirkpatrick
14th June	Mrs S Ramsay	Sylvia Ramsay
21st June	Mrs I Nichol	Irene Nichol
28th June	Mrs D Guy	Doreen Guy

Creche Duty

7th June	Norma Goodlad	Dorothy Kirkpatrick
14th June	Lorna Robson	Sarah Kerr
21st June	Ann Bell	Rose Leslie
28th June	Joan Lunn	Caitriana Spencer

Church Register

Funerals

30 th April	Jim Wightman, Gilbert Avenue
11 th May	Bill Ellis, Pattle Court
22 nd May	John Anderson, Fidora House

Jesus said 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'

Abbey Church, North Berwick (Church of Scotland)
Scottish Charity No. SCO 04761—CCL51436



Abbey Church News June 2015

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Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am.
Come along. All welcome.

Evening Services
take a break
over the summer.

Seaside Rock Holiday Club
is coming to Abbey Church!
More info in newsletter....



Dear Friends,



I came across a local headline recently which made me do a double-take: *'Abbey Church is finally sold. After lying empty for decades, it finally went under the hammer for £32,000. Built in the 1850s, it has remained empty since it was closed. Proposals put forward include turning the building into an arts centre, shop or housing'.*

The building in question is in Dunbar! but it reminded me of our recent Local Church Review. Based on extensive work in the Church of England, we learned that a church with no children is one which is on the road to closure.

I wonder how many children and young people there are in Abbey who are in full-time education? It may surprise you to learn the answer is almost 40, and that's not counting the grand-children of our 300 members. Where are they?

Our Sunday Club team put in a lot of time & effort to provide something for kids on a Sunday. Sometimes we're dismayed by the poor response. We will continue to organise this until at least this summer, when we hope to run a Holiday Club on Sunday mornings in July, as we did last year. After that, I can't promise what will happen.

This is an issue for all of us, to offer any support and encouragement to them. We can't just leave it to others.

North Berwick has been looking for a venue for an arts centre for some time. It would be a great asset to the town. But maybe you don't want that to be the future of our church building? That may depend on each of us.

Your minister,
David

Lets Jump for Joy in June



Dear Friends in Christ,

We've had some lovely days since the start of this year. I know I love June and enjoy looking back on all the special days we, as a family, have had. Lets praise the Lord for all His gifts to us!

Lord God, Than You for every precious gift You freely give us. We give thanks for the gift of good health and ask you to heal those who need Your special healing touch, and those who care for them. We pray specially for those at war; those who are killed and leave loved ones behind; those who are injured and are cared for in difficult situations. We ask you to bless all who volunteer to go to these places and do the essential work. Bless too, all at home who work hard, raising funds for these war-torn places.

Bless our Minister, Dr Graham, and pastoral assistant Bob Kane, and their loved ones. Bless all connected with Abbey Church; those who come year after year, and those newly within the fellowship. Keep our elderly and our young ones safe from all that would harm them. Thank you lord that You care for us all and never let us forget this.

We ask these things in Jesus' name, AMEN

BETTY HAWTHORN (Prayer Secretary)

Friends, let all around you join in as you jump for joy!

Who does what in Abbey?

Our Kirk Session Committees are responsible for these areas of church life. Please feel free to ask the conveners about any matters of interest or concern.

Worship (Convener: Robert Burgon)

Planning services, participation & developments in worship

Nurture (Convener: David McAdam)

Pastoral care, Christian education, Sunday Club, safeguarding, stewardship, social events & fellowship

Outreach (Convener: Sally Penman)

Local mission, parish contacts, work with young people & families, all publicity

Resources (Convener: Richard Bell)

Stewardship, eco-congregation, property, hall letting, health & safety, church accounts, employees, I.T.

World Church (Convener: Bill McClure)

World church issues, twinning, Fairtrade, Christian Aid, Bible Society, Bethany

Sunday Services

Our **Sunday morning services** consider the resurrection and gift of the Spirit, as part of our year-long journey through the Bible and faith:

'We make the road by walking'.

There are also related Bible readings for House Groups and personal devotion.

The weekly readings for the next month are:

7th June Psalm 116, Romans 8:1-17, Ephesians 3:14-21

14th June Acts 10:1-48, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

21st June Proverbs 4:1-27, Romans 12:3-12, James 1:2-8; 3:13-18

28th June Proverbs 8:1-36, John 17:1-23, Ephesians 4:1-16

June services

	Theme: Alive in the Spirit of God
7th	Spirit of Love: Loving God Romans 8:1-17
14th	Spirit of Love: Loving Neighbour 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Sacraments of Baptism And Communion
21st	Service conducted by the Session Clerk
28th	Spirit of Unity and Diversity Ephesians 4:1-16

Rosslyn Chapel

Rosslyn Chapel was founded in the mid-15th century and originally had six ordained canons and two boy choristers. The purpose of the chapel was to celebrate the passing of the day with prayer and also to celebrate Holy Mass for the faithful who had departed .

Since the late 1980s the chapel has also featured in speculative theories concerning the Freemasons, the Knights Templar and the Holy Grail.

Rosslyn Chapel was prominently featured in the 2003 bestseller, The Da Vinci Code and thereafter in the film adaptation.

Regal has been very fortunate as we have managed to arrange a private tour of the chapel with a guide on Thursday, 11 June 2015 commencing at 11.00 am; however, we must have a minimum of 12 people in our party. All ladies and gentlemen in Abbey Church are welcome to join the tour. After the tour we will have a light lunch (soup and sandwiches/paninis) in the Rosslyn cafe. The concessionary entrance fee is £7.

If you would like to join this private tour please send an email (im.aitken@btinternet.com or telephone 890070). We will go by car and any person who wishes a lift should indicate to me that they would like transport.

This outing to Rosslyn will be my swansong as organiser of Regal as I feel it is time to hand over the reins to someone with fresh ideas. If you would like to take over the Regal helm please have a chat with me.

Ian M Aitken

Comments - Abbey Church - 3 Months to 31March2015

General

The deficit for the first 3 months of 2015 is £1,858 versus a budget surplus of £54.

Income

Offerings - Open plate and 'blue envelopes' continue to decline. This is compensated for by the increased use of standing orders.

(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 Joyce in the office or ask Phil for one.)

Expenditure

Premises costs - These are above budget, during summer further maintenance works are planned.

A further payment of £1,545 was made to Prestogrange to assist with the renovation of their manse.

If you have any questions please ask.

Stuart Ainslie

9 May 2015

Your Finance Team

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| 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 |

Financial Report - 3 Months to 31 March 2015
Abbey Church - North Berwick

ALL FUNDS				
	Annual Budget	Budget to 31 March	Actual to 31 Mar	Variance
Income				
Offerings	70,000	17,498	14,675	(2,823)
Tax reclaim	16,500	4,125	6,075	1,950
Miscellaneous	9,500	2,252	1,402	(850)
Premises income	11,000	2,750	2,685	(65)
Investment income	4,100	350	387	37
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Dirleton	6,000	1,500	1,500	-
Total Income	117,100	28,475	26,724	(1,751)
Expenditure				
Church of Scotland payments	56,577	14,684	14,684	-
Pastoral Expenses	11,950	2,987	2,108	879
Other Salaries	22,000	5,499	5,334	165
Premises costs	16,672	2,960	3,601	(641)
Church Office Expenses	2,950	737	649	88
Investments	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	6,951	1,554	2,206	(652)
Total Expenditure	117,100	28,421	28,582	(161)
Surplus of Expenditure over Income	-	54	(1,858)	(1,912)

SUMMER AFTERNOON TEAS -2015

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 and of course baking would be very much appreciated and welcomed. Please contact Dorothy Kirkpatrick 89 2074 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.

Christian Aid Forth Bridge Sponsored Walk

Thanks very much to everyone who took part in the Bridge Cross on 25 April and also to everyone who sponsored people. A great time was had by all and our prayers were answered with a lovely sunny day. The Abbey Church walkers will have raised £2,000 approximately by the time all the sponsor money is received. If you still have pay up - it would be great if you could do so very soon.

David McColl

Abbey Church Super Sunday Club

The Super Sunday Club is on every Sunday until the end of June.
All children aged 4 - 12 invited along to join in the fun.

Great Abbey Bake-off spreads its wings

A copy of this essay, written by Jessica Kirkpatrick (aged 10) of McKeel Academy, Lakeland Florida was sent to North Berwick.

Dreamers and Doers

There is nothing better than helping your granny in Scotland during the Summer, to bake scones and tablet for the community church which is the Abbey Church. Baking these goods may not sound so special and beneficial to the community, but it helps the community very, very much. How might you ask? Well, first me and my granny make the treats, then we go to the church and sell them at the church coffee (all goods usually sell). Then after the tablet and scones are sold, we put the money together and give it to many charities such as Indian charities and homeless charities. A few charities are called "Bethany Christian Trust" and the "North Berwick Daycare Center," which does great work for the elderly in the community. Baking these goods for the church and giving that money from the goods to charities has inspired many people such as younger cousins, friends and siblings to bake things for the community and give the money they raised to charities. Soon you will see everyone making baked goods to sell for charity. Even though baking for a church seems like a small chore, it still greatly impacts my community. In the long run, every small task helps make our community a better place.

ABBEY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
HIGH STREET AT BEACH ROAD
NORTH BERWICK

SEASIDE ROCK HOLIDAY CLUB ON THE WEST BEACH

BEHIND ABBEY CHURCH

SUNDAYS AT 10.30 – 11.30am

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th July 2015

All primary school age
children welcome

(Children 4+ welcome with adult)

Lots of fun, stories about Jesus, parachute games,
sandcastle competitions, races
and lots more

