

Flower List

Date	Donor	Arranger
1st May	Mrs C Hill	Mgt MacLean
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8th May	Mrs E Harrison	Dorothy Kirkpatrick Sadie Young
15th May	Mrs M Robertson	- do -
22nd May	Mrs Sheila Burgon	- do -
29th May	Miss I Smith	Isabel Smith



Morning Tea Rota

1st May	Liz Harrison, Sadie Young
8th May	Morna Mclure, Eileen McColl
15th May	Jasmine Reavely, Catherine Andrew
22nd May	Isobel Hardie, Fiona Gibson
29th May	Isabel Smith, Sarah Kerr



Creche Duty

1st May	Mgt Lawson, Janice Cobb
8th May	Mandy Vance, Carol Stobie
15th May	Sadie Young, Sue Paterson
22nd May	Norma Goodlad, Dorothy Kirkpatrick
29th May	Lorna Robson, Sarah Kerr

Some people have recently retired from the Crèche list after many years. If anyone would like to help with the crèche, please speak to Dorothy Kirkpatrick or phone 89 2074 or contact Joyce at the Church office

Church Register

Funerals

25th April Jean Capewell, Abbey Crescent (Fidra 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 May 2016

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**All Sunday Morning Worship at
10.30am.**

Come along. All welcome.

New Horizons
From membership to discipleship
A series on our vision for the way ahead
Wednesdays at 7.30 in Abbey Hall (finishing by
9pm) See page 5 for details

Jazz Service
With the Ugly Bug Ragtime
St Andrew Blackadder Church
At 6pm on Sunday 29th May
In aid of Christian Aid Funds



Dear Friends,

We recently held the Annual Meeting of our congregation. It's an opportunity to review what has been happening in the past year. It's good to be able to celebrate the activities of the Sunday Club, the Guild, Regal, the work of our committees, and the many ways we outreach into the community and world, including our Twinning with Kalimpong. All of these are what it means to be the church in worship and mission, and we give thanks to God for every one of them.

The other main item at the Annual Meeting is to present the accounts and budget for the year. As ever, the congregation has been very generous and yet our giving has barely kept up with our costs, i.e. we have not quite kept our head above water. And our giving is falling.

It's interesting to look at this in more detail. The annual giving averages at £345 per member, but without Gift Aid recovered, this drops to £260 actually given, ie just £5 per week.

Averages can be misleading, they mask lower as well as higher amounts. We understand that not everyone is in a position to give, and we're also grateful for those who give generously and sacrificially. The example of the widow's penny (Mark 12:41) is challenging: she gave more than anyone else - not in monetary value, but because her giving was sacrificial. Food for thought?

Your minister,

David



May Prayer

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank You for the flowers coming into bloom, giving joy to many, and scattering their petals, bringing smiles to our life. Let us pray.



Heavenly Father,

Thank you Lord that You have given each flower a season, which allows us to look forward to each in turn. You are so wise God—help us to learn from You day by day. Your hands are so strong and powerful, yet soft and gentle too. Guide each one of us on our journey through life. Forgive us our sins and let us be patient with all who have very little — and we are so comfortable.

Bless our young people and treat them well. Bless the older folk, let us treat them well and give them back a little of what we owe them. Bless our Queen and all the royal family. Heal the sick and provide the staff needed to cope as we grow older. Lift up those who are down mentally. May those who are waiting on medical tests be patient knowing You have them safe in Your arms. Comfort those who mourn.

We ask these things in the Lard Jesus' name. Amen

Betty Hawthorn (Prayer Secretary)

Bereavement and Pastoral Care Six evenings led by Presbytery

Starting on Sunday 8th May at 7.30 in Abbey New Hall, this course of 6 evenings will train people to help with bereavement care and/or conduct funerals if they wish (but there's no commitment required to do so).

Everyone welcome.

Summer Afternoon Teas

It's this time of year again and this year Abbey has five Sundays in July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. St. Baldred's will be doing teas again in August. As Dorothy will be away in France for a special family holiday she will only be able to organise the first two so we urgently need people to help organise, bake, serve etc. for the other three Sundays. As usual the money raised will go to local and Church charities. Please speak to Dorothy Kirkpatrick or phone 89 2074 or contact Joyce at the Church office.

Christian Aid in North Berwick

This year the Christian Aid collections will be used to help the people in Bangladesh.

The following fund raising events will be held.

United Service Sunday 15th May, 6pm
St Baldred's Church

Everyone Welcome

Cheese & Wine Tuesday 17th May, 7pm
Buy tickets in advance

Coffee Morning Wednesday 18th May,
10 am—12 noon at
Dirleton Church Hall

Quiz Night Friday 20 May, 7.30pm
Hope Rooms, Forth St.

Coffee Morning Saturday 21 May, 10.00
Hope Rooms



or pay at the door.
Bring a friend for
lovely home baking
£2.50 per person
£5 per head; £20 per
table. Book in advance
07814 966206
Baking, Bric-a-brac &
raffle. £2.00 each.

Abbey will as usual be combining with other Churches in North Berwick. Your help will also be required to deliver Donation Envelopes and Event Programmes to all the houses in our Parish (including the new houses just built)

Assistance would be appreciated to collect monies outside our Church and at Tesco on the 20th and 21st May. If you are willing to help, even for just an hour or so please contact Bill McClure or see him at coffee after Church.

Abbey Guild Summer Outing on 21st June/16

An outing to Ford and Etal Estates (SW of Berwick upon Tweed) has been arranged for 21st June.

Apart from an interesting drive - 1hr 15mins-1hr 30mins max - the highlight/aim will be to visit Lady Waterford Hall in Ford where we'll begin by watching a 10min video about it's history. This hall houses a unique collection of Biblical watercolour murals which we will be able to admire while we have lunch (quiche, salad, tea/ coffee). Lunch and visit will cost £11 (includes lunch tip)

After lunch there will be plenty free time to look more carefully at the murals and wander round the little village.

Thereafter we will take a 5min drive to Heatherslaw where you will be able to visit the working Corn Mill. Those unable to cope with this three level building will have the option of viewing a video about the mill (in the Visitor Centre).

Others may wish to forego the mill and board the Light Railway - the most northerly narrow gauge railway in England - which runs from Heatherslaw to Etal at 2pm or 3pm. This covers the 3.2km distance in 20 mins.

Group rates: Corn Mill £2.60. Train £3.50 single or £4.50 return

We will probably finish the outing by having tea and cake around 3.30pm at the Lavender Tearoom in Etal Village which (for those not wishing to use the train) is a 5min drive from Heatherslaw.

If you are 'carless' by this stage be assured that someone will drive you back to your car.

If you are interested In going on this outing, please inform Linda Scott or Irene Brodie as soon as possible but no later than Sunday 29th May. We will be travelling by cars, leaving 11am sharp, and will aim to be back shortly after 5pm. Individual car loads will, of course, be free to curtail their visit anytime after lunch.

All are welcome, including your friends.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2015 were presented to the congregation at our meeting on 17th April. These reports are the way we communicate to our members, to the wider Church of Scotland, to OSCR as a registered charity, and to the community at large to show what we are doing and how we use our resources. The reports are available on the church website.

It was encouraging to hear about all the activities going on in the church and our thanks go to all those volunteers who contribute to the life of the church in so many different ways. These are some of the many groups we have to thank (in no particular order):

Stuart, Phil, Janice and Ronald in the Finance team
Sheila and the people who welcome at the door each week
Eileen and the Super Sunday Club team and those who help with the crèche
George for looking after our properties
Eileen, our Roll Keeper
Sarah and those who serve tea and coffee after the service
Richard, Andrew and the people who look after the website and the projection each week
Elma and the Flower Team
Dorothy and the Bethany Meals team
Val Young and those who help with Care Home services
Zandra for hosting the House Group
Rosie McCulloch who trims all the stamps
Ian, Janet and others involved in organising Regal and the Guild
Liz for the Fairtrade stall
Kate, Joyce and the delivery team for the Newsletter
Milne for publicity
Robert and the Choir
Sheena and Bob for the work with the Churches' Association
Isabel and those who help with Blythswood shoeboxes
Bill and everyone who contributes to the East Lothian Foodbank
All those who open up the church during the week to provide a place of peace for visitors

We know there are many others who support the work of the church through prayer and quiet, unseen ways, and we thank everyone for showing the love of Christ in the way they live out their lives.

NEW HORIZONS *from membership to discipleship*

A series on our vision for the way ahead

Wednesdays at 7.30 in Abbey Hall (finishing by 9pm)

4th May - **Joy for Tough Times** (Habakkuk 3:17-19)

11th May - **Go and Do Likewise** (Luke 10:25-37)

18th May - **The Cost of Discipleship** (Luke 19:1-10)

25th May - **The Call to Discipleship** (Matt 28:16-20)

Everyone welcome. Refreshments served

Bible Garden

We are so grateful to North Berwick in Bloom for creating the Bible Garden at the front of the church. If you haven't already had a look, then please do take the time to enjoy the plants and read about their links with the Holy Land and the various Bible references.

Guild Cinema Outing

It is proposed to have an outing to The Fort to see 'Golden Years' (a comedy with excellent revues) on either Thursday 5th or Tuesday 10th May at 2pm, then perhaps a cup of tea and a little shopping. Non Guild members are welcome and drivers are required. The date and arrangements will be in the Church intimations. Please contact any committee member, the Church office or Dorothy.

Regal

The date of the Regal Outing on the canal has been changed to 23rd June. More detailed information will be available in the June issue.

Could you help with reading at school

At Law Primary School we are looking for volunteers to help some of our pupils with their reading. If you feel you could work with a pupil aged 8-9 years twice a week for half an hour to improve their reading skills, please speak to Sally Penman.