

ST ANDREW'S UF CHURCH



Welcome to another St Andrew's newsletter.

We hope that this newsletter will bring you up to date with what is going on and that you will feel included in our wee church fellowship. Even though we might not see you every week, you are always in our thoughts.

There is a prayer list included as we seem to have quite a few folks who are in need of the Lord's great mercy and we ask you to say a few words for them during your prayer time.

From Jim Newell Psalm 62 vs 7 and 8. Many thanks, Jim

*My salvation and my honour depend on God^g;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.*

Prayer List



- Please pray for the situation in Israel and Gaza. There is unimaginable suffering on both sides, with children being maimed and brutally killed as well as innocent adults. Pray that the peacemakers will be filled with wisdom from our gracious God to speak with His authority.
- A friend of Christian's, Jian, is in Israel fighting against the Hamas and Hezbollah. Please pray the Lord will keep him safe.
- Pray for the leaders of our church, Jerome and the elders that they will have the strength and guidance to lead our congregation.
- Please pray for Rita who fell and broke her collar bone. May the Lord heal her and give her strength. Pray also for June who cares for her mum and she also has health issues.
- Please pray for healing for Chris who is finding walking very difficult.
- There is a prayer meeting on Sunday 22nd October in the Parish Church Hall at 6pm to pray for the situation in the middle east.
- Pray for Nicky's mum who is going through an assessment from the memory clinic. Pray that she received the care and support that she needs.
- Avril's daughter, Laura needs our prayers. The Lord knows what she needs, please pray He will send her healing and peace.
- Carolina's sister in The Philippines is having problems in early pregnancy. Please ask the Lord to keep her well.
- Christina from Carnoustie has had a heart valve replacement. Please pray for strength and a full recovery.
- Please continue to pray for our dear sister Heather. The Lord knows the situation, so we ask for His gracious mercies.
- And finally.....please praise our Lord and give thanks for Heather's neighbour, Zara who has made a full recovery from a severe brain injury. The consultant said it was a miracle and we agree!

Some of our much loved church family.



Dear Wilson, it was so good to have known you. Now you are “with Christ which is better by far”



The lovely Heather who sometimes joins us on Zoom



What can we say???? Two stalwarts of St Andrew's. We appreciate all that you do for our wee church. Ian was the first person I met when I walked through the door and I knew then that this was the place for me.



The wonderful Christine who faithfully brings Ann to church every Sunday. God bless you!



Stewart, our IT guy who enables us to “meet” together on zoom,

How do you zoom?

Our church uses zoom to allow those who can't be present to “attend” remotely. It has been a Godsend for people who would like to attend but for whatever reason, can't. Our midweek “house group” is conducted remotely for an hour on Wednesday evenings at 8pm. We are currently watching The Chosen which has been a very interesting look at the life of Jesus and the apostles. Please join us if you can. You will need to download zoom from either the apple or google app store and click on the link that Stewart gives us. The link is sent by email or Stewart can send it on the Church group chat on WhatsApp. You are welcome to join the WhatsApp group, too. Just let us know.

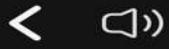
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Some hints and tips.

You will be able to see everyone and they will be able to see you. If you are having a bad hair day, you can turn off the video, so don't worry. Zoom will automatically give precedence to whoever talks or makes a noise.! It's good to mute yourself, especially during singing or everyone will hear your voice. Great if you can sing, but a disaster if you are like me and can't sing a note!

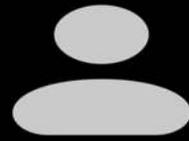
If you need guidance to set it up or want some more hints and tips, please reach out. We would love to see you, so please join if you can.

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25 years ago.....

25 years ago a young John gave a talk during the service to the patients in St. Margaret's hospital and a young Evelyn tinkled the ivories on the hospital piano. This is his wee lesson...

It was Jesus who first suggested that we "consider the lilies, how they grow". He was guiding us to put our trust in God, who "clothes" us and cares for us. We never tire of admiring the flowers, their colour and fragrance, the mystery of their beauty. They soothe and excite us at the same time. They speak to all our emotions.

As we walk in God's Garden, we marvel at the diversity of shapes and colours. No two flowers, even of the same variety, are alike and there is a rich diversity of species.

We are often reminded that differences complement each other, enhancing the worth of all.

Flowers are remarkably hardy. They can withstand pelting rain and driving wind, yet they are also tremendously fragile. We realize that creation is wonderfully formed, yet delicately balanced.

Flowers also suffer hardship. The stem of one might be bent under a fallen twig, the petals of another torn away by a hungry caterpillar. Yet another might struggle with scant moisture in thin soil.

And here we recognize that all life knows suffering and needs compassion. Each blossom is the culmination of a complex life.

A seed settles into the soil. It is nourished by water and minerals. The young plant strives upwards towards warmth and sunlight. It processes elements from the air. Finally it blossoms, perpetuating its species and displaying its beauty to the world. Each flower is a unique and exquisite creation, fulfilling its purpose on earth and contributing its gifts to the community of all living things.

In suggesting that we consider the flowers, Jesus reminds us of the sacredness of each precious individual life in the care of God.

Thank you for sharing, John.

And finally.... Where are you?



We miss you and look forward to giving you a big warm St Andy's welcome, either in person or on zoom. Hope to see you again soon.