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*MAY CHRIST BLESS THIS DWELLING*

**NEWSLETTER**

*January 2019*

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*This edition comes with greetings for Epiphany and the new calendar year of 2019.*

*With the return to normal schedules after Christmas, it's sometimes forgotten that Epiphany is one of the most important Christian festivals. In the west we have tended to focus on the biblical account of the visit of the Magi but the season is also associated with the Baptism of Christ and his first miracle at the Wedding of Cana.*

*There are various ways in which the Feast is celebrated. In Orthodox countries, the Great Blessing of the Waters takes place, often with youngsters swimming in the sea or other open water to recover a cross thrown by a priest; Three Kings cakes are baked and eaten in Spain, Portugal, France and some other countries ... there might even be cake here on Sunday!*

*Another custom in many nations is to mark the lintel of the front door of your home in chalk with '20 + C + B + M + 19'. The year and crosses for Christ are clear, but C, B and M has a two-fold meaning. It firstly abbreviates a blessing - 'Christus mansionem benedicat - May Christ bless this dwelling' - but also reminds us of the names associated with the Magi - Caspar, Balthazar and Melchior - their three gifts, and the hospitality given them by the Holy Family. Chalk will be blessed on Sunday for any who are interested in sharing in this Epiphany custom.*

*For the last few years, we've included the Magi's gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh, in the offertory procession at the Sung Mass on Epiphany. These items are then used in the Liturgy of the Sacrament: the gold is a chalice, and the 'tears' of Arabian tree sap that make the frankincense and myrrh are burned in the thurible. This year we are grateful to James and Kathi Page who brought us back some wonderful tears of frankincense from Oman.*

*Thank you to those who have submitted material for this edition and to Sarah Moerman for printing the hardcopies and Eileen Reynolds for distributing copies by email. However you receive it, we hope that you enjoy reading it.*

*With every blessing for the year ahead*

*Fr Alasdair*

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## AGM NOTES

The Annual General Meeting for All Saints' Church took place on Sunday 25 November, the Feast of Christ the King. Notes below indicate incoming officers, where there have been changes.

- The Minutes from the previous AGM (10/12/17) were accepted and signed.
- The Rector thanked **Fiona Seenan** for all her support during the previous year as **Rector's Warden** and was pleased to announce that she was willing to serve for another year.
- Similar thanks were expressed to **Jim Easton** as **People's Warden**; he was also willing to serve for a further year and was proposed, seconded, and elected by the meeting.
- Ann Loades had served as **Lay Representative** for several years, was not seeking re-election, and was thanked for her service. **Euan Grant** was proposed, seconded, and elected by the meeting.
- Since Euan Grant was vacating the office of **Alternate Lay Representative**, **Aurora Sampson** was proposed, seconded, and elected by the meeting.
- As required by the church's constitution, Donald Duval and Trevor Sidebottom were standing down at the end of three year terms of office as **Ordinary Members of Vestry**. The meeting thanked Trevor for considerable contribution to the church over several years. **Donald Duval** was seeking re-election, and **Alastair Graham** was also proposed, seconded, and elected by the meeting.
- Due to the awaited decision over the Heritage Lottery Fund grant application, the Treasurer presented the Management Accounts and

explained that an Extraordinary General Meeting would be required to receive the Statutory Accounts once a decision on the grant had been made. The accounts were received and the meeting warmly thanked Ian Palfrey for his considerable work through another year.

- Joanne Paul of Henderson Black & Co was reappointed as Independent Examiner by the meeting.
- Ann Loades was thanked for her years serving as All Saints' coordinator for the Protection of Vulnerable Groups. **Val Gardner** had been nominated by Vestry as the new **PVG coordinator** and a report was presented to the meeting. Val was thanked for her willingness to undertake the role.
- The Rector gave a report of some of the main activities of the church during the previous year and thanked all those in positions of responsibility within the church. It had been a busy year and, with the restoration of the church, was going to be another one in 2019.

*Campbell Watterson, Vestry Secretary*

## UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

### *Reviewing your Gift Aid*

I have completed two years as Church Treasurer and have addressed most areas of the accounts. A key area for any church is the Gift Aid aspect which allows us to claim 25 pence on every pound donated under the scheme. The key word is "reclaim". As a charity registered with HM Revenue & Customs we reclaim tax paid by donors who have signed Gift Aid declarations for regular giving or completed yellow envelopes or other documents for occasional giving. It is essential that donors have paid enough tax in the tax year for the Church to be able to claim it back.

A number of the Gift Aid declarations I hold on file for regular donors are now several years old and the significant increases in the Annual Personal Tax Allowance since 2010 have taken many people out of tax altogether. If you are unsure whether you pay enough tax or are unsure as to whether I hold a relevant declaration on your behalf, or indeed whether I should be reclaiming tax, please contact me for clarification.

I submit our tax claims every six months under the electronic system which makes it easier for HM Revenue & Customs to compare claims with taxpayer data they hold. If they find the amount I am claiming back exceeds the tax you have paid they will send you a tax bill for the difference. This has happened to

one member of the congregation who has approached me and I have taken their donations out of the Church Gift Aid claim and transferred them to ordinary giving. If you are in doubt please contact me. My contact email is -

treasurer@allsaints-standrews.org.uk

### *Centenary Restoration 2020 Fund*

I am delighted to report that we have received a grant of £60,000 from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) taking the fund balance to just over £200,000. As a result, Vestry has approved proceeding with the project which encompasses the church, both halls, and the vestry block. The Fabric & Finance Committee will supervise the project and we hope to meet with the HES consultant and our chosen conservation architect early in 2019 to make a start. Further fundraising will be needed but I will provide fuller details in the next newsletter. This is great news for us!

### *Annual Statutory Accounts*

Following the outcome of the Lottery application the annual statutory accounts have now been completed by the Independent Examiner and approved by Vestry. Changes to the recognition of income were agreed to defer various grants in the Restoration fund into the current financial year and, as a result, the statutory accounts now differ from the management accounts tabled to the AGM with the Restoration fund balance reduced by £78,035. This amount will now be recognised in the current financial year once contracts for the work have been signed. The unrestricted General fund remains at £96,511 as presented to the AGM. A copy of the statutory accounts will be placed in the Church vestibule from December 23<sup>rd</sup> and a brief EGM will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January to present them and answer any questions. A printed summary will be available for members of the congregation on that day and is included inside the back cover in this newsletter.

*Ian Palfrey  
Honorary Treasurer, 15 December 2018*

## GREETINGS FROM ALEX TAYLOR IN VIETNAM

I think my fascination with the country of Vietnam started in my first year of A-Level (equivalent to Scottish Highers), when my history class studied the now infamous Vietnam War. We were lucky to have a fantastic teacher called Ms Darby who really made every aspect of our studies come to life: the people, the politics, the landscapes upon which so many bloody battles were fought. Vietnam captured my imagination; not merely the War but the whole country, with its

history and culture that stretches far beyond the century or so of Western interference.

When I decided that I wanted to travel and teach abroad, I quickly decided upon Vietnam as a destination. It is a country that has undergone great social development in recent decades and has a large number of people who want to learn English as a second language. I have spent the last eight months living and teaching in a town in the north of Vietnam called Ninh Binh. Although it is only an hour's drive from the capital city of Hanoi, Ninh Binh has quite a different feel to it: a quiet provincial town (quiet except for the constant beeping of horns that characterises Vietnamese roads!) that receives far fewer visitors and where the pace of life is altogether more laidback. I am working at an English language centre called SmartLearn, where I divide my time between teaching specialised English classes in the centre and teaching larger classes in the local primary schools. I love the town, and SmartLearn, and all the people I have been able to meet here. The countryside surrounding Ninh Binh is also some of the most beautiful in Vietnam, with limestone crags rising out of rice paddies, and small villages, pagodas and temples dotting the landscape.

One of the best parts of having lived in Vietnam for an extended period of time has been the chance to really experience and appreciate Vietnamese culture. Although Vietnam is commonly perceived as a Buddhist country, the majority folk religion is actually a combination of elements of Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism (often called the Three Teachings, or *tam giáo*) in a very similar manner to traditional Chinese religion. So, although most Vietnamese regularly visit pagodas, only a minority would identify as Buddhists. The syncretic folk religion has permeated Vietnamese culture to such an extent that the officially atheist communist government encourages and even partakes in traditional practices such as the veneration of ancestors. Roman Catholicism also has a significant presence, and in some of the villages around Ninh Binh it is quite as common to see a little stone church as it is to see a temple or a pagoda. Buddhism and Roman Catholicism are both viewed with a certain degree of suspicion by the government, due to their history of politically subversive action. The renowned Buddhist monk and writer Thich Nhat Hanh is just one example of a Vietnamese religious leader who has lived abroad in exile due to his political activism.

On a more personal level, it has been wonderful to meet and make friends with so many people in Ninh Binh; not only my fellow English teachers, but also my students and their families, and many local people too. I have found that there is a real peace and calm that infuses life in Vietnam, and people neither worry too much about the future nor focus too much on the past. I have rarely heard the

Vietnam War (or the American War as it is called) mentioned, and those who have seem to have an attitude of moving forward and letting bygones be bygones. I only wish that this attitude was more widespread in other parts of the world including the UK in some respects!

I am aiming to teach in Ninh Binh up until the end of January 2019, after which I shall take some time to travel and consider what I want to do next. I hope to be in the UK sometime during next summer, and I am very much looking forward to visiting St Andrews and my family at All Saints'. Until then, I wish you all the best for the remainder of 2018 and look forward to catching up in person before too long!

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Hello friends,

Wishing you all a happy new year as well as a somewhat belated happy Christmas! I hope that you are all well and have had a relatively jolly and stress-free festive season.

Life in Vietnam remains as interesting, varied and chaotic as ever. In contrast to my rather laidback summer, the last four months since the start of the new school year have been very busy indeed. In addition to evening and weekend classes at the SmartLearn centre, I have been teaching most days at a primary school called Ninh Son on the edge of town. It's been really nice to be based in just one public school and to teach the same students every week. I shall miss them a lot when I leave Ninh Binh!

In between work I've tried to explore Vietnam as much as possible. A friend and I spent a few days in September trekking in a beautiful nature reserve called Pu Luong, where we were privileged to visit the Muong and Thai ethnic groups. It was particularly nice to see my Mum and Dad when they came to stay in October - we explored Hanoi and Ninh Binh as well as taking a cruise on Ha Long Bay (a tourist hot-spot but still a very scenic place). I have just returned from a couple of days away visiting Phong Nha Caves in central Vietnam, which were truly awe-inspiring (as well as providing a much-needed break from school!).

I can't believe how fast 2018 has flown by, especially as it means I have now been in Vietnam for almost a year. I am going to leave SmartLearn on 20th January and take an extended period of travelling, which will include Laos, Cambodia and Nepal. It will be sad to leave what has been a very happy time for me, but I feel

that it is time to move on whilst I consider what I want to do next. I hope to be back in the UK by the end of May and I shall look forward to catching up with many friends in the summer.

With thanks for your friendship and wishing you all the best for 2019!

*Alex Taylor  
October 2018 and January 2019*

## ALL SAINTS' LIBRARY

Our library has over a thousand books on many and various religiously linked subjects, all shelved in classified subject and author order. There are title, author, and classification card-index drawers for easy reference and a complete catalogue of the books, with details of provenance, and publication on a laptop spreadsheet available from the librarian on request. There is a Children's and Teenagers' Library section, near floor level, with its own separate card-index system. Books with aids for 'Young Church' teachers are also in this section. Borrowers are asked to write the title, author, class number, their name, and the dates the book was borrowed and returned in an exercise book on the shelf near the card-index drawers. A receptacle will be provided for returned books. There is access to the library on Sundays after Mass and at other times when requested of the Rector or the Librarian.

About five-hundred books from the library of the late Fr Russell Ingham are at the Librarian's home awaiting processing and shelving. These also cover a wide range of religion-related subjects. They will gradually be fed onto the library shelves over the course of the year. Please contact the Librarian to come, see and borrow any of these.

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Mobile: 07729 331 385. All are welcome.

Books we have in our library are classified according to the Dewey Decimal System, in sections under the usual religion-linked subjects including theology, ethics, psychology, Church history, prayer, devotional books, illustrated books showing churches in Britain, and Victorian church architecture. There are biographies and autobiographies, lives of the saints, illustrated art books about the saints and religious subjects. There are books about liturgy, and a hymn-book section, and a small poetry section. There are books about issues such as homelessness, mental illness, and caring for the sick and frail. These include the

Plough Series titles: 'Be Not Afraid: Overcoming the Fear of Death,' 'Cries from the Heart: Stories of Struggle and Hope,' 'Rich in Years: Finding Peace and Purpose in a Long Life,' 'Seeking Peace: Notes and Conversations Along the Way,' 'Their Name is Today: Reclaiming Children in a Hostile World,' 'Why Forgive?' 'The Foolishness of God,' and 'Convictions.' The section containing books of intercessions for use at Mass and other services is well used by some of our intercessors, and various liturgical prayer books are used for this sometimes, too.

The Bible section is classified and shelved accordingly. We have many different versions and translations including French, Spanish, Greek and Hebrew, and books on the history of the Bible and its publication in English. There is a large Commentary section with Bible dictionaries and concordances, as well as Bible study courses and readings for the Church's Seasons, and for the year. Some of our Bible section includes books about the life and times of the prophets, Jesus, and the Early Church, with illustrations of Middle Eastern geography, and timelines/accounts of the Judaic, Greek, and Roman world.

We have some novels with Christian themes for teenagers and older people, and books for toddlers. Our Children's section abounds in all manner of books on Biblical subjects, some which are written to help children who need to go to hospital, or have difficult circumstances, and we have children's encyclopaedia-style illustrated books about science, nature, and space. There are history books and stories of heroes and heroines of the Church, and some about different cultures. There are also well-loved stories such as 'The Velveteen Rabbit,' and we have several volumes of The Chronicles of Narnia, although we need to acquire the missing ones.

I hope this has roused some curiosity and interest in exploring our library shelves and borrowing some of the treasures that we have on them – some of which are very old and rare. Please speak to the Rector or to myself about taking a look, or about a title or author especially requested.

*Averil Landay  
Librarian, January 2019*

*With thanks to Averil for looking after our collection of books (housed in the Green Room) and especially for undertaking the long task of cataloging them over the last few years.*

## LIGHTING REPORT

As noted in the last edition, lighting consultants have been engaged to assess potential improvements to the lighting in the church. We have now received a detailed report giving proposals and hope to implement these as best we can, in consultation with the conservation architects, as a part of the forthcoming restoration work.

The most significant changes proposed can be summarized in four ways:

- the provision of emergency lighting, at present lacking
- the replacement of obsolete wiring and fittings
- the upgrading to a more flexible and subtle lighting scheme
- the improvement of lighting levels and colour tone throughout the church.

Modern technology allows us to consider dimmable lamps in all areas of the church to improve ambient lighting, more coherently highlight the church's iconography, and improve the light levels for the congregation. For example, the current flood-lighting in the chancel is rather harsh and blue in tone - as one member of the congregation puts it, 'It looks like Tesco's'. Additionally, the chancel lamp fittings are quite conspicuous and replacements could be mounted with greater subtlety to provide a warmer tone and remove shadows cast by the organ case.

Since the lighting scheme for the high altar was not adjusted when the altar was moved westwards in the 1990s, the beautiful embroidery of the altar frontals is not well lit, relying on one distant floodlight; since natural light from the north sanctuary lancets now falls from *behind* the altar, the frontal is left in shadow unless the floodlights are on. A new scheme would address these weaknesses. Similarly, the Sacrament Chapel, used for daily services, relies on an assortment of spot and diffuse lights of various vintages, all of which can be improved to display better the beauty of the space as well as providing better light for the congregation.

Perhaps the most significant proposal from the congregation's point of view is to improve on a necessary compromise made by Paul Waterhouse, the architect responsible for the church's completion about a hundred years ago. Have you ever noticed that the four main chandeliers in the nave are mounted in the first and second bays of the nave, in order also to provide light to the clergy stalls at the west end of the chancel, but that there is no lighting at all in the third bay at the west end of the nave? Now that much lower power lamps are available, we

could move the front two chandeliers to the western-most bay of the nave and provide lighting for the clergy stalls and lectern from spots hidden behind the chancel arch. This would increase the lighting for the congregation, while with lamps mounted further west - above and behind - it would be less tiring for the eye.

With discussions and statutory advice, there's a long way to go before decisions are made but the future looks bright, with warm tones and a hint of mystery!

*Fr Alasdair*

## FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*We are sad to have commending to God's care two much loved members of the congregation since the last edition of the Newsletter. Here are some of the treasured memories shared at their funerals by their respective families.*

*Yvonne Elphinstone Ryland, died on 15 August. Peter Seenan delivered this eulogy at her Requiem.*

Gran was the daughter of a Minister, wife of a Priest, mother of three, grandmother to nine, and great grandmother to Anna and Hew, an aunt, a cousin, a friend.

For those who don't know, Gran was born in Johannesburg in 1922. She was one of four children whose father was a gold prospector turned missionary, later, a minister in the United Free Church of Scotland.

As a young girl the family moved from Johannesburg to Lanarkshire, then to Aberdeen and Fort William. She later trained as teacher in Glasgow, where she met Grandpa who was studying to become a physiotherapist. Gran and Grandpa honeymooned in St Andrews before moving to the South of England to start their own family.

Gran's words, fortitude and wisdom have moulded and sustained us during the long life she has lived with us, her grandchildren. In colourless exam halls, during lonely moments in far-off lands, in job interviews, in our relationships with others, in moments of turmoil and times of great joy, Gran has been present.

Gran was a brilliant letter writer and she and Grandpa faithfully wrote to us wherever we were in the world. We sent photographs back to Durham with

tales of our adventures in foreign lands and she instilled in us at an early age the importance of being grateful and the art of writing to say thank you.

Now it's my turn to stand before you, Gran, and say thank you, to write my final letter of gratitude - in the spirit of the thousands of letters, cards and notes you sent to friends in all corners of the world.

Today we celebrate with joy and thanks in our hearts the very long life of Gran and remember her enormous presence not only in our lives but also in the lives of the communities she served.

The truest testimony to Gran is not in the words I speak, but in the number of people, especially young people, for whom she was a figure of love and nurture in Durham. Her reach was enormous, a pebble in a pool.

Gran and Grandpa's house was the centre of the community in Durham. It was full of people from church, the Cathedral, the University and especially St Chad's College where Grandpa was Chaplain. For the students of St Chad's, Gran and Grandpa's house was a sanctuary and tearoom.

To her grandsons, Gran and Grandpa's house in Durham was an isle of calm, a place of thought, of music, of fresh bread every morning. It was homemade soup and wonderful local cheese from the market, of real butter, of creamy milk waiting outside the door every morning; a writing desk, a study; of rooms you'd creep into and out of, of unannounced visits by eccentric theology students with accents you didn't hear on the school football pitches. It was a place of flour, of baking, of silver-engraved napkin rings and greensleeves, of *From our Own Correspondent* on the radio in the kitchen, of the Psalms of David from Norwich Cathedral, of afternoon tea - never teabags, never instant coffee - of afternoon walks to the Cathedral for Evensong in the crunchy leaves of autumn, of long discussions in the front room as the nights drew in, of Joan Eardly and pottery from the Western Isles - her spiritual home. It was a place of unquenchable thirst for knowledge and interest in the curiosities of life, of other people; it was a place full of postcards sent from thousands of miles away: somewhere we were happy to read and read all manner of books; of a hardwood floor that was the best for sliding, a bannister as slippery and winding as an eel.

Gran's house was a place of learning. As grandsons we all learned some important lessons that have stayed with us. My brothers and I learned from Gran that cleanliness is next to godliness, hence the need to hose down any boys that turned up at the back door covered in mud. We were meant to be well-behaved

in Durham, so we learned to conduct our fights in silence upstairs, maintaining peace and serenity.

Joe and Rob remember expanding their taste buds with Gran, they said: "She would offer us weird flavoured food and drinks that she thought we would enjoy. Turnip and rhubarb soup or blackcurrant and ginseng squash - her enthusiasm for new foods and flavours was a little more developed than ours aged 5!" Gran always encouraged creativity in all its forms. For some of us that meant beautiful sketches, sculptures and musical performances and for others that meant rolling a tennis ball into a drain.

Today we say goodbye to Gran's voice but not what she taught us  
We say goodbye to her smile but not her warmth  
We say goodbye to her touch but not her guidance  
We say goodbye to her body but not her spirit  
We say goodbye to her hugs but not her tender care  
We say goodbye to her heart but not her love.

We shall deeply miss her.

*Peter Seenan, August 2018*

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*Margaret Pyke died on 26 September. Her son and daughters Stewart, Nicola and Margot gave the following eulogies at her funeral.*

Thank you all for coming today to celebrate Margaret's life, a life which began in 1928 in Dundee and sadly ended here in St Andrews just a few days ago.

People and places were always very important to my mother and, as often happens in later life, memories of early years become increasingly acute. In recent years, she would spend more time vividly bringing to life her experiences as a young person growing up in what, by today's standards, were challenging times in Dundee between the wars. She had a keen sense and understanding of the city's history and people, and took a real delight in relaying 'couthie' stories about ordinary Dundee folk, for example the poor but proud Dundee woman in the butcher's shop wanting bones to make soup but asking the butcher if he had any bones 'for the dog' to which her young son piped up 'oh Ma that's bra, are we getting a dug'? Every time she told that story (which was frequently) she'd be in fits of laughter herself!

During the war, mum was evacuated to Kirriemuir (hosted by a shepherd) and to Newburgh, places and experiences she would always talk about positively, despite what must have been a frightening and disruptive experience.

Mum's mother was formidable – a staunch socialist in the Dundee tradition, not well off, she selflessly brought up my mother and her recently departed brother, Sandy. She placed a high value on achievement and sacrificed much to ensure my mother had a great education, first at Morgan Academy in Dundee and then from the age of 17 at University College Dundee, at that time a college of St Andrews university.

Mum was married in 1952 to our late father and you'll understand from the first photo in the order of service, how motivated dad must have been to win her over! Four children then ensued, in turn Margot, me, Nicola and Andrew. As a family, we have great and lasting memories of growing up as a happy family. Like my grandmother, mum and dad always put their children first and sacrificed everything to ensure we were given a good start in life and had a good education. To this day I have no idea how mum balanced being a mother of four children alongside the demands of teaching classes in excess of 40 pupils or leading schools as an infant headmistress in her later career, and helping us with homework. I think she succeeded because she loved people and maintained what is called today a "positive mindset" – she would never criticise others and always saw the positive in people.

During her life, Mum had a keen affinity with France including her small part in a little known but heroic war time act of a young fighter pilot from Dundee, Robert Blair. He valiantly died crashing his spitfire into a field in order to avoid crashing into the village of Saint-Martin-De-Bienfaite in Normandy.

To honour the pilot, the village held a memorial and asked the pilot's family to send a representative. Because mum knew everyone in Dundee and was a French speaker, the task fell to her, still then a teenager and who had never been outside the country before. This must have been quite intimidating and she would recount to us how nervous she was, but it must have been successful enough as the Mayor for many years thereafter wrote an annual letter of thanks which mum would translate for Robert's relatives in Dundee.

Moving to St Andrews in 1976 in many ways marked a new beginning for mum and dad – in this special town they enjoyed rich and fulfilling times through new friendships made, and in involvement in the community, university and this church. Dad's passing in 2003 was of course desperately sad for the family and

mum, however she endured this with great strength, character and faith, and to the end, continued to look outwards, relishing her friendships and taking delight in her steadily growing pack of sons and daughters in law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

For all of her family, and I'm sure for the many friends whose lives she touched, she will be remembered as a kind and generous person with a passion for people, and for me, she is a beacon to show the way in life.

*Stewart Pyke*

If you asked my mother how she was, she always began her reply with '**I'm so lucky**' and then explained why. Even having cancer, very poor sight, missing my dad.. she never ever complained and absolutely always felt blessed. Mum and dad both valued what they had and were generous to everyone.

My mum also always saw the good in people. She approached everyone with respect, openness and trust. We all know this can sometimes make you vulnerable but what I learned from mum was that it was worth it because the relationships you make this way are so special and mean so much more.

One thing our mother was very bad at was taking a compliment. She had such a flashy intellect but if you listened to her everyone else around her was much more brilliant and talented. She insisted for example that she was far too ashamed to speak French at the Franco Scottish Society that her good friend Sam Taylor introduced her to. But I was with her at French wedding, with no English speakers, when she had the whole table laughing their heads off at her long funny stories. She had a real facility for language and coupled this with a compelling drive to connect with people everywhere she went. On holiday in Tuscany she was dying to chat to the 2 housekeepers at the farmhouse where we were staying. She spoke no Italian but dived in with her own concoction of French and Latin till she knew all about their families and could thank them for making us so welcome.

She was open to new ideas and read widely. Many of our friends still rave about our mother's edgy book recommendations – if you want to try one we suggest "My Name is Asher Lev" by Chaim Potok. She was a true lifelong learner and one of the joys of St Andrews for mum and dad was the opportunity to attend lectures at the University and to continuously meet stimulating people from all over the world.

Mum devoted much of her life to children, their care and education. It's appropriate that today's retiring collection will go to the Mary's Meals charity which provides a school dinner for children on some of the world's poorest communities. Mum loved that idea.

You cannot speak about my mother's life without talking about her faith. She wasn't looking for certainties and she never tried to push her beliefs on to anyone, including us. Her faith was liberal, inclusive, questioning, always ready to be challenged. She loved the beauty of the worship here at All Saints and the true fellowship of its wonderful congregation. She lived her faith through the soup she made for the Ladyhead café, the help she gave to everyone she could, the insights she gained and shared at the bible study group. I feel certain that mum has a legacy here; that she laid some bricks in its spiritual walls that will last for years to come.

For most of mum's life she had our father by her side. They had some tough challenges, especially early on. But they were devoted to each other and were the best of friends. Their relationship was the power source for all they did for everyone else. Even after my dad passed away, he was somehow still there with mum.

And now I speak for myself and my brothers. In mums later years she kept really living, right up to the end, thanks to our sister Margot. Out of love not duty Margot single handedly cared for mum and her beloved house every day. This meant that mum could still offer a welcome to her family, friends and carers – hours before she slipped out of consciousness she was telling me what food was in the freezer for all of us when we got home.

Our mother's flame burned very bright. For all of us who were close to her it always will.

*Nicola Pyke*

Mum loved tea; afternoon tea was her very favourite, but really, she loved tea at any time. With a biscuit. Her last afternoon tea was at Rufflets, on her 90th birthday, surrounded by her beloved children, grandchildren and their partners, and her three great grandchildren. She adored that.

Our favourite mum/tea story was when she went on a walking holiday in the Middle East with her old friend Liz. We were all very concerned because we couldn't work out which country they were in, so we would phone around each other anxiously to see who had been sent a postcard and try to plot their

movements accordingly. But Stewart had the perfect solution; we would phone around all the embassies to see where there was a shortage of tea!

But it was Mum's love of words that was the essence of her for me, so much a part of her, and it began as a young child. She told me how she had read stories aloud to the children in the neighbourhood, written letters to America for her grandfather, and as a student, regularly read to a blind friend. So it was no surprise when she went on to study English and French at UCD, and then to teach those subjects in secondary school. Then when she changed direction in teaching, and moved to the primary sector, undertaking her Infant Mistress Endorsement, she passed on this love of language to hundreds of children.

I know many of you shared her joy of reading in the poetry group, the book group, the house group, and in years past, the British Federation of University Women. Up to the very end she was doing crosswords with Andrew and reciting poetry. Didn't she always have a verse or a story or a song or a saying for every occasion? Can't you just hear her say 'You're as welcome as the flowers in May?' We should have written them down.

In her last months she continuously recited 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' by WB Yeats, and I like to think she found comfort in the peace of those words. So perhaps it's apt to say them now:

*The Lake Isle of Innisfree*

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;  
Nine bean rows will I have there, a hive for the honey bee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,  
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

W. B. Yeats

*Margot Cram*

## PUZZLE PAGE

*This puzzle was spotted in Roundabout, Hope Park and Martyrs' magazine, and is shared here with their encouragement.*

*There are allegedly 30 books of the bible hidden with in the text below. Can you find them?*

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found in a seat pocket by a gentleman who was comfortably settled into his seat after cleaning his rain-dampened shoes on the mat he was directed to use by a flight attendant who was greeting boarding passengers on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, that he passed it to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on it while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving the puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially as the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. research has shown that our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Beta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, 'the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight'. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you to compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

*Val Gardner*

# REVISED FIGURES FOR STATUTORY ACCOUNTS

All Saints' Church, St Andrews, Scottish Episcopal Church

Church Restoration Project Summary Report to Vestry as at 14 December 2018

Project Costs	Priority A	Priority B	Priority C	Management Fees	CDM Regulations	Contingencies	Value Added Tax	Overall Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Costs per Hardies Reports detailed on following pages</b>								
Church	42,080	9,200	3,040	5,432	1,900	5,432	13,417	80,501
Vestry Block	3,940	4,675	10,150	1,876	800	1,877	4,664	27,982
Main Hall	9,575	4,495	10,810	2,488	1,600	2,488	6,291	37,747
North Hall	6,220	1,180	2,260	966	400	966	2,398	14,390
<b>Total per Reports</b>	<u>61,815</u>	<u>19,550</u>	<u>26,260</u>	<u>10,762</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>10,763</u>	<u>26,770</u>	<u>160,620</u>
<b>Other Costs</b>								
Inflation Allowance at 3.5%	5,620							5,620
Project insurance	2,000							2,000
Promotional materials	2,000							2,000
Conservation Architect at 11% of £160,620	17,668						3,534	21,202
Sound System	2,800						560	3,360
Church lighting	3,500						700	4,200
Staff time paid	1,000							1,000
Volunteer time	1,750							1,750
Accountancy donated 5 days @ £350	1,750							1,750
<b>Total Project costs</b>	<u>99,903</u>	<u>19,550</u>	<u>26,260</u>	<u>10,762</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>10,763</u>	<u>31,564</u>	<u>203,502</u>
<b>Project Funding</b>								<b>Actual to 14/12/18</b>
								<b>£</b>
<b>Project to be funded by:</b>								
Donations from Individuals								45,264
Fund raising - produce stall								6,701
Fundraising - St Nicholas Fair								3,845
Fundraising - other events								1,746
Grants received from charitable trusts								48,500
Grants pledged towards costs by charitable trusts								27,000
Historic Environment Scotland Award								60,000
Listed Places of Worship Vat Recovery								13,417
Donated services								3,500
								<u>209,973</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Restoration Fund Balance between Annual Statutory Accounts and September 2018 Management Accounts</b>								
								<b>£</b>
Centenary Restoration 2020 Fund balance per Management Accounts tabled to AGM								141,266
Grants pledged subject to project proceeding								(27,000)
Estimated Vat recoverable under Listed Places of Worship Scheme subject to project proceeding								(12,535)
Grants received in 2017/18 transferred to Deferred income subject to project proceeding								(38,500)
<b>Restoration Fund Balance at 30 September 2018 per Statutory Accounts</b>								<u>63,231</u>

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