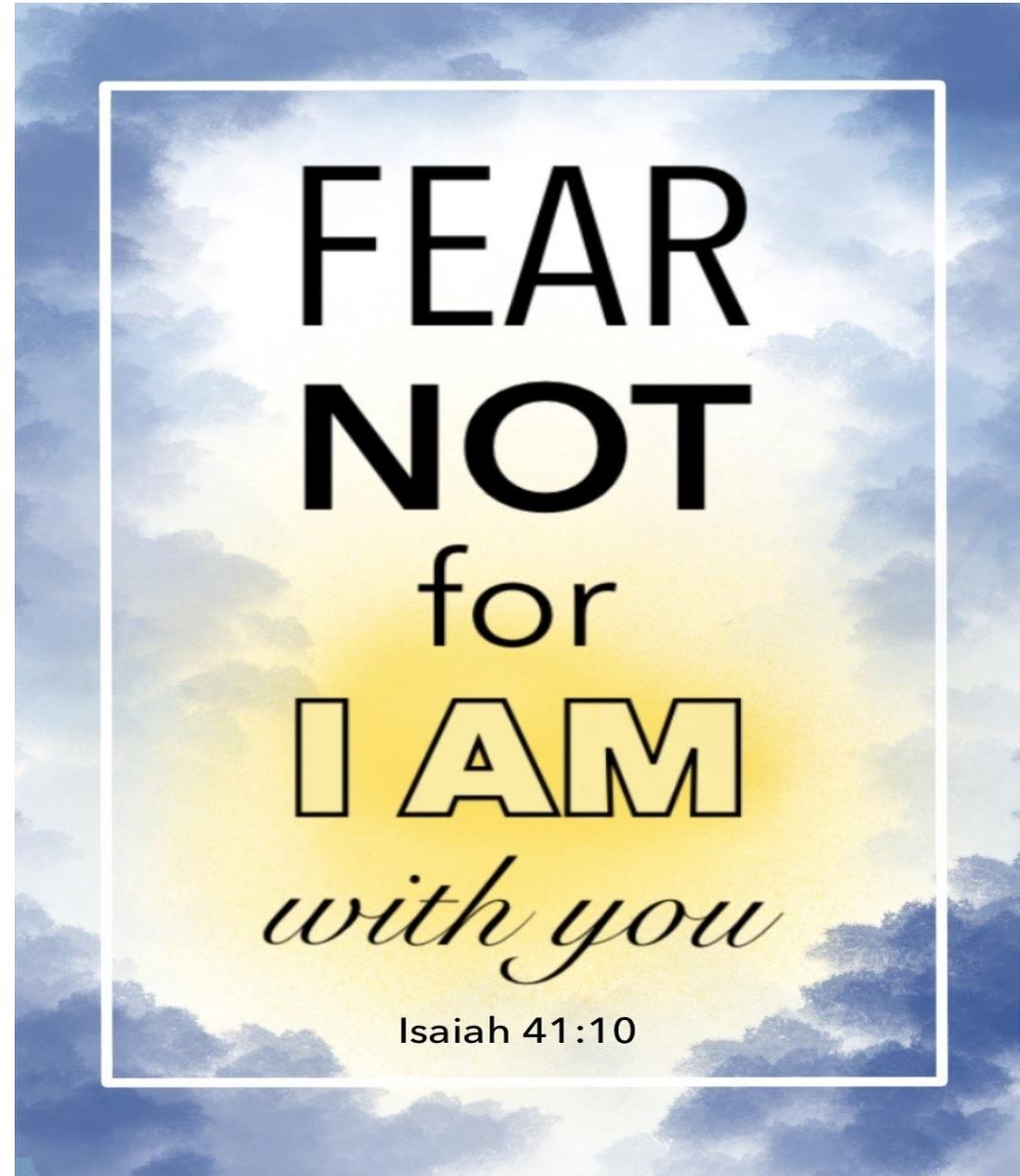


# Kaleidoscope 151

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## **A Message from Neil**

### **The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.**

I notice this statement every time I walk past the lifeboat station. It's on all the posters. The posters change, the statement doesn't. On all the posters this simple statement appears. The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.

It's simple, clear and focused. It explains why the RNLI exists. It states what its purpose is. It lets everyone know what it's all about. There is a lifeboat station. There is a lifeboat shop. From time to time there are RNLI quizzes. None of these are what the RNLI is about. These things maybe interesting. The people involved may enjoy doing them. But that's neither here nor there. They exist for one reason. In some way they help saves lives at sea. And the moment they no longer contribute to saving lives at sea, they will stop.

I am envious of the RNLI. I am envious of the clarity of purpose they have. It can be stated in one simple phrase. That means their trustees, their crew members, their volunteers, and the general public know what they are doing and can give it their support. The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.

The church lacks this clarity. We are confused. Ask 100 people what the purpose of the church is and you'll end up with more than 100 answers. Whether the people are part of the church or not, this will be the case. The church does not have the clarity of purpose the RNLI has.

That's very strange because Jesus was very clear. If we'd remembered what Jesus said we would have the same clarity the RNLI has.

On the evening of Easter day Jesus appeared to his followers. He said, 'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' (John 20:19).

What would Handel make of it, if he could know that his battle music had become one of the world's most popular and well-known Easter hymns? He was a devout man, working for the poor, praying twice each day, and attending St Paul's Cathedral. So, it seems pretty certain that he would be delighted.

## **Christmas Lunch**

On Tuesday 22nd March, 27 Guild members and guests sat down to a postponed Christmas lunch at the Open Arms in Dirleton.

There was a real buzz about the place as members greeted each other and enjoyed a most delicious meal, but no turkey and all the trimmings this time. We were delighted to see old and new friends round the tables all chatting away and catching up with one another's news.

It was especially nice to have with us Jean, Alison, Morag and Alice and others who haven't been able to come to recent Guild meetings. What could be better than good food in the company of friends? Someone was heard to say "That was super! I think we should have our Christmas lunch at this time every year!"

Pictures are on the back page.

Ann

## The story behind 'Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son'

Here is a hymn that is so well known and loved that it has simply burst the bounds of Easter, and gets sung regularly at other times of the year. It has two stories behind it.

First, the music. The rousing music did not start out as a hymn, but instead was written by Handel for his opera 'Judas Maccabeus', first performed in 1746. Originally the words ran 'See the conquering hero comes', for Handel's opera tells the story (found in the Apocrypha) of the leader of the Jews, Judas Maccabeus, who led an army against the Syrians and restored worship at the Temple. With its triumphant refrain after each verse, the music is easy to learn and sing, and can be (and has been!) played to great effect either by the trumpets, on an organ in a large resonant church, or even on guitars (!).

Secondly, the words. They were not written until 1884, which was 138 years after the music. We owe them to the Revd Raymond Budry, a Swiss pastor from Lausanne. Ordained in the Free Evangelical Church in Vaud, he spent 35 years as the pastor of Vevey on Lake Geneva. Budry wrote the hymn in French ('A Toi La Gloire!') to console himself after the death of his first wife, and a year later (1885) it was published in *Chants Evangeliques*. Soon it found its way into English – translated by a Baptist minister from Kingston-upon-Thames, Richard Hoyle.

It is not clear who first had the happy idea of teaming *those* words with *that* music, but when they did, the hymn really took off. By 1904 it was being translated into other languages.

The theme of 'battle' is never far from this hymn, whether it was the battle of Judas Maccabeus, or the battle over sin which was won by Christ on the cross and in rising from the tomb. Easter, of course, marked the biggest victory over the biggest enemies of all time: sin and death.

The purpose of the church is to share in God's mission to the world.

God is a God of mission. That is why Jesus came. God sent Jesus into the world. Jesus came to tell people of God's love. Jesus came to show people that God loves them. Jesus died and rose again so that people might experience God's love.

Jesus came into the world because God is a God of mission. After rising from the dead Jesus told his followers they were to continue the mission he'd begun. 'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' To put it a different way, Jesus said, 'I've started, you finish.'

Some years ago, a man called Tim Dearborn came up with a pithy way of expressing this. He said, 'It is not the Church of God that has a mission. It is the mission of God that has a church.'

We are used to thinking of mission as something that the church does. The church exists first and mission is one of the church's activities. According to Jesus this is wrong. God's mission comes first. God's mission predates the church. God's mission is more important than the church. The only reason the church exists is to take forward God's mission. The reason God brought the church into being was so it could continue his mission.

If mission is the purpose of the church that gives us the same clarity the RNLI enjoys. For every activity we need to ask the question, 'Is this helping us take forward God's mission?' Whenever someone suggests an idea we need to ask, 'Will this help us take forward God's mission?'

Mission is not an activity it is the reason the church exists. Mission is not an optional extra, it is our core purpose. 'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'

## Prayer

God of mission

you came into our world in Jesus, your son  
so that  
we might experience your saving help  
poverty and injustice might end  
conflict and oppression be no more  
and the created order might be healed.

God of mission

you came into our world in your Holy Spirit  
so that  
we might play our part in your mission  
continuing what Jesus started  
showing, telling and embodying your love.

God of mission

help each of us,  
and your church in all the world  
to be courageous and willing  
as we play our part in your mission. AMEN

**Neil**

By 2009 when the New Testament was published there were over 250 literacy classes in different villages with about 7000 folk enrolled. The teachers would travel round the villages on motor bikes.

We have supported the Ifè project four times over the years. In 2008 we sent money towards the printing costs of the New Testament. In 2010 and 2011 we supported Komi Senna and his family, one of the local translators to go to University for two years to study to become a translation consultant and in 2017 a gift towards the Old Testament translation costs.

More about the Ifè project in the next magazine and latest news. Some photos of the 2009 New Testament dedication are on the overseas notice Board. To conclude, some words from an Ifè believer 'For a long time I have heard teachings and sermons on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. I even read that portion of the Bible several times and in different versions. But when I read the crucifixion scene in my own language, I shed tears! The words chosen to describe the scene were accurate and natural, and were very moving. Tears flowed, even without me realising it!' – An Ifè believer

Jenny Kellock, for the Overseas Group

## Christian Aid Quiz

This May, we are adapting the official Quiz published by Christian Aid. It has the theme of "Food and Drink". To download a quiz, please visit: [www.standrewblackadder.org.uk](http://www.standrewblackadder.org.uk), hover on "Groups & Activities", click on "Christian Aid Quizzes", and find "MAY" at the foot of the left-hand column. If you can afford it, please donate £1 to Christian Aid via their website. Thank you for supporting Christian Aid.

## Window on the World

Featuring different aspects each month of God's work throughout the world.

Since 2004 St Andrew Blackadder has supported the Ifè project in Togo, a Bible Translation and Literacy project.

The Ifè people live in the southern part of Togo and in part of neighbouring Benin. In the towns many speak the trade languages or some French, but in rural areas where the majority of Ifè live most only speak Ifè. For many, life is centred around agriculture, and there is little access to schools, medical facilities or clean water.

Thirty-five years ago there were few, if any, Christians among the Ifè. Many people followed the traditional religion, which involves ceremonies and sacrifices to many divinities. But today we praise God that the number of Ifè Christians grows daily. The translation of God's word has been a key factor in that change.

The Ifè New Testament was published in 2009, a result of the painstaking dedication of Wycliffe translators Mary Gardner from Scotland, Pat Devine from US and a team of three local translators, Napo, Edoh and Komi. Since that time, more and more people have been seeing the power of Scripture at work in their own lives as they have the chance to read it for the first time in their language, but Ifè Christians long for the whole Bible in their own language. Work on the Old Testament is progressing well with the aim of completing it in 2026.

I had the opportunity of visiting the Project in 2004 with a group from Scotland led by our Hamish Ralston. We saw first hand the team at work and were equally impressed by the Literacy Programme. If the New testament was to be published in Ifè then people had to be able to read Ifè.

## The Guild



.The Guild Daffodil Tea raised £320 for Guild projects and we want to thank everyone who came along to enjoy the morning with us and all who donated home baking.

The Guilds of East Lothian are joining with the Heart and Soul Swing Band to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We are inviting everyone to come for a fun evening of music and song at Longniddry Parish Church on Thursday 2 June at 7.30pm.

Donations on the evening will go to the Church of Scotland's HIV/AIDS programme.

### Best wishes from the Guild

Note:

The **Summer Rally** takes place on Thursday 2 June, with Heart and Soul Band. It will be held in Longniddry Church EH32 0LB for those with sat nav.

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## Christian Aid

It is that time of year again where we focus our prayers and fundraising focus on the work being carried out by Christian Aid. This year's campaign highlights the need in drought-ridden Zimbabwe where climate crisis and the global effects of the war in Ukraine are having an unprecedented impact. Your donations can help to provide water taps and drought-resistant seeds and will hopefully turn hunger into hope.

Some dates and information follow:

**Sunday 15th May:** United Service, this year hosted at St Andrew Blackadder Church at 6pm. Please join us as we raise our voices to call for climate justice.

**Saturday 21st May:** Christian Aid Bake Sale in the grounds of Abbey Church from 10am – 12 noon. A selection of home baking, preserves and soup will be available for cash donations made to Christian Aid on the day. (We will be unable to give change at this event.)

**Sunday 29th May:** Christian Aid Raffle at our stall at Dirleton Market on the Green from 11am – 3 pm. Cash only event.

Christian Aid paper envelopes can be handed in to our volunteers at each of these events.

For those who prefer to use online payment, we have set up an e-envelope for your use accessed through the following link. You can also use the QR code on your phone:

[envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/eh39-4ad](https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/eh39-4ad)

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## Communion Services

St Andrew Blackadder Parish Church usually celebrates Communion as follows:

The last Sunday of February, May, August, and November, at 9.30am and 10.30am.

Beacon Communion Service is on a Thursday near to the Sunday.

## Monday 15th May is the June Edition - DEADLINE.

Please send articles for consideration by

email to: [kaleidoscope@standrewblackadder.org.uk](mailto:kaleidoscope@standrewblackadder.org.uk)

Or write to the Editor at the church office address or phone

Derek Brown t. 01620 895290

## Special Events During May 2022

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Sunday 8th 4.00—6.00pm	Messy Church	Hall, Sanctuary & Chapel
Sunday 15th 6pm	United Service for Christian Aid	Sanctuary
Thursday 26th — Saturday 28th	Rotary Sale	Hall & Car park.
Saturday 21st	Christian Aid Bake Sale	Outside Abbey Church
Sunday 29th	<b>Communion Services</b>	Sanctuary
Sunday 29th	Christian Aid Raffle Stall	Dirleton Market on the Green

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## .Be a Prayer Scarecrow!

Agreed, it is not the most glamorous job description, but in the Parable of the Sower, the sower sows some seeds which land on the path and the birds come and snatch them up.

Jesus goes on to explain that the seeds are the Word of God and the birds are the enemy who wants to snatch it away from us before it can take root in our lives and grow.

Week by week our children and teenagers are hearing truths from God's Word, but in the midst of busy lives, opinions of friends and a bombardment of secular media there are many opportunities for these truths to be snatched away.

Why not decide to become a prayer scarecrow, praying for our children and teenagers

-on Sunday mornings as they leave for their groups that they would have ears open to hear

-on Sunday afternoons and evenings that truth would sink deep into their hearts

-on Monday mornings as they face a new week, that they would have courage to continue to live out their faith

- and whenever they pop into your mind.

You might want to pray generally or decide to pray for an individual. Every one of our prayers is precious to God, and He will surely answer them in His good timing.

Thank you for joining the Prayer Scarecrow team!

Lesli Lawrie

## Sundays at St Andrew Blackadder

### Morning Worship 9.30am – 10.10am

This is a traditional and reflective service. Tea and coffee are available afterwards.

### Worship for all ages 10.30am – 11.40am

This is our main service including Christian teaching for both adults and children. All meet at the beginning, then the young people go off to KLASH and YF. There is a crèche available from 10.30 for babies and toddlers. There is a multimedia presentation and CH4, Mission Praise and some traditional songs. Tea and coffee, juice and biscuits are available afterwards.

## Sunday Activities

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
Every Sunday	An opportunity to pray about anything with members of the Badged Prayer Team		After the 10.30 service at the front of the Sanctuary
Every Sunday	KLASH Ages 3 to 12 Faith with fun	Chapel	Stacy Cathcart
Every Sunday	YF Ages 13 to 18	Room 2	Paul Cathcart and Mary Leckie

Welcome to new member Robert Galbraith

## What are the facilities at Scoughall?

The photographs in this brochure will give you an idea of what is available at Scoughall. Apart from the building with kitchen and dining room and toilets and young people's accommodation, there is a large sports hall with a number of table tennis tables and two pool tables. Then there is private access to the beach which stretches all the way to Tynninghame in one direction and Seacliff in the other. There is an aerial zip wire, adventure playground and mega trampoline. There is a volley ball court and football field. We plan to have a bonfire and BBQ on Saturday evening followed by a Ceilidh in the sports hall. There are more pictures of Scoughall on the notice board.

## Who is the speaker for the weekend?

Andy Bathgate was CEO of SU Scotland, serving faithfully for 19 years. He had previously trained as a Geography teacher, but instead ended up for 20 years supporting Christian Unions in Scotland's universities and colleges. He is married to Alyson, they stay in Edinburgh and together they have a busy family life as well as working with Street Pastors and a local Foodbank with Edinburgh City Mission.

## What are the plans for youth and children?

More details to follow on the programme for the members of the Youth Group, Klash and Trash. We invite all the young people in our church to come and spend the weekend at Scoughall – it is a perfect place for them to enjoy themselves.



# Booking Form – 10-12 June 2022

***Yes! - I want to book in for the Church weekend at Scoughall***

**Names** .....

**Names of Child/Young people** .....

**Age of Child/Young people** .....

**Email** .....

**Phone** .....

**Allergies** .....

*Please fill in the details above, tear off the sheet, and return it with a cheque to the church office in an envelope addressed to: Derek Brown – Booking Secretary for Church W/E at Scoughall. Alternatively email your booking details to: dereksheila@outlook.com. BACS details for payment will be sent.*

**Cost:** We are suggesting a contribution to help with the cost of all the meals and the hire of the site at Scoughall of £25/adult for the whole weekend and £10/child or young person. The price includes the sleepover for young people.



## Regular Activities

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
Mondays 7.30 to 10.00pm	Table Tennis Club	Hall	Jack Hamilton northberwicktt@gmail.com
Tuesdays 1.30 to 2.30 pm	Seniors' Table Tennis Club	Hall	Patricia Hay 893437
Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am	Little Angels Kids gather for fun while their carers enjoy a cup of tea or coffee & a chat	Chapel	Geraldine Woolley 01875 871219
Thursdays 11.30—1.30pm	THE BEACON Come and enjoy a bowl of soup, home baking, a chat and good company	Hall	Gertrude McFarlane 895493
Thursdays 1.00—1.20pm	THE BEACON SERVICE This short service is relaxed and intimate	Chapel	Ann Cubitt 894859

Death: Ellen Mcnicol

# Church Weekend

Friday 10th June—Sunday 12th June 2022

At *St Andrew Blackadder* we long for everyone to wake up each morning, and stand amazed at who Jesus is and what he has done for us. We long to help each other to get involved in what God is doing to restore our world!

We have planned a Church Weekend away at the Scoughall SU Residential site on the beach just outside North Berwick from 10-12 June with the specific aims of helping every member of the church to get to know each other, build relationships across the ages, and find a freshness in their daily walk with the Lord Jesus.

We would like to encourage absolutely everyone — whether new to *St Andrew Blackadder* or if you have been a member for years — to book these dates in your diary and come. After two years of Covid restrictions, we believe we need to provide opportunities within the Church to form relationships with other Christians and to help one another get equipped to serve the Lord Jesus.

Rather than go away and stay in a Centre or hotel for this church weekend, we plan to spend together Friday to Sunday at Scoughall and simply return home in the evenings to stay in our own beds! Members of the Youth Group will be staying overnight for a “sleep-over” using the new cabins that have just been installed.

We are very fortunate to have Andy Bathgate (ex CEO of SU Scotland) as our speaker for the weekend. He will give a series of talks aimed at refreshing our faith in Jesus and reminding us that we are all called to have an impact on our needy world.



## The programme for the weekend

This is just a summary of the details for the weekend so that you have an idea of what is happening and when.

### Friday

- 6.00pm Registration and welcome
- 6.30pm Supper together
- 8.00pm **First Talk – Amazed by Jesus** – Speaker: Andy Bathgate
- 9.15pm Adults return home — young people stay at Scoughall in dormitories and Cabins

### Saturday

- 9.30am Coffee and gathering together
- 10.00am **Second Talk – Andy Bathgate** - followed by discussion in groups
- 11.15am Coffee and cake
- Walk, games, chat —a range of activities planned for adults/youth
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 2.00pm A wide range of games and expeditions and activities available
- 4.15pm Tea and coffee available
- 4.30pm Seminars + Messy Church beach outing
- 5.30pm BBQ Supper
- 7.00pm Ceilidh
- 9.30pm Adults return home

### Sunday

- 10.00am **Service & Talk – Andy Bathgate** — followed by discussion in groups
- 11.15am Coffee and cakes
- Walk, games, activities, chatting
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm **Fourth Talk – Andy Bathgate**

**Note: we hope to have an online application form and bank details on the Church web pages soon**